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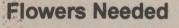
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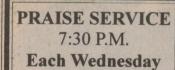
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SCDC Update By Kathy Allen

For the past month I have received many visits and phone calls from community members upset about Duckwalls closing. When a corporation makes up their mind to do something, there is no negotiating with them. But our next move is clear-find a replacement business. From the very first day that Duckwalls notified us that they would be closing, the SCDC office has been working on this project. We have been in contact with f our chain stores and two of them have already visited Stratford and looked at the store. This is not an overnight process and these companies take their time and explore all areas related to the proposed store and the community itself. So even if the store sits empty for a while we wanted to make sure you know that we are working on bringing another business to Sherman County. As with most things, it just takes time.



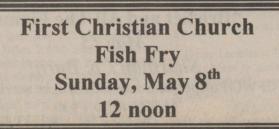
If you are cleaning out your flowerbeds and have some starts or bulbs, Coldwater Manor would love to have some to fill in some of their flowerbeds. They thank you in advance.



Mary Allen Elementary Has Started Registration for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten

Hudson. Congratulations and Good luck!!

Mary Allen Elementary started registering children for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten for the school year 2005-2006, beginning on April 25, 2005. You may come to the Mary Allen Office and get a packet to fill out. Please bring your child's social security card, birth certificate, and current shot record. To enroll in Kindergarten, your child must t urn 5 by September 1st, 2005. A child is eligible for enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten if the child is at least 4 years of age by September 1, 2005 and



ACT Registration Deadline

Golf Team Advances to State

The boys golf team placed 2nd at the Regional Golf meet held in Lubbock April 25 & 26 and

will advance to the State Golf meet on May 9th & 10th in Austin. Shown from left, Coach

Dusty Stewart, Robert Seawright, Josh King, Walter Spurlock, Tyler Haynes, and Scott

"Miss Beyond Imagination" Crowned



Haile Advances to State

Evan Haile placed 3rd at the Regional UIL Academic Meet held April 22nd in Levelland, TX and will advance to the State UIL Academic meet this week in Austin. Good Luck Evan!



County Barn

Red Hat to Meet Thursday for Supper at Etter

Red Hat Society will meet at First Christian Church on Thursday, May 5th at 5:45 p.m. Then we will leave the church at 6 p.m. for Etter to eat at El Rancho.

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.

Military **Photos** Needed

Express Lane #5 needs photos of our local soldiers. If you have a son, daughter, grandchild, niece or nephew serving in the military please bring a 5 x 7 photo that we can post on our "Hero Wall". We will also want some info regarding your soldier. Please see **Mellonee** York at Express Lane #5 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

*unable to speak or understand the English language *educationally disadvantaged *homeless

Mary Allen Elemental-Comenzaran las registrsiones para ninos para el Kindergarden y el Pre-K para el ano escolar del 2005-2006, comenzaran el 25 abril de 2005. Usted puede venir a la oficina de Mary allen obtener un paquete para llenarlo. Traiga por favor su tarjeta de seguro social y certificado de nacimiento, y el registro de las vacunas del nino. Para matricularse para el Kindergarden debe de tener 5 anos para el primero de Septiembre del 2005. Un nino tiene derecho a matricularse para el Pre-K si el nino tiene por lo menos 4 anos de la edad para el 1, de sepiembre de 2005 y es:

*incapaz de hablar o entender el idioma ingles

*educativamente disavilitado *sin hogar

Medical Fund for Mandy Helmuth @ 1st State Bank

There has been a medical fund set up at First State Bank for Mandy Helmuth, daughter of Jimmy and Tammie Helmuth. After the birth of her baby daughter she was diagnosed with Peripardum Cardiomyopathy (heart failure). If you would like to help with medical expenses please contact the 1st State Bank.

For those high school students who would like to take the ACT Test, the next administration will be on Saturday, June the 11th. The postmark deadline to register for this test is Friday, May the 6th. Registration packets may be obtained in the Counselor's office or by calling 366-3322.

Brisket & All the Fixins-May 15th

It's "brisket and all the fixins" Sunday, May 15th at Sherman Barn! County GFWC/Prospectus Study Club will be serving from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The menu is brisket with Haile's Barbeque Sauce, potato salad, beans, cole slaw, assorted desserts, relishes, bread, drinks. Money raised goes toward scholarships and other projects. Freewill donations will be accepted.

Stratford Hospital Board To Hold An Election for Two Directors

Stratford Hospital District will hold a Directors election on May 7, 2005 to fill two positions.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin Wednesday, April 20, 2005 and will end Wednesday, May 4, 2005. Early voting will be conducted in the Business office of Coldwater Manor during regular business hours each day.

Board members whose terms will expire are Wayne Smith and Betty Brown.

Candidates for the two positions to be filled are Wayne Smith, Kathleen Altman, Dwayne Plunk and Patty Tims.

The new "Miss Beyond Imagination" was crowned Saturday evening April 30. The audience of approximately 50 persons were royally entertained by the four pageant contestants. Picture and more information in next edition.

EARLY DEADLINE For May 12th edition of the **Staris** FRIDAY, MAY 6 at 4:00 p.m. Due to **State Golf Meet**

List For Treat'n Troops

Our troops need our thoughts and prayers...and care packages. These items will be packaged and sent to a specific local soldier who will in turn distribute them to troops in his platoon/unit.

Camouflage Aqua Cool Scarf White crew type socks (packages in mens & ladies sizes packs Small Gatorade/tea/Crystal Lite etc. (this is a powder) Travel Size packages of wet wipes Lotion/shampoo/soap-hotel size (conditioner is not needed) Disposable razors Travel size toothpaste Toothbrush

Eye drops (small) Hand sanitizer (travel size) Lip Balm (Carmex in a tube is preference

Paperback books & playing Cont. on page 5

Winter Returns to the Panhandle

Stratford residents and surrounding communities awoke Monday morning to a return of Old Man Winter. Guess he wasn't ready to let go. It was a heavy wet snow, as many tree branches and limbs were brought down.

May is Foster Care Awareness Month

May is Foster Awareness Month. Children are Jennifer and Frank DeAnda for placed in Foster homes when they are removed from their families because of abuse, neglect, or other family problems that endanger their safety. These children range in age from infants to 18 years. They may have special medical, physical or emotional needs or be part of a group of brothers and sisters who need to be placed together. There are different levels of care, according to the needs of the child, and foster homes are trained and certified for these various levels.

According to Darla Ingram, foster-adopt coordinator with Children's Protective Services, There is an increasing need for foster care homes in the Texas panhandle. Child abuse investigations, as well as removals, are increasing. If a child is removed and there are no local foster homes available, he/she must often be placed in facilities as far away as Dallas or Houston. This makes the job of his social worker much harder and much more expensive, as well as complicating the chance of reunification with the birth family.

Sherman County is fortunate to have 1 certified foster home. The Sherman County Child Welfare Board would like to

Care express our appreciation to their service to children of this area. They were interviewed recently to help acquaint Sherman County residents with the Foster Care Program.

Q: Why did you choose to become foster parents?

A: We wanted kids in our home. One of our options was to become foster parents. For those wishing to adopt this is one way through CPS. This is

why we initially started to be foster parents.

Q: What was the process for becoming foster parents?

A :We took a 10-week course in Amarillo which went through all of the areas for certification as foster parents certifying your home, studying different types of cases we might see, the whole certification process. We went once a week for 10 weeks. After the initial classes, a very thorough home study was done. This included a home inspection on various occasions, a couple interviews individual interviews and an FBI check.

Q: Was there any other training that you received?

A: You have to have continuing education hours. Your first aid and CPR have to be current Your training can be online, or articles to read, or speakers to

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Haywood Vaughn

Haywood Vaughn, 73, died Wednesday, April 27, 2005. Memorial services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gene Weinette, pastor, and the Rev. Tom Milbern, pastor of First Christian Church of Boise City, OK.m officiating. Flag detail and firing squad will be provided by VFW Post No. 7092 in Boise City, Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Mr. Vaughn was born April 13, 1932, to Elwood and Mamie Vaughn in Waxahachie. He was a 23-year resident of Stratford and also lived in Friona. He served in the Army during the Korean War from 1952 to 1954, He married Eunice Combs on July 26, 1982, in Stratford. For 23 years he was a hairdresser in Stratford.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Denette Sweeney and husband, Edward of Lubbock; a son, Jason Vaughn and wife, Midori, of Allen; а stepdaughter, Bonnie Borth and husband, Keith of Boise City; a sister, Dorothy Rolen of Camp Wood; a brother, Odell Vaughn of Waxahachie; two grandsons, Cody Ruth of Lubbock and Duran Vaughn of Allen; two stepgranddaughters, Desiree Davis of Stratford and Mechele of Hereford; a Borth Anthony stepgrandson, Hayworth of Alvarado; and eight stepgreat-grandchildren. family

The suggests memorials be to Cowboy Church in care of Doak Crabtree, Stratford, TX or Memorial Hospice, 224 E. Second St., Dumas, TX 79029.

Cancer Survivor Spotlight

Melton.

Desine Garza wrote this article for her best friend, Kathy

disease that is cured easily. That is why I am involved in the Relay for Life. The work being done for research may someday make cancer not a word that puts such fear in our hearts but causes us to be optimistic, just like my mom, I have always admired my mom but watching her go through this made my admiration for her even more. I love you Mom. I hope that if I am ever faced with this disease I can be as brave as you were and that my daughter will look

> Scot Talk **By Mary Hill**

up to me the way I do to you.

On this snow-covered May 2, let me just jot down a few reminders of May activities at SCOT Hall.

There will be Memory Classes at 6 p.m. on May 2 and May 6; on the 5th and 19th will be Bingo night, 7 p.m.; craft classes are on first and third Tuesdays at 5 p.m.; birthday party will be on the 19th at 2 p.m.; board meeting will be on the 24th at 5:30 p.m. and the luncheon will be on the 26th.

Line dancing is still being done on Mondays at 5 p.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. This is a good way to get some exercise and have fun.

And, a dance is being planned for May 28th. If you like to dance, this is for you! Mark this on your calendar. See you around.

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go to. There is also a foster parent club. You are advised by mail about what classes are available, so you can keep up your hours. Our own worker has also worked with us in a discussion group. A: What kind of commitment

did you initially make? A: There is no contract, nothing, permanent that says

you will be a foster parent for a certain length of time. It's really up to you. When they call you with the first child, you never know how long you'll have them. The first child we had for 2 weeks. This one we've had for almost 2 years.



Happy 50th Mayor Brown

Mayor David Brown was honored with a Surprise "50th" birthday party on Friday, April 29th at City Hall. Happy Birthday David and hope you have another 50+ years.

LET'S MAKE

ARRANGEMENTS

Wants to remind you that Mother's Day is May

8th. Call now for a corsage; dozen roses or

store special for the Moms in your life.

366-7673

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"Brisket and All The Fixins" May 15

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Freewill Donations will be accepted

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About a year ago I heard the one word come out of my mom's mouth that I hoped I would never hear-CANCER. My mom had been to the doctor a few weeks earlier and through various tests that were being run on her, a tumor was found on her kidneys. She had no symptoms of anything being wrong with her kidney so it was really by accident that it was found. I still remember the day my mom and dad broke the news to us. When she told us that it was cancer tears immediately began to stream down my face. I sat there in disbelief. This was not what I was hearing. My mom came to my side and very calmly told me she was going to be all right. Here she was faced with the possibility of dealing with this horrendous disease and she was comforting me. She was so courageous and strong. My mom never once doubted that God would take care of her. She underwent surgery and they were able to remove the tumor without having to take her kidney. She also would not have to go through any treatments. That day I also saw the love that my dad had for her and how concerned he was for his wife. The surgery lasted a couple of hours and my dad never once left the seat where he was sitting. The relief on his face was so evident when the doctor came out to tell us that

everything went well. I know that God heard my dad's prayers that day. If you ask my mom about her bout with cancer today, she plays it down. She doesn't think hers is as big an ordeal as others. But if the doctors had not found it when they did things could have been much worse, We were very fortunate. She is the type of survivor that the American Cancer Society hopes for. If cancer is not something we can completely rid the world of. then God willing, it can be a

"Thank God for the Harrington Cancer Center."

THE STORY OF Monserrath Cervantes with son, Jaime HEREFORD, TEXAS

AFTER BEING DIAGNOSED WITH STOMACH CANCER IN 1991. Monserrath Cervantes underwent surgery to remove the tumor. Eight months later, the tumor grew back and he began to get very ill. After a second surgery, Monserrath was sent to Harrington Cancer Center to receive chemotherapy treatment.

At Harrington, Monserrath found a treatment program with physicians and nurses who cared for him like family. He also found a facility dedicated to providing outstanding care, exceptional education, devoted social services and timely clinical research.

Today, Monserrath feels better than ever. He is thankful to God ... and he is also thankful to The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center

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Wireless 366-3355 Stratford - 401 North 3rd Street Some restrictions apply. See store for details. Offer valid while supplies last.



Engagement Announced

Randy and Gail Hunsaker of Stratford announce the engagement and approaching October marriage of their son David, to Angie Thomas. Angie is the daughter of Cecil and Kathy Thomas of Wheeler, Texas. The bride-to-be is employed as a RN at Lubbock University Medical Center in Neonatal ICU. The prospective Groom is also a RN, employed at UMC in Medical ICU. The couple plan to reside in Lubbock following their marriage.

Club 70 More or Less Meets in **Corpus Christi**

TADY.

Club 70 members arrived Friday the 15th of April. Claudia and Patti met John and James (not the apostles) at the airport. Claudia is very knowledgeable of the area and gave a tour on the way to her home.

While at Claudia and Dan's home, James caught a threepound trout off their deck! Friday evening was wonderful with food, friends, drinks and stories. There was a surprise visit from Sheik Marco Abdula, the fairest skinned Arab on earth. The tone of the gathering at Claudia and Dan's home was slightly more mature and calm than the meetings in the past years. The damage to their home was minimal-probably four or five hundred dollars.

Saturday morning Allan and Sallie went to the beach. Barbara ran eleven miles, and then joined the rest of us on a tour of the Lexington aircraft carrier. When we had finished the tour we went to Pier 99 for cocktails. When the band

Kerrick News By Marylou McDaniel

Ted & Joyce Irlbeck had a nice-over-two weeks vacation. They visited with Lester at Arlington, Randy at Irving and families, of course. Melvin came from Austin, saw Ernestine Almquist of Fort Worth, Tom Irlbeck of Denton and Megan Keys at Childress. A bunch of Stratford people

attended the "42nd Street" stage production last week in Amarillo. Marylou McDaniel and granddaughter Merilee were among those enjoying the show. Marylou remembers the 1933 movie as one of the first movies she ever saw.

Visiting Saturday with Jo June McDaniel were Teri & Shelby McDaniel, Lynn Wells and Linda Whitson of Clayton. Jo June says she's a little better every day.

Remember that Mother's Day is dinner at the Community Center.

It was a "surprise" party for Barbara Hawkins Saturday, that is until Friday night and all the family started arriving! They



Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Ted and Judy Bouldin of Stratford, TX are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly, to Mr. Russell Murdock, son of Harold (deceased, 2003) and Thelma Murdock of Lubbock, TX. Kimberly, a 1994 graduate of Stratford High School, earned her BS ('98), MS ('01) and PhD ('03) degrees in Physics from Texas Tech in Lubbock, TX. Russell, who also attended Texas Tech, received his BS in Engineering ('89) and MS in Physics ('92). The couple met in the Physics Department at Texas Tech in 1996, later working together in a Forensic Science laboratory, Russell proposed to Kim during a helicopter ride over Lubbock on her birthday in January 2004. The couple will be wed in Las Vegas, NV in May.

"All's Well That Ends Well" Shakespeare 7:30 1-3:00 April 29,30 Amarillo College Theatre 806-371-5359 May 1,5-7 **Greater Southwest Music Festival** May 5-7 Various locations 806-373-5093 "Jesus Christ Superstar" Musical May 5-22 Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 "Guys and Dolls" AC Youth Theatre May 6-8 Amarillo College Ordway Auditorium 806-371-5353 "Hank the Cow Dog" May 13,14,15 Guymon Community Theatre 580-338-0019 20, 21 **Chamber Music Amarillo Spring Gala** May 14 St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 806-236-3545 "Burning Love" Elvis is Hot Again May 19 Dalhart Community LaRita Theatre 244-5646 "Beauty and the Beast" Youth Musical **July 8-10 Amarillo Civic**

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

True Believer by Nicholas Sparks Mermaid Chair by Sue Rev. Walter Reed

First Assembly of God Kevin Anderson, Pastor 921 Fulton Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 10:45 am Evening Worship 6:00 pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm **First Christian**



THE STRATFORD STAR Thursday, May 5, 2005

Baby Shower

Ashley Duke Brown and Oakley were honored with a baby shower Sunday, May 1, 2005 in the home of Tami King. Shown above left to right Tina Duke, Ashley and Oakley and Tiffany Duke.



Stratford Welcome You

played "Mustang Sally", we all decided it was "group dance" time! Club 70 rocked Pier 99 all afternoon.

We went back to the hotel around 5:00 to get mentally prepared for the evening business meeting, se we went to the pool for drinks. When we arrived at the pool, Jeff yelled,' I know that GIRL! Seven women in the pool area turned around to acknowledge that they were the GIRL Jeff was yelling for.

The main topics of business at meeting were 1) the Colonoscopies for fun and profit presented by Becky. 2)

Club 70 will give two \$500.00 scholarships this year to two Stratford High School seniors. The meeting adjourned and we all went to a jazz club and danced a little more.

this meeting was a little calmer and we were all a little more mature. I believe that anyone of us could return to Corpus Christi and not be arrested on the spot

arranging another verv successful meeting. Keep those newsletters coming!

Respectfully submitted, John Lavake, reporter

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celebrated Barbara's 80th birthday Saturday afternoon at 3. the Fellowship Hall of the

Assembly of God Church. Among family present were Mary Higgins Clark Sherrell Oswald, Grand Island, NB; Shirley Cox, and two Children, Longview, TX .; Leroy & Leta Hawkins, In Heaven by Mitch Albom Stillwater, OK; Bill & Sandra 13. With No One as Witness by Hawkins & two girls, Beaver, Elizabeth Berg OK; Leonard, Peggy & Family, 16. Honeymoon by James Kerrick Brenda, Kerry Bell & family, Stratford.

"Merry Christmas" Monday morning! It was a shock to wake up to Brown

three inches of very wet snow! Bushes and trees were weighted around the countryside.

I have already reported that temple called his body. Every man is the builder of a

On behalf of Club 70 More or The body is shaped, disciplined, Less, THANK YOU JEFF for honored, and in time, trusted. -Martha Graham

> *** I stand in awe of my body. **—Henry David Thoreau**

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- The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
- No Place Like Home by 5.

10. Two-Dollar Bill by Stuart Woods

12. The Five People You Meet

Patterson 18. The Year of Pleasures by

Elizabeth Berg 19. Angels and Demons by Dan

21. The Rising by Tim LaHaye 26. Hard Truth by Nevada Barr down. Electricity was off 27. Vanishing Point by Jodi Picoult

> 28. Impossible by Danielle Steel 29. Monster by Frank Peretti

Resurrection 30. (R.A. Salvatore's War of the Spider) -Henry David Thoreau by Paul S. Kemp 31. Cut and Run by Ridley Pearson

35. The Killing Club by Marcie Walsh with Michael Malone

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. afternoor 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

Estudio Biblico &

Se Cuidamos

La Mision Bautista **Mision Bautista**

401 S. Wall 396-5376 Domingo-(Sunday) Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday) Servicio De Adoration 11:00 am Servicio De Oraction 6:00 pm Servicio De Adoration 6:00 pm Susninos Durante El Servicio.

At Peace with God?

You're not at odds with God, are you? If you are at home with the ways of the world, you should reconsider. For example, when a public official lies about how much he paid his mistress, the lie is reprehensible. We ignore the philandering and adultery. We snuggle up with the world when we do so. The Bible says, "Whoever wishes to be a friend of the world, makes himself an enemy of God" (James 4:4). When you indulge in sins acceptable to the world or approve of those sins, you oppose God. You shun what is right. It might be fun for a time. However, the veneer of joy soon wears off. Reality sets in with a vengeance. Your heart is heavy. You feel dirty on the inside. Life seems like a dead end. You need a real answer to the inner burden of guilt upon your heart. You need Jesus Christ. "How much more will the blood of Christ... cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God" (Hebrews 9:14). Inner cleansing is possible through faith in Jesus Christ. Ask God for it. Ask God to cleanse your conscience from the inner burden of guilt. God will put you on a new path. You will have peace with God. "By faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

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Templo Hispano Eben-Ezer Pastor Roberto Frescas 205 N. Poplar - Hwy 287 Escuela Dominical 10 a.m. Serbicio De Adoracion 5 p.m. Meir Co Les Serv De Ador 5 p.m.

Kerrick Community Church

Pastor Roy Harris Community Building Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

110 S. Bliss



Youngsters Attend Shooting Sports

Back row-Tyler Gilliland, Eric Burton, Jennie Spurlock, Hunter Buckles, Matt Correll & Rustin Russell. Front-Scott Buckles, Rhyan Burton, Garrett Ely, Sunny Russell and Sherwin Burton.

Matt Correll, Rustin Russell, Sunny Russell, Jennie Spurlock, Eric Burton, Rhyan Burton, Tyler Gilliland, Garrett Ely, and Hunter Buckles attended the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza April 22-24th at the Texas 4-H Center located at Lake Brownwood. Volunteer leaders Cindy Russell, Sherwin Burton, and Scott Buckles also attended.

SHERMAN CO. 4-H HORSE CLUB TREASURE HUNT

Saturday, April 23rd, about high noon, the Sherman Co. 4-H Horse Club discovered a note left by Miner 49er giving clues to the whereabouts of the treasure he hid back in 1860 while being chased by desperados. This took place in the Coldwater Creek west of Stratford. These riders loaded up and headed west. Once there, they mounted their trusty steeds and were off on the hunt. The riders traversed expansive terrain and along the way discovered various wildlife. There were buffalo, cattle, rabbits, I believe a rattlesnake! and even a rhino!! There were also a couple of not-so-wildlife along the way including a greyhound, a heeler, and a few silhouettes. Finally, about an hour later, the riders came upon Miner 49er's treasure. It was a cache of \$100,000 Grand (candy bars, that is!!). After the loot was discovered and collected the riders headed back to the chuckwagon for some burgers and drinks. And brownies! It was a great day had by everyone who came west and the 4-H Horse Club would like to give special thanks to Andy Riffe for supplying the story, the land, the hospitality, and especially the burgers and brownies!! On Saturday, May 21st, the Sherman Co. 4-H Horse Club will once again be off on a Wild West Adventure. There will be a Treasure Hunt, games, prizes, food, and good conversation and we'd like to invite you to join us. The cost is \$5.00 a person. You can contact the Sherman Co. Extension Office at 396-2122 for the location and more details. Please RSVP no later than May 13th so we know how many hamburgers to fix. Don't forget to bring your horse and your lawnchair, Horses eat for free!

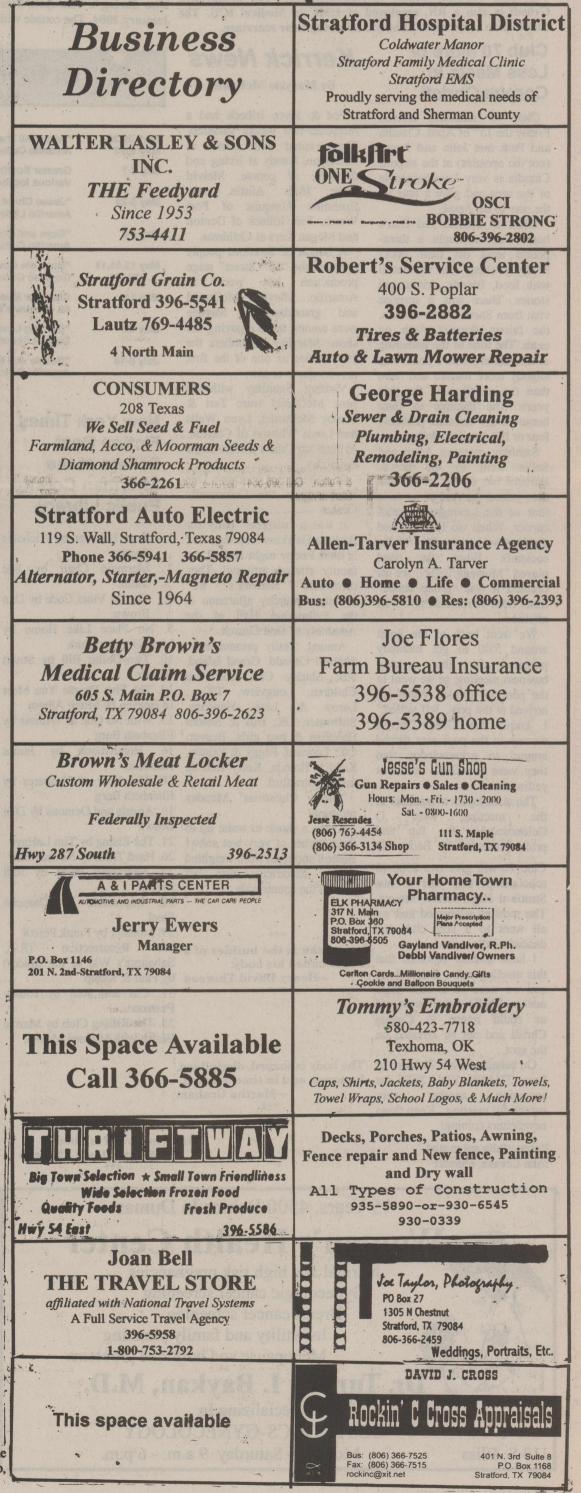
Members competed in 3-P, Precision Air Rifle, Running Target, BB Gun, Prone, and Smallbore Silhouette matches. Bringing home plaques for their acheivements were: Rustin Russell – 1st place Precision Air Rifle and 1st place Class B Silhouette; Hunter Buckles – 2nd Place 3-P; and Sunny Russell - 1st Place Class A Running Target. Eric Burton – 1st place Running Target and Silhouette; and Tyler Gilliland -2nd place Running Target.

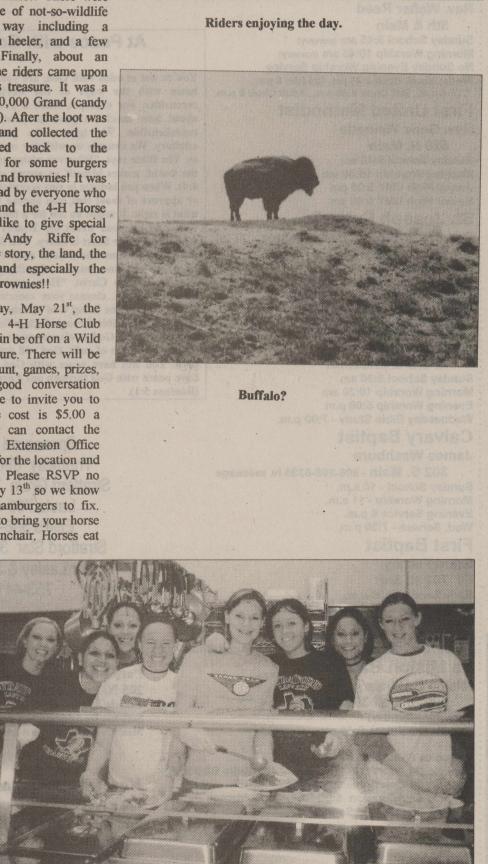
The weekend experience was enjoyed by everyone. Sponsors of the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza are Texas State Rifle Association, Federal Company, Cartridge Winchester-Olin, and National Rifle Association. 4-H is the youth development program of Texas Cooperative the Extension. All programs are serve people regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.



Heritage Day Tasting Bee

Mrs. Hand's 6th grade reading class read the novel <u>Number the Stars</u> earlier this school year. Following the novel, which was set in Europe during WWII, the students researched name origins. Each student researched each grandparent's surname and traced those names to a European country. Several activities were done with their origin country as the theme. The final activity was a research project of recipes form the countries of Europe. Each student prepared this recipe at home and brought it for a tasting bee. International cookbooks that included each of these recipes were made and distributed. 5th and 6th grade students enjoyed a variety of cuisine from a variety of European countries.





Summer League Girls Basketball held a Mexican Pile-on fundraiser on Sunday, May 1, 2005 at the High School Cafeteria. Shown serving from left, Merilee McDaniel, Crystal Peregrino, April Peregino, LaRissa Luna, Shadley Audrain, Jordan Confer, Yadira Ortega & Allison Baskin.

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4-21-C-

For Sale: 1993 Chevy Blazer, Low Mileage, 4 WD, Call 366-5308 or 396-5978. 3-34-tfn-

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Houses For Sale

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

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 2nd 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 366-7,597 or leave message. 12-9-tfn-

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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

For Sale-Nice 3 br. 1.75 bath brick

Legal Notices

County

NOTICE OF PUBLIC

HEARING ON SHERMAN

COUNTY APPRAISAL

DISTRICT BUDGET

Sherman .

Appraisal District will hold a

public hearing on a proposed

The public hearing will be

held on Friday, May 20, 2005 at

7:00 a.m. at the Sherman

County Appraisal District

A summary of the appraisal

The Total amount of the

The total amount of increase

over the current year's budget -

The number of employees

The number of employees

compensated under the current

The appraisal district is

supported solely by payments

from the local taxing units

If approved by the appraisal

district board of directors at the

public hearing this proposed

disapproved by the governing

bodies of the county, school

districts, cities and towns

A copy of the proposed

budget is available for public

inspection in the office of each

of those governing bodies. A

copy is also available for public

inspection at the appraisal

served by the appraisal district.

take effect

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served by the appraisal district.

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the

proposed budget - \$274.030

district budget follows:

budget for the 2006 fiscal year.

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\$2,877

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas

To Tommie Lee Elliott, his unknown heirs, persons. successors and assigns, defendant in the cause numbered and entitled below.

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 69th Judicial District Court of Sherman County, at the courthouse in Stratford, Texas at or before 10:00 a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from 4-5,

2005, the date of issuance of this citation, by filing a written answer to plaintiff's petition that was filed in the court on 4-5, 2005, numbered 4612 on the docket of the court, and entitled Steve Flynt and Jan Flynt, plaintiffs v. Tommie Lee Elliott, his unknown heirs, persons, successors and assigns, defendant.

The nature of this suit, briefly stated is one of trespass to try title, in which plaintiff, for cause of action, would respectfully show the court that:

On or about October 9, 1980, Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's predecessor's in interest were in actual possession of the abovedescribed premises. On that date, defendants unlawfully entered upon the subject property and now continues to withhold possession from Plaintiff. Defendants claim some right, title, estate, or interest in these premises, which is adverse to plaintiff's ownership interest. This claim constitutes a cloud on plaintiff's Plaintiffs title. request judgment for title and possession of the land, and for such other and further relief to which he is entitled, as more full shown by plaintiff's petition on file in this suit.

looking for seasonal, harvest scale help. Applicants should have good computer and math s kills and be able to meet the public well. If interested, please contact Drew Pilger at 785-821-0057. Cargill is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 5-5-tfn-

Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) will work for private duty clients. Need your vitals checked, help around your house, or a ride to the doctor, store, beautician, even out of town. Call Debbie at (806) 366-2588 or (806) 930-4705. Reasonable Prices! 5-19-c-

Garage Sales

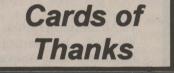
Estate Sale-401 S. Pearl-May 6th & 7th Friday 5-7; Sat. 8-12. Furniture vacuums, computer, Avon plates, washer and dryer, metal milk jugs, luggage, Skil saw, sewing machine. 5-5-C-

Lost

LOST: Black/grey tabby. Wearing purple/white flea collar and has tattoos in each ear. Neutered and declawed. He's a blood donor cat and needs to be found. His name's Timmy. Please call Piper @753-7042. 5-5-c---

Troops Cont. from page 1 cards Foot Powder (small) Gold Bond, Baby Power, etc. **Beef Jerky** Sunflower seeds, peanuts, etc Gum Snack foods **Band Aids** Q-Tips Pens & Pads CASH for postage **AA Batteries**

We will build packs from your donations. You can donate one thing or several. The average cost for a mailing is \$300. Your cash donation will help with postage and needed supplies. Checks can be made to Treat'n Troops. All funds will be handled through the First United Methodist Church. Donations may be mailed to the



Stratford The Education Foundation would like to thank all who attended the evening with Alesha Robertson, Lady Raider. Thanks also to the First State Bank for providing the hamburgers and cokes and to LeRayne Donelson for getting the evening put together for us. Special thanks to Jeff and Lynette Kautz and Reed for Brent grilling the burgers and to Dinah Horsford for all she does for foundation. the Thanks, also to Cindy Russell and her art for taking class pictures and for making the fliers that we placed around town advertising the event. student Thank you council for all you did to help get the word out to students and for help at SCOT Hall. We must mention that Susie Spurlock and her memory class the relocated 80 meeting foundation with Alesha could be held at SCOT Hall. Thank you Susie! Thanks to Jack Gore for your assistance at

SCOT Hall. What a facility. wonderful Thanks to all who had a part in making the evening a success. Church or to Sue Hudson. Drop

boxes will be at the local churches or you may call 366-5916 or 396-2178 and your donations will be picked up. If your organization is interested in providing a particular item, please call Sue Hudson for more information on items that can be donated in bulk.

Dackage. 1320 Sq. TL living, 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. CH/A, 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-

For Sale: \$125,000, 900 North Pearl, 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, two years old, open floor plan, 2-car garage, close to schools, by owner. Call 806-366-3557 or 806-683-0691. 5-26-c---

> Cards of Thanks

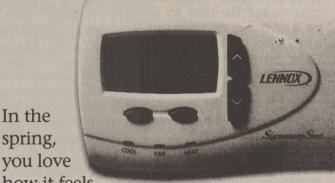
Words cannot express our appreciation for the al1 acts of kindness shown to our family during Haywood's illness and since his death. Thank you for all the phone visits. calls, prayers, food, flowers, and cards. We want to say a special 'Thank You' to all of the people who drove us back and forth to Amarillo during the cancer treatments. And a Special Thanks to Rev. Gene Weinette encouragement and prayers during our stay in Hospice. People in Stratford are wonderful

Family of Haywood Vaughn Eunice Vaughn Mr. & Mrs. Jason Vaughn and Duran Mr. & Mrs. Keith Borth Mr. & Mrs. David Davis, Brandon & Nicole Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Hayworth Mr. & Mrs. Ardith Rolen & family

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home at 408 N. Fulton. Ready to move into. Updated kitchen and bathrooms. CH/A, 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. 3-31-tfn-

For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut 3 Bdrm. 1 Full bath-2-3/4 bath, CH/A, detached garage, Big back yard with storage building, close to school. Please call 366-3340 5-5-c--



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district office.

Sherman County Appraisal 402 N. Third, Abstract Building Stratford, Texas, 79084 (806) 366-5566 Published in The Stratford Star,

Thursday, May 5, 2005.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve it and

make due return according to the requirement of law, and t he mandates of this citation.

Issued under my hand and the seal of the court at Stratford, Sherman County, Texas, on the 5th day of April, 2005. M. L. Albert Clerk of the 69th Judicial **District** Court Sherman County, Texas Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, April 14, 2005, Thursday, April 21, 2005, Thursday, April 28, 2005 and Thursday, May 5, 2005.

Foster Cont. from page 2

Q: What is the process of actually placing children in your home?

A: The kids have a social worker and the foster parents have their own worker who looks out for your needs and requests. The foster parent worker contacts us describing the child's needs and why she is in foster care. You get the whole background and then

decide if that child would work out in your home.

O: Do you have to make a quick decision?

A: They can call you in the middle of the night, but with new foster parents they give you time to think about it. You don't initially start with emergency, at-risk kids. The more seasoned foster parents could take them at a moment's notice. Also, being so far from

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2005 Annual Stewardship & Awards Banquet



Shown above Scott Buckles, Tommy Sangster, Steve Pemberton and Richie Brotherton with County Judge Terri Carter signing the Stewardship Proclamation declaring April 24-May 1, 2005 as Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Sherman County.



Conservation Farmer presented by Scott Buckles went to Dan Carthel.



Coloring contest K-2nd grade shown above Tyler Rouse who received 2nd place. Not pictured 1st place Shay Potter and 3rd place Monica Reyes.



Conservation Homemaker went to Cindy Miller, presented by **Scott Buckles.**

5-States Playa Lakes Festival

Students grades 3-6th in Sherman County, and adjoining counties in four other states are eligible to register for the Playa Lakes Festival, to be held July 19-21, in Boise City and Kenton, OK. The Festival is a fun way for students to become educated about the High Plains water cycle through the context of playa lakes. During a threeday program, students will be instructed in the main components of our unique water cycle: springs, draws, creeks, playa lakes, and the Ogallala Aquifer. Darryl Birkenfeld, Director of Ogallala Commons, the main sponsor of the Festival, explains why students in the region need to be knowledgeable about the water cycle. "Water is the lifeblood of human and natural ecosystems. Playas are a unique feature of the High Plains country, and they are a tool to teach students, adults, and communities about a healthy and functioning water cycle." According to Loren Smith in Plays of the Great Plains (Texas Tech University Press, 2003), there are 219 playa lakes covering 5,058 acres in Sherman County. In recent years, numerous studies are demonstrating that Ogallala Aquifer recharge is intricately tied to playa basins. Though long treated as a nuisance, playa lakes are not only important to wildlife, but for the long-term viability of the water cycle as well as human communities.

Adult sponsors or students interested in participating in the Playa Lakes Festival may also contact Kathie Altman at 806-366-5611 or Ann Wells at 806-396-2527.

The Playa Lakes Festival is by Ogallala presented Commons, and co-sponsors include Plava Lakes Joint The Southwest Venture. Collection/Special Collections Library at Texas Tech University and North Plains Groundwater Conservation District. Additional sponsors are still needed, and anyone interested can contact Darryl Birkenfeld at 806-938-2529



Poster Contest 3rd-5th was presented by Tommy Sangster to 1st place Mazie Vincent, 2nd place Marcos Garza and Third **Shannon Maiwald**

Shown left to right Mazie, Shannon and Marcos





Essay Contest presented by Steve Pemberton -winners were 1st Lindsey Stein, 2nd Jayme Wilhelm and 3rd place Kayla Willard. Shown left to right, Lindsey, Kayla and Jayme

ELK JUNCTION Open for Lunch Mother's Day 11 - 2:30 **Call for Carry-Out** 366-3400

Sherman County Emergency Management

strategy, to recognize the sings of a potential terrorist act and to identify potential terrorist targets.

*To learn the RAIN techniques: Recognize, Avoid, Identify, Notify *To understand the nature of

A well-qualified adult faculty (along with approximately 14 adult sponsors) will supervise approximately 50-60 students working in learning groups of

20. Using an indoor/outdoor format, students will spend 6 hours each day in 3-hour modules that involve science, biology, creative writing, art, photography and local history.

Interested students can pick up a brochure and registration form from Tiffany confer at Stratford Junior High or Stacy Metcalf and Desine Garza at Mary Allen Elementary. These will need to be turned in with a \$20 registration fee to those teachers by May 6th.

Scholarships are available for students in need, and can be obtained by visiting with Kathie Altman.

Transportation will be provided. We will meet at Stratford Junior High parking lot each morning and return late afternoon.

Foster

Cont. from page 5 the home office, we usually won't get emergency placements.

going commitments as the foster parents?

your home because the parents do not know where their child is placed or who the family is. All visitations would be at the CPS office in the county where the child resided. The visits are at the discretion of the court, and are set up by the social worker. Foster parents never have to have contact with the biological parents. You take the children to the CPS office, and the social worker takes them to the visitation area. It truly is a choice how much you want to be involved with the biological parents. We started with once a week. It varies according to the child's needs.

Q: Is that unusual to have that many visits per week?

A: The whole philosophy behind foster parenting and CPS is to reunite families when it is possible. You have as many visits as necessary to make that happen, for any bonding to take place.

Q: Did you have any choice as to the age, sex, etc. of the children you would take?

A: You have the choice of age, sex, race of the child, even down to why they were removed. For example, you might prefer that sexually assaulted children not be placed in your care, and that would be your choice.

Q: Are you a member of the decision making team? Do you have input into what you feel would be the best outcome for the child?

A: You have some input. The child's social worker meets with you on a monthly basis. They can ask your opinion and take that into consideration. For the final decision, No.

Q: What are some of the on- Shown above Lollipop Director-Cheryl Jones and Extension **Agent Susie Spurlock.**

A: No home visits are done in LOLLIPOP JUNCTION **SMALL TALK #3**

Reading with your children is a great opportunity to interact with them in a positive way, while helping them grow intellectually and socially. While recognizing the importance of reading with children and seeking a parental involvement activity that would provide such an opportunity, Susie Spurlock of the Texas Cooperative Extension Service suggested the FRED, program to Lollipop Director Cheryl Jones.

On April 19th Susie Spurlock, week visits, then 3 times a in conjunction with Sherman County Librarian Sandy Baskin

Q: What is the hardest part of

A: Having to give the babies

back and being in an uncertain

situation. You never know what

A: Everything else is the best

part. You know that you are

helping kids and putting them

in a safe place. That" the best

part. (Watching this young

couple interact with their foster

child makes one happy for all 3

Q: Can you think of anything

else that you want to tell

A: Services that are available to

the foster parents include:

Medicaid, WIC, childcare

expenses, and a monthly

stipend to help with expenses.

Some foster parents borrow

baby beds etc. from the

Rainbow Room or the foster

Welfare Boards also provide

extras like Christmas presents

when a foster family needs help

group.

Child

prospective foster parents?

of them)

parenting

the outcome will be for them.

Q: What is the best part?

being a foster parent?

and Mrs. Jones, held a parent meeting on the FRED program. FRED is a 4 week program designed to encourage you to read to your children everyday.

The staff at Lollipop knows that reading stimulates a child's imagination, enhances vocabulary, introduces the components of stories and increases the potential for success. Reading is an everyday activity at Lollipop. Wanting to encourage reading at home was The FRED only natural. program is off and running with children and parents to reap the benefits that last a lifetime.

April birthday was Brody Wheeler. We hope you had a great day!

with this.

Also, truly know that it is a commitment. You have to have the heart to do it. There have been times when we have thought 'what did we do?'. It's hard. You can try to prepare yourself for everything, but you don't know until it happens. It's the hardest thing that we've loved getting to do.

If YOU would like to find out more about becoming a foster parent, contact Foster Adoption Worker Lynn Schisler at 806-354-6213 for a packet further explaining the program, There is also an informative meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Texas Dept. of Protective and Regulatory Services, 6200 I-40 West, Amarillo, This meeting is informal, informational, and without commitment. You may also go to

Thank you for supporting our Texas Children.

To All Interested Parties: We will be hosting an Awareness Level Weapons of Mass Destruction Training on May 7, 2005 at the Stratford Fire Department, 101 N. Pearl.

This is very important training opportunity for all first responders and local officials responsible for the public safety.

WMD Awareness Level Training will provide a basic understanding of the hazards we face today as first responders and public officials.

The main objectives of the course are:

*To working gain a knowledge of terrorism prevention and deterrence

chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CRRNE) event. This course is intended for the following groups or individuals: Law Enforcement **Emergency Management** Agency **Public Works** Health Care Medical/Hospital Staff **Public Safety** Communications **Emergency Medical Services** Fire Service Government Administration **Public Health CERT-Volunteer Citizens**

A certification will be issued upon completion of course from Office of Domestic Preparedness. Law enforcement officers will receive TECLOSE credit.

ELK BASKETBALL CAMP May 23 - 26

Cost: \$30.00 includes camp T-Shirt	
Purpose of Camp:	To learn and improve in the fundamentals of basketball
Camp Staff:	Lance Horsford – Stratford Elk Varsity Basketball Coach
Site:	Stratford High School Gym
	3 rd – 9 th grade 9:00 – 12:00 Grade placement for the '05-06 school year** adline for Registration: May 5, 2005
Complete this portion and return to: Lance Horsford P.O. Box 1041 Stratford, Texas 79084	
Camper's Name:	
Phone Number:	and the second s
Grade for '05-06 Sch	pol Year
T-SHIRT Size (circle one)	
Adi	
We as parents or guardians of the above named boy, hereby grant permission for him to participate in the Elk Basketball Camp and acknowledge that he is physically able to participate in camp activities. We hereby release the Camp, its employees, and Stratford ISD from all claims for injury or illness which may be sustained by our	

Signed: (parent or guardian signature)