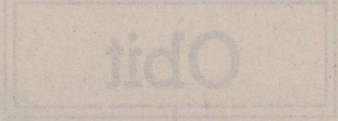


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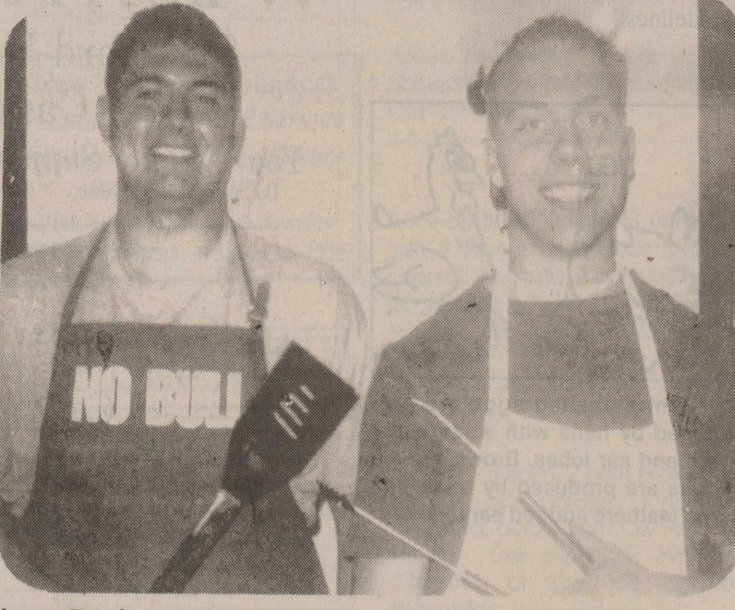
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Imagination Station Making Plans For Week of the Young Child

The Imagination Station is beginning to make plans for the Week of the Young Child, April 22 and April 24, 2003. The committee of Laurie Spurlock, Yvonne Pittman, Ann Johnson, and Mellonee York sent out fliers and are preparing for a successful program called "Fist Night". Pre-K and Kindergarten children will be invited to attend learning sessions consisting of stories, make and take activities, and games.

They are asking for Toilet paper rolls and Brown Paper Sacks. For Registration information please call Laurie Spurlock at 366-2772. There is a \$1.00 registration fee.



Let Dylan & Clint Do The "Cooking"

Tired of the drudgery of mealtime? Dylan and Clint invite the community to let them do the "cookin'" on Saturday evening, April 12th. They will be serving from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the County Barn. The menu includes Calf Fries, Bar-B-Q beef, fried fish, potato salad, cole slaw, beans and homemade bread. This meal will be a free will donation project. There will also be a bake-sale for those with a sweet tooth and raffle tickets will be available for a beautiful hand made full size quilt and a 90-pound box of beef. Proceeds will go to funding Dylan and Clint's Down Under Bowl trip this June in Australia. Come and join us for fellowship and good food on Saturday night!

Cleanup Day At Stratford Cemetery

Cleanup day at Stratford Cemetery will be Saturday, May 3rd. Everyone please come and help starting at 8 a.m.

Cowboy Church Meets Wednesdays

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

Ex-Students Association To Hold Meeting

Ex-Students Association will hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2003 at 7 p.m. at Imagination Station.

Book Fair At Mary Allen

Prospectus Study Club is sponsoring a Book Fair, at Mary Allen Elementary School, April 8 through 11, 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Family night will be April 10th from 5 to 8 p.m. On Family night Franklin the Turtle will be present. Five-\$10.00 Gift Certificates will be given away. Must be present to win.

April-Keep Stratford Beautiful Month

April is Keep Stratford Beautiful month. It is time to seep Main Street curbs and gutters. Meet Saturday, April 5th at 7:00 a.m. and bring broom and a scoop.

Free Blood Glucose Screening To Be Held

The Stratford Hospital District is pleased to announce a free Blood Glucose Screening on Wednesday, April 9th. The screening will be held at the Stratford EMS building on Beaver Road from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Jimmy Lanning or Larry Norris at 396-2844.

"The Ugly Duckling" To Be Performed At OPSU

HONK!!! It's a musical version of "The Ugly Duckling" presented by the OPSU Department. Performances will be Thursday, April 10, 2003, Saturday, April 12 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, April 13 at 3 p.m.

Adults \$8.00 and Senior citizens and children \$5.00. Barnyard ducks, chickens, wonderful school system of turkeys will all come to life and will be chased by a very "SNEAKY" cat.

Investments Just For You Thursday Evening

First State Bank of Stratford and the Sherman County Family Living Committee will be presenting INVESTMENTS JUST FOR YOU Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. The seminar will be held in the lobby of First State Bank located at 302 N. Main Street.

Interested persons are encouraged to come and learn about the importance of saving to obtain financial success, the variety of tools available for saving, how to evaluate rates of return, and tips for saving. Program presenters will be Brent Futrell and Sherry Phelps of First State Bank of Stratford and Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, Sherman County.

For more information, contact either Sherry at First State Bank of Stratford 396-5521 or Susie at 366-2122. Educational programs of the Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

Stratford Chamber Banquet

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce would like to invite the entire community to our annual banquet scheduled for Monday, April 14. The banquet will be held in the County Exhibit building. The Silent Auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the dinner and program to begin at 7:00 p.m. The meal will be catered by Bar-H of Dalhart and feature rib-eye steaks!

The theme for this year's banquet is "Salute To Stratford Independent School System, An Exemplary School". Our entertainment will be students of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. These young men will perform original Cowboy Poetry. The Citizen Of The Year award will crown our evening's events.

Tickets for the Banquet may be obtained from any Chamber or Women's Division member; or the Chamber Office. The cost of the tickets is: Single - \$14.00, and couple - \$25.00. The deadline for early ticket sales is April 3, 2003.

Make plans now to attend this community function. The silent auction will be filled with unique and exciting items. See who wins the coveted CITIZEN OF THE YEAR award and honor the Stratford. For more information, contact the Chamber office (366-2260).

HIPAA Regulations

You, our customers, will notice new policies and procedures implemented in April, 2003 at Elk Pharmacy. New guidelines and regulations will be mandatory as of this date. When you come in to have a prescription filled, whether it be a refill or new prescription, you will be asked to sign several forms relating to the new guideline and regulations pertaining to HIPAA (discussed below) that are being required and mandatory for the improvement, efficiency and effectiveness of the health care system. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, Public Law 104-191, included "Administrative Simplification" provisions that required HHS (Health and Human Services) to adopt national standards for electronic health care transactions. At the same time, Congress recognized that advances in electronic technology could erode the privacy of health information. Consequently, Congress incorporated into HIPAA provisions that mandated the adoption of Federal privacy protections for individually identifiable health information. This rule sets national standards for the protection of health information which apply to three types of covered entities: Health plans, health care clearinghouses, and health care providers who conduct certain health care transactions electronically (transmission of third party insurance claims on-line verifying third party coverage and benefit eligibility and obtaining reimbursement). Protected Health Information means all individuals identifiable health information that is transmitted by electronic media (transmission of third party insurance claims) as well as transmitted or maintained by a covered entity in another form or medium. As a health provider, how do the regulations impact on our ability to acquire, maintain, use and disclose protected health information? It's important to distinguish between "use" and "the disclosure" of protected health information.

"Use" is what one does with protected health information within the entity.

"Disclosure" is what one does with protected health information outside the entity. It is the release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any other manner of information outside the entity holding the information.

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Happy Bank Has Good Turnout!!!!

A beautiful day was on hand Friday, April 4, 2003 for the First State Bank of Happy Community Bank Month-Hamburger Cookout. There was a big crowd that turned out for the delicious meal and music. We welcome this bank to our community and wish them the best and thank you for Friday.



Denton Crabtree Fundraiser-Huge Success

Denton Crabtree and family members held a fund raiser on Sunday, March 30, 2003 to help with his trip to Hawaii. It was a very successful day for Denton and for the community as the meal and bake sale was delicious. Thank you Denton and family. Have fun on your trip. Shown above left to right helping serve the Ernie Ellison, Sheryl Ellison, Ralph Hampton, David Odell Martha Ellison, Denton and Minnie Hampton.

Area Foundation Meeting-April 10

Stratford Area Foundation Annual Meeting will be held this Thursday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. at The Imagination Station. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

It's a pleasure to share one's memories. Everything remembered is dear, endearing, touching, precious.
 —Susan Sontag

If anyone has relatives or knows of someone locally who is related to persons who are serving our country in the war against Iraq, please contact the Star office-366-5885. Thank you.



Vigil Of Light Held Thursday, April 3

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Vigil of Light held Thursday, April 3 at the Sherman County Courthouse. L/R Board members: Ronnie Brooks, B.A. Donelson, Duane Pittman, Debbie Ferguson, President, Sunray, LeRayne Donelson, Mayor David Brown, Sheriff Jack Haile, Bill Riffe, County Judge Kim Crippen.

Obit

Bill Fitzgerald

Bill Fitzgerald, 59 of Sanger, Texas died at his home on March 13, 2003. Services were held on March 16 in Denton, Texas at the Chapel of DeBerry Funeral Directors. Bob Garsee, Chaplain of the Denton County Sheriffs Department officiated.

Bill worked in law enforcement for thirty years. He was Sergeant with Criminal Investigation Division of Denton County Sheriffs Department since 1980. Prior he worked for Addison and Amarillo Police Departments; was Chief of Police in Rowlett, Texas. He graduated from Department of Public Safety in 1968. Bill and his partner were the first DPS officers to serve in Sherman County in the late sixties and early seventies.

Survived by wife Pat of the home. Two sons, Tim of Plano; Craig of Krum. One sister, Jean Zastovnik of Plano and one brother, C.D. Fitzgerald, Jr. of Dimmitt. Seven Grandchildren.

Charles E. "Chuck" Mass

Amarillo-Charles E. "Chuck" Mass, 74, of Amarillo died Sunday, March 30, 2003.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2003 in Rector Funeral Home Chapel, 2800 S. Osage St., with Kevin Dotson, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Maas was born in Rhame, ND. He lived in Stratford for 20 years, where he raised his three sons. Mr. Maas farmed and ranched most of his life. He worked for the Kritzer Ranch for the past 19 years. He was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church.

Mr. Maas lived life one day at a time, taking the good and making it better, and taking the bad and turning it into good. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He married Juanita Hancock in 1951 at Clayton.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Charles A. Maas and Skip Maas, both of Amarillo, and David Maas of Dumas; four sisters, Maxis Thompson of Scranton, ND, Norma Schneider of Bismarck, ND, Mary Holgard of Lemmon, SD, and Cathy Hurley of Alamogordo, NM; two brothers, Milton Maas of Georgetown and Donald Maas of Pueblo, CO; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Consumer

(NU) - There may be a coffee shop on every corner, but more and more people are brewing their coffee at home. According to the National Coffee Drinking Trends 2002 Report from the National Coffee Association of the USA, 81 percent of daily coffee drinkers drink it at home, an increase from prior years. Retailers report increasing consumer sales for burr grinders — professional-style grinders that offer greater precision and consistency than blade grinders. For more information about burr grinders, visit www.capresso.com.

Food

(NU) - Are you puzzled when you face the egg display in the dairy case? Learn the meaning of egg grades to make an informed buying decision. For information about eggs and proper egg handling and cooking, visit www.aeb.org.



Seth Carter

Seth Needs Our Help

Dear Friends and Family,

I am writing to you on behalf of our son Seth On September 3, 2003 he was diagnosed with type 1 juvenile diabetes at the age of 2 years old. This means he will be insulin-dependent for the rest of his life. Because of this diagnosis he has to check his blood sugar 4 to 7 times a day, and up until the past few days when he received his insulin pump he had to have 4 to 7 injections a day. Insulin is not a cure for diabetes but merely a quick fix to a bigger problem.

Seth is a very outgoing little boy and has become accustomed to our new daily routine. He has little worries or cares. If only mom and dad had so few worries and concerns. Being a mommy brings with it many responsibilities, cares and concerns but when you add type 1 diabetes you add a whole other side of concerns. You constantly have to be on guard that he doesn't eat the wrong thing and that his sugar level doesn't drop to low and lead to seizures or that it doesn't run too high and lead to even more problems. We pray everyday for a cure for this disease.

There are some ways we can help a cure be found. On May 31, 2003 our family (Seth's Wild Bunch) will be participating in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundations walk to cure diabetes. JDRF is the largest worldwide organization dedicated to finding a cure for Type 1 diabetes. \$.85 of every dollar goes straight to diabetes research. Here in Oklahoma City, OK we are very blessed to have 2 diabetes researchers at OU Medical Center where over \$1 million is given every year.

There is three ways you can help us make a difference in Seth's life and the lives of many others.

1. You can join our family team (Seth's Wild Bunch) which consists of family and friends who collect pledges and walk with us Georgetown and Donald Maas of this year on May 31st at the OKC Zoo.

2. You can send a tax-deductible contribution of any amount made payable to the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation).

3. You can pray with us for the wisdom and guidance of the researchers in their battle to find a cure for diabetes.

Our family goal is \$500 for diabetes research. Every dollar and every prayer will help us come one step closer to finding a cure. Thank you in advance for your support and prayers and we hope to see you at the Walk to Cure Diabetes on May 31, 2003.

With Sincere thanks,
The Rick Carter Jr. Family,
send donations to
Seth Carter
6221 SE 51st
OKC, OK 73135

Editors Note: Seth Carter is the grandson of Robert and Shirley McGinnis of Stratford. Angela Carter, the mother of Seth grew up in Stratford and graduated here. The Carter family & McGinnis family would all your thoughts and prayers.

Health

(NU) - If you find yourself down with the flu, there may be hope for relief in the future. Quigley Pharma Inc. has recently completed two invitro studies for its QR-334 compound. Preliminary results indicate that this compound shows antiviral activity against strains of influenza virus A and B, along with infectious herpes simplex virus one. Based on these data, Quigley Pharma Inc. will study this compound's activity against other pathogens. For more information, log on to www.quigleyco.com.

HIPAA

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In general, an entity can only "use" and "disclose" protected health information if it has a "consent" from the individual,

and then only for treatment, payment, and healthcare operations. By the compliance date of April 14, 2003, covered entities (example: pharmacies) must implement standards to protect and guard against the misuse of individuals identifiable health information. Failure to timely implement these standards may, under certain circumstances, trigger the imposition of civil or criminal penalties.

Generally, the HIPAA Privacy Rule will require the average health care provider to implement such activities as:

*Notifying patients about their privacy rights and how their information can be used.

*Adopting and implementing privacy procedures for its practice.

*Training employees so that they understand the privacy procedures.

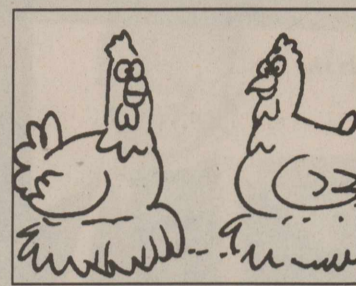
*Designating an individual to be responsible for seeing that the privacy procedures are adopted and followed.

*Securing patients records containing individually identifiable health information so that they are not readily available to those who do not need them.

Elk Pharmacy has always taken measures to insure our customer health information. But

due to the new regulations, several new procedures will be implemented to ensure that we

are complying with all guidelines, insuring that we are following such regulations rules and able to show verification if at anytime we are inspected, regarding HIPAA, we as a healthcare entity will be in compliance, thus protecting our business and you as our customer. Through this initial process or implementation, we are sure you will consider these an inconvenience and time consuming, but please bear with as we implement all aspects of the new regulations. Most of the inconvenience will be in the way of forms being completed and signed by individual parties of each family, which will be kept in a secure file. Steps to insure these guidelines are followed may not appear to be necessary, but please understand that we are only following mandated guidelines.



White shelled eggs are produced by hens with white feathers and ear lobes. Brown shelled eggs are produced by hens with red feathers and red ear lobes.

"Great American Trash Off" Held

TXDOT "Great American Trash Off" held the first Saturday in April was in evidence between Dumas and Amarillo by the mounds of filled trash bags ready to be picked up and the clean right of way.

Stratford started their clean-up campaign with "Sweep Main Street" Saturday. Only three people (average age well over 60) showed so only the block in front

of the Post Office was cleaned (from 7:00 to 8:00). The Stratford Grain Guys cleaned the block of the Feed Store and the Museum. The opportunity is still there.

"If everyone swept their own door step, the whole world would be clean."

Let's Keep Stratford Beautiful
Gaynelle Riffe

VOTE FOR
◆◆ **BETTY J. BROWN** ◆◆
Stratford Hospital Board
Candidate
Your Vote & Support will be appreciated!
Pol. Ad. Pd. for by Betty J. Brown, P.O. BX 7, Stratford, TX 79084

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Candidata para
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Su voto y apollo será muy agradecido.
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Donelson Honored At Luncheon Saturday

Amarillo Area Women's Forum honors the following with the Distinguished Service Award: L/R Judy SoRell, Amarillo; Margaret Payton, Amarillo; LeRayne Donelson, Stratford; Dusty McGuire, Amarillo; Jan Weishaar, Hereford; Sue Cohen, Amarillo. The awards luncheon was held Saturday April 5 at the Amarillo County Club honoring women who have helped shape the development of the Texas Panhandle through extraordinary volunteer efforts.

Burke Bell Memorial Scholarship Applications Available

The First Ag Credit, FCS-Dalhart Credit Office will award the 17th annual Burke Bell Memorial Scholarship to two deserving graduating high school seniors. The scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500.00 each to be paid \$250 for each semester. The applications have been mailed to area counselors in the Association's territory of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman and Moore counties. Applications are also available by calling the Dalhart Credit Office at (806) 249-2616 and should be returned to the office at 201 West 5th no later than Friday, April 25th.

The eligibility requirements for the scholarships are as follows:

1. A resident of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman or Moore counties of Texas;
2. A "B" average of (80 or above);
3. A well rounded student with a good attitude.

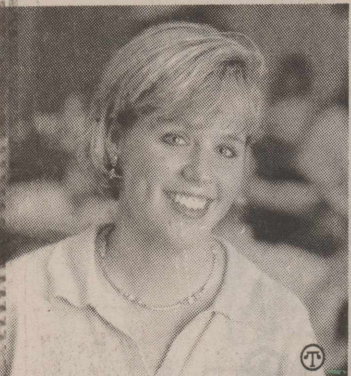
There are no restrictions on the college or university to be attended by the recipient or the field of study to be entered by the recipient.

The award is named in honor of Burke Bell who served as manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Dalhart from 1960-1982.

School News & Notes

Nominate Your Teacher

(NAPS)—Now in its seventh year, a national program recognizes teachers for their dedication and outstanding accomplishments. Students and parents are encouraged to nominate their favorite educators.



2002 Chadwick's of Boston National Teacher of the Year Award recipient, Anne Baird of Slidell, LA.

To nominate a teacher for the 2003 Chadwick's of Boston National Teacher of the Year Award, print or type 250 words or less detailing how the teacher has positively affected the community, the school, the class and/or the students.

Ten regional winners each receive a \$300 Chadwick's of Boston gift certificate, and each winner's school will receive a \$500 cash donation. Of the 10, one national winner receives an additional \$1,000 cash award. His or her school also receives an additional \$1,000 cash donation.

Nominations should be e-mailed to cobteacher@aol.com or mailed to: Teacher of the Year, c/o Mail Boxes Etc., Box 151, 946 Great Plain Avenue, Needham, MA 02492. Nominations must be in before the expiration date of June 30, 2003. Include your name, address and phone number, and the nominated teacher's full name, school name, school address and school phone number.

Men have been wise in different modes, but they have always laughed the same way.

—Samuel Johnson

I have never known any distress that an hour's reading did not relieve.

—Montesquieu

VOTE FOR ★★ WAYNE SMITH ★★

Candidate for
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Details Next Week

Dianna Hays Another Stratford ISD Education Foundation Supporter

Dianna Hays says the The Education Foundation has been established to extend opportunities and educational tools to the students and teachers of Stratford ISD. This money is to be used to fund learning experiences for our students beyond what the school system can give. Our family moved to Stratford about a year and a half ago. We were moving Steve closer to work and looking for a school system for our family. Stratford has an excellent school system (we have been in several) with teachers that want to teach our students. The Foundation is a way of letting the teachers be more creative as well as affording the students with educational benefits that may not be available otherwise.

A word from the heart goes straight to the heart.

—Abbe Huvelin

Births

Craig & Julie Kendrick are proud to announce the birth of their son, Michael Drue Kendrick born in Paris, France, February 12, 2003.

He was welcomed home by excited sisters Traci, Katie, and Bailey. His happy grandparents are Don & Rita McBroom of Tomball, Texas and Cagle and Sonja Kendrick of Stratford, Texas.

A teacher affects eternity; no one can tell where his influence stops.

—Henry Adams

We find delight in the beauty and happiness of children that makes the heart too big for the body.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

VOTE FOR ◆◆ Homer Meil ◆◆

Candidate for
Stratford Hospital Board

Your Vote & Support Will Be Appreciated
On May 3, 2003

Pd. Pol. Ad Pd. For By Homer Meil, P.O. BX 340, Cactus, TX 79013

NOTICE

Running this week in the Stratford Star is a newsletter concerning the new HIPAA regulations that will go into effect on April 13, 2003. Please read this informative newsletter explaining the effects of HIPAA on Elk Pharmacy customers. We hope this will make the new mandatory regulations more clearly understood by our customers prior to the implementation of the regulations. As stated in the newsletter, it will not effect the basic way we have done business in the 22 years we have owned Elk Pharmacy, but there will be a considerable amount of paper work we are mandated to complete beginning on April 13, 2003 on each of our customers. Please bear with us as we implement these changes.

Thank You,
Gayland & Debbi Vandiver
Elk Pharmacy
Stratford, TX

First Assembly of God

Terry Callis, 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

Rev. Bob Sweeten
5th & Main
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
No Sunday Evening Worship
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7:00

St. Joseph Catholic

6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:30a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m. - Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Larry Evans
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 Iv. 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
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m..
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

La Mision Bautista

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

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am Estudio Biblico &
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God Control Is Self Control

The word discipline usually conjures up all sorts of negative thoughts. You think of staying after school, spanking the children, or getting chewed out by the boss! But why all the negativism? Discipline can be positive. After all, it does take a lot of hard work, time and dedication to reach the goals we set for ourselves, and not everyone has the self-discipline to stick with them. We get discouraged when we stumble and fail to make the grade. The Bible has something to say about this. Listen: "Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come" (1 Timothy 4:7-8). This kind of discipline involves doing something over and over again until you get it right. I remember working for hours in college on certain calculus problems until I finally mastered the concepts involved. I also worked on certain exercises in the gym until I had mastered them. In the same way we are to work on our lives until we have mastered the concepts of Christianity. It takes discipline! Not only so, it takes the power of God in your life, the power of God's Holy Spirit enabling you to follow God's desires, enabling you to live for Him. And such godliness holds promise for this life. Following God can bring great personal blessing. And such godliness holds promise for the life to come. Yes, if you love and follow God, you have the promise of blessing in the life to come after you pass from this earth.

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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



Engagement Announced

Katherine Nicole Norris, daughter of Larry and Verlie Norris of Stratford and Stephen Robert Nutt, son of Billie and Barbara Nutt of Arcadia, LA are proud to announce their engagement. They will be married on May 3, 2003 at First Baptist Church, in Coppell, Texas. Grandparents are Don & Martha Ellison of Stratford, Texas, Connie Milam of Crowell, Texas and Joe and Christine Aulds of Spearsville, LA.

Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes

Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes will be offered to interested Sherman County residents this spring. Knowledge is the key to successful diabetes management and that is where Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes can help.

The class series is designed especially for people with diabetes and their spouse or care givers with quality information on taking care of yourself and eating delicious foods that are good for you. Class participants will learn what they can do to take control of diabetes and to live the kind of life they want to live!!

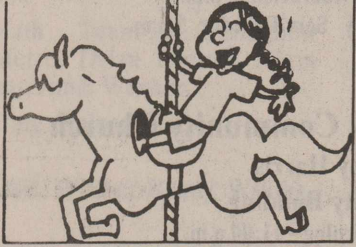
In the classes, participants will get the facts from diabetes experts and professional educators, ask the questions they want answered, make new friends who have the same concerns of others, and learn in a supportive, caring environment. There will be take home recipes and references that can be shared with family and friends, get encouragement one needs to make positive changes, and learn how to do well and be well with diabetes.

The class will be conducted April 22 and 29, May 6, 13, 20, & 27 at the Stratford EMS building. Class time will be 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Cost of the class will be \$10.00 per individual or couple. Financial assistance is available.

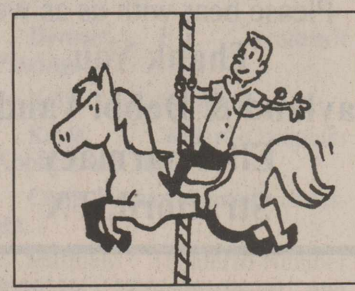
Early registration is recommended. This will allow the planning coordinators to secure educational resources for the class.

To register for the class, call or come by the Sherman County Extension Office located at 701 N. Third Street in Stratford, telephone 366-2122. Registration deadline is April 17, 2003. Persons who need special services are asked to contact the Extension Office one week prior so that adequate arrangements may be made.

The class is open to people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. Do Well, Be Well sponsors include Texas Cooperative Extension, Sherman County Office and Stratford Hospital District.



The oldest operating platform carousel in the United States, named the "Flying Horses," dates from 1876 and is located on Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts.



Some carousel advertisements in early nineteenth century America stated that the rides were recommended by physicians as an aid in circulating the blood.



If an airline loses your items make a claim before you leave the airport; some airlines will not honor claims made after you have left the airport.



Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Seidlitz of Silt, Colorado are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Amy Estella to Ace Taggart Berry. They plan to wed on May 25, 2003 in Canyon, TX. Amy, daughter of Bob and Judi Seidlitz, of Silt, Colorado, graduated from West Texas A&M University in May of 2002 with a landscape design degree. Amy now resides in Canyon, Texas. Ace, son of Andy and Lenora Berry of Texhoma, OK, also graduated from West Texas A&M University in May 2002 with a bachelors degree in Ag Business and Economics. Ace currently resides in Texhoma where he is employed at the First National Bank of Texhoma. The couple plan to make there home in Texhoma, OK.



Lyndi Shadbolt, Canyon, left, Top of Texas District, TFWC, spoke to GFWC/Prospectus Study Club for Federal Program April 2. Club met at the Library with president Laurie Spurlock presiding.

Shadbolt Speaks To Study Club

When GFWC/Prospectus Study Club met April 2 at the Library, Lyndi Shadbolt, Canyon, Top of Texas District President, TFWC, gave an interesting history of Phebe Kerrick Warner, 1866-1935, who came to Claude at the turn of the century. Mrs. Warner was instrumental in setting up much of the framework of Texas Federation and General Federation.

The BOOK FAIR is April 8 through April 11 at 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Family night is Thursday, all at Mary Allen.

Two scholarship recipients were selected. Laurie Spurlock, president, conducted the business session.

Present were Dorothy Haile, LaVell Haggard, Sonja Kendrick, Mary Woodford Wisdom, Jimmie Pronger, Linda Swain, Marsha Wright, Pat Hartman, Mattie Baskin, Oline Caraway, Patti Vincent, Marylou McDaniel.

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You are invited to a
Bridal Shower
for
Shamra Lark
Bride-elect of Stephen Husmann
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Saturday, April 12, 2003
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GARDENING

Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring

(NU) - Breathes there a soul whose heart does not skip at the sight of a flower garden in full bloom?

In the spring especially, with its promise of renewal, our steps are made lighter by bright and perky flowers that seem to surround us everywhere. As Green Thumbers know well, a garden can bloom year-round with careful planning and judicious selection of annuals.

Fast-growing, free-flowering and festive, annuals live for the moment. They have to their entire life cycle is less than a year, and often only a few months.

Annual plants come in a variety of colors and shades and can flower in every season. Ortho's "All About Annuals" guidebook contains planting instructions for the 300 best annuals.

Early annuals leap from the ground and bloom before perennials know it's spring. Some summer annuals party from June until first frost. Later bloomers carry on past Labor Day with their flowers fading into winter. Tougher plants even survive mild winters.

From geraniums and marigolds to petunias, lobelia and impatiens, even common annuals can make your home come alive with bright colors. And they're easy to plant, inexpensive and trouble-free.

"All About Annuals" explores

the surprising seasonal effects possible with annuals. It explains how plant form and structure are the basis for good design. Complete with color photographs, the book also has a "bloom season" chart to help you plan overlapping seasons of color all year.

The book also contains a wealth of information about buying annuals. A few tips:

- Be very picky when you shop. Keep in mind that annuals live only for one season, so buy those that look like they've gotten off to a healthy start.
- Shop around. Visit several nurseries before you buy to get an idea of what's out there. Buy at outlets that have a wide selection of plants that are attractive, well rooted and vigorous.
- Look at the roots of a potted plant. Tip the plant out of its container to check its roots. If they're tightly wound, the plant is root-bound and generally should be avoided.
- When planting, give them room. Don't crowd them; allow for growth. You may find it helpful to mark with stakes the locations of your plants.

Check your local bookseller to buy your new copy of "All About Annuals" or any of the other 15 new Ortho All About Gardening books on topics ranging from perennials and pruning to roses and garden pools.

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Just to say... "Thank You."

Cooking Corner Tips To Help You

Longer Days Mean Light And Delicious Entrees

(NAPS)—Longer days and warmer weather inspire light and tasty meals that can be enjoyed outdoors in the backyard or patio.

Delicious make-ahead entrees are just right for leisurely week-end dining and a satisfying addition to a brunch or buffet gathering with family and friends.

Along with a main dish and tasty sides, fruit is a must on any menu. The USDA recommends three to five servings of fruit daily and, thanks to the wonders of modern canning, a variety of delicious fruit is available any time of year, including succulent Pacific Northwest canned pears. Pears come halved or sliced and make a flavorful, low-calorie addition to a variety of recipes.

For an elegant outdoor brunch, consider *Pear Cherry Crepes*. This dish is designed to impress but it's not difficult to prepare. One tip is to prepare the crepes ahead of time and freeze them. Defrost for about an hour before assembling, then add the filling and compote, heat and eat. Perfect for busy cooks on the go.

PEAR CHERRY CREPES

Crepes:
1½ cups skim milk
1 cup all-purpose flour
2 egg whites
2 Tbsp. sugar
½ tsp. vanilla extract
non-stick spray coating



For an elegant outdoor meal, consider Pear Cherry Crepes.

Filling:
1 carton (15 ounces) skim milk ricotta cheese
3 Tbsp. powdered sugar
1 tsp. freshly grated lemon peel

Compote:
1 can (16 ounces) pear halves or slices, packed in juice
1½ cups frozen dark sweet cherries, thawed
1½ tsp. freshly grated lemon peel

To make crepes: In small bowl, combine the milk, flour, egg whites, vanilla and granu-

lated sugar. Beat with rotary beater until well mixed. Spray a 6-inch skillet with non-stick coating and heat over medium heat. Remove pan from heat and spoon 2 tablespoons of batter into hot skillet. Lift and tilt skillet to spread batter. Return to heat, browning crepe on one side only. Invert onto paper towels. Repeat with remaining batter to make 16 crepes.

To make filling: In small bowl, combine filling ingredients; mix well.

To make compote: Drain pears; reserve juice in small saucepan. Bring juice to a boil; cook until reduced by half, about 8 to 10 minutes. Slice pears into ¼ inch slices. Drain thawed cherries; discard juice. In medium bowl, combine hot juice, pears, cherries and lemon peel.

To assemble crepes: Spoon 3 tablespoons of ricotta filling across center of crepe and fold sides over filling. Place crepes seam side down on baking sheet. Bake at 350°F until warm and lightly browned, about 5 to 8 minutes. To serve, place two crepes on each plate. Top with warm compote. Makes 8 servings.

For more simply delicious pear recipes, visit www.eatcannedpears.com.



4th grade student Tyler Pickens is shown above at Mary Allen Elementary in front of the trophy case where his trophy and gold medal are on display. Tyler's Special Olympics' Team won their classification in the West Texas Regional Basketball Tournament held recently. Congratulations Tyler!!



DON'T WALK MAY

Informa
Child Abuse

for Reporting

www.itsuptoyou.org

Child abuse and neglect are against the law and so is failure to report. If you suspect a child has been abused or mistreated, you are required to report it to the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services or to a law enforcement agency. You must make a report within 48 hours of the time you suspect the child may have been abused or neglected.

If you have any questions about whether the concern you have constitutes abuse or neglect, call the 24-hour toll free Abuse/Neglect Hotline at 1-800-252-5400 if you live in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, or New Mexico. Other states may use 1-512-834-3784 to report abuse or neglect that has occurred in Texas.

Finally, err on the side of caution. If you have reason to suspect child abuse, but are not positive, make the report. If you have any doubts about whether or not it is abuse, call the hotline. They can advise you if the signs you have observed are abuse.

Legal protection

Reports of child abuse or neglect made in "good faith" and "without malice" are confidential and immune from civil liability. Your report is confidential and is not subject to public release under the Open Records Act. The law provides for immunity from civil or criminal liability for innocent persons who report even unfounded suspicions, as long as your report is made in good faith. Your identity is kept confidential.

Legal Liability

Failure to report suspected child abuse is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,500 or imprisonment up to 180 days or both time and imprisonment. If you are a child's parent or guardian, you have the legal obligation to protect your child. If you permit your child to be placed in a situation where he or she may be injured, you may be prosecuted for child abuse. The fact that the abuser is your husband or wife or other family member does not affect your obligation to report, or shield you from being involved with the legal proceedings resulting from your responsibility as a parent.

How to make a report

- Call the 24-hour toll-free abuse and neglect hotline at 1-800-252-5400. Note: For emergency situations, call your local law enforcement or 911.
- When you make a report, be specific. Tell exactly what happened and when. Be sure to report all injuries or incidents you have observed, including dates and time of day.
- Reports should be made as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours, before bruises and marks start to fade. It is important for the investigators to be able to see the physical signs.
- Give the agency person any information you have about the relationship between the child and the suspected abuser.
- Please provide at least the following information in your report:
 - Child's name, age, and address
 - Brief description of the child
 - Current injuries, medical problems, or behavioral problems
 - Parents' names and names of siblings in the home



NO DÉ LA ESPALDA

Información sobre cómo denunciar el maltrato de niños

www.itsuptoyou.org

En Texas, el maltrato y el descuido de niños son ilegales, así como también lo es no hacer una denuncia. Si sospecha que un niño ha sido maltratado o descuidado, tiene la obligación de hacer una denuncia ante el Departamento de Servicios de Regulación y Protección de Texas. Tiene que hacer una denuncia dentro de las 48 horas de la hora en que sospechó que el niño pudo haber sufrido maltrato o descuido.

Si sospecha que un niño ha sido víctima de maltrato o descuido o si tiene alguna pregunta sobre si lo que le preocupa constituye maltrato o descuido, llame a cualquier hora del día a la Línea para Denunciar el Maltrato y Descuido de Niños al 1-800-252-5400 si vive en Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas o Nuevo México. Las personas que viven en otros estados pueden llamar al 1-512-834-3784 para hacer una denuncia de maltrato o descuido ocurrido en Texas.

Cómo hacer una denuncia

- llame gratis a cualquier hora del día a la Línea para Denunciar el Maltrato y Descuido de Niños al 1-800-252-5400. En caso de emergencia, llame a las autoridades judiciales y policiales locales o al 911.
- Cuando haga una denuncia, sea específico. Diga exactamente qué pasó y cuándo. Asegúrese de informar sobre todas las lesiones o incidentes que haya visto, así como la fecha y la hora del día.
- Las denuncias deben hacer lo más pronto posible, pero no después de las 48 horas, cuando los moretones y las cicatrices empiezan a desaparecer. Es importante que los investigadores puedan ver las señales físicas.
- Dé a las autoridades cualquier información que tenga sobre la relación entre el niño y el presunto autor.
- Por favor, dé por lo menos la siguiente información cuando haga la denuncia:
 - Nombre, edad y dirección del niño
 - Breve descripción del niño
 - Lesiones que tenga, problemas médicos o problemas de comportamiento
 - Nombre de los padres y de los hermanos que viven en la casa

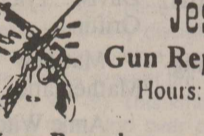

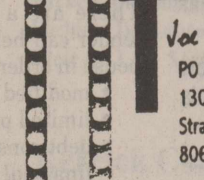
Por último, es mejor pecar de cauteloso. Si existe algún motivo por el cual usted sospecha que un niño ha sufrido maltrato, pero no está seguro, haga la denuncia. Si tiene la más mínima duda de que si hubo maltrato, llame a la línea directa. El personal de la línea podrá aconsejarlo si las señales que usted observó son por maltrato.

Protección legal

Las denuncias de maltrato o descuido que se hagan de "buena fe" y "sin malicia" son confidenciales y quedan exentas de la responsabilidad civil. La denuncia es confidencial y no está sujeta a la divulgación pública bajo la Ley sobre Acceso a Información. La ley da inmunidad contra responsabilidad civil y penal a las personas inocentes que hacen denuncias aún por sospechas sin fundamento, siempre y cuando, la denuncia se haga de buena fe. La identidad del denunciante se mantiene de manera confidencial.

Responsabilidad legal

No denunciar el supuesto maltrato de niños es un delito menor Clase B penado con una multa de hasta \$1,500 ó encarcelamiento de hasta 180 días o las dos cosas. Si es el padre o el tutor de un niño, usted tiene la obligación legal de proteger a su hijo. Si permite que su hijo esté en una situación en la cual puede lastimarse, usted puede ser enjuiciado por maltrato de niños. El hecho de que el autor del maltrato sea su cónyuge u otro miembro de la familia no lo exime de su obligación de hacer una denuncia, ni lo protege de estar involucrado en el procedimiento legal frente de su responsabilidad como padre.

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Shown above & below: 3rd & 4th Grade Students, directed by Belinda Hamilton and Rhonda Mathews, sharing their talents at "CASA Vigil of Light" ceremony, Thursday, April 3rd.



SHS Competes In District UIL Contest

Stratford High School competed in the District UIL contest held at Amarillo College. Stratford finished second in the district with 213 points. The winner was Clarendon High School with 286 points. Wheeler finished 3rd with 169 points. Schools competing in the One-Act Play and academic contests included Stratford, Sunray, Gruver, Booker, Vega and White Deer. Also competing were Claude, Memphis, Wellington, Shamrock, Wheeler and Clarendon.

Students qualifying for the regional meet were:

Mathew Taliaferro-Math and Number Sense

Number Sense Team-Matthew Taliaferro, Brandon Davis, Tyler Haynes, Thomas Griffin.

Briah McClellan-Spelling

Amie Witcher-Ready Writing

Allison Baskin-Poetry

Nora Gomez-Poetry

Ashlee Glock-LD Debate

Tiffany Duke-Poetry

Katie York-Editorials

Ashton Robinson-Informative Speaking

Stratford High District UIL Academic Placings

Katie York-Editorial Writing-3rd

Accounting-5th

Ashton Robinson-Informative Speaking-1st

Staci Hays-Informative Speaking-5th

Tyler Haynes-News Writing-5th

Ashlee Glock-Lincoln-Douglas Debate-3rd

Jordan Taylor-Lincoln-Douglas Debate-5th

Allison Baskin-Prose Interpretation-2nd

Nora Gomez-Prose Interpretation-3rd

Tiffany Duke-Poetry Interpretation-1st

Alicia Renzelman-Poetry Interpretation-2nd

Briah McClellan-Spelling-2nd, Team 3rd-Briah McClellan, Matthew Taliaferro, Amber Larence, Heather Seiler.

Matthew Taliaferro-Math-1st, Number Sense 1st and Spelling 4th.

Brandon Davis Number sense-5th place. Number Sense Team-1st, Matthew Taliaferro, Brandon Davis, Tyler Haynes, Thomas Griffin.

Math Team-3rd, Matthew Taliaferro, Dylan Everett, Alicia Adams, Amie Witcher.

Craig Reinart-Current Issues-6th

Amie Witcher-Ready Writing-2nd

Gina Mattocks-Computer Applications-5th

Tiffany Duke OAP All Star Cast-North zone

Alicia Renzelman-OAP Honorable Mention North Zone.

District UIL Academic Placings

Katie York-Accounting-5th

Kayla Willard-Computer Applications-5th

Craig Reinart-Current Issues-6th

Matthew Taliaferro-Number Sense-1st, Mathematics-1st and Spelling-4th.

Brandon Davis-Number Sense-5th.

Mathematics Team-3rd, Matthew Taliaferro, Dylan Everett, Alicia Adams, Amie Witcher.

Gina Mattocks-Computer Applications-5th

Amie Witcher-Ready Writing-2nd

Briah McClellan-spelling-2nd

Tiffany Duke-Poetry Interpretation-1st

Alicia Renzelman-Poetry Interpretation-2nd

Regional Qualifiers

Number Sense Team-1st

Matthew Taliaferro, Brandon Davis, Tyler Haynes, Thomas Griffin

Matthew Taliaferro-Mathematics, Number Sense

Amie Witcher-Ready Writing

Briah McClellan-spelling.

Math Team-3rd, Matthew Taliaferro, Dylan Everett, Alicia Adams, Amie Witcher.

Craig Reinart-Current Issues-6th

Amie Witcher-Ready Writing-2nd

Gina Mattocks-Computer Applications-5th

Tiffany Duke OAP All Star Cast-North zone

Alicia Renzelman-Poetry Interpretation-2nd

Brandon Davis Number sense-5th place. Number Sense Team-1st, Matthew Taliaferro, Brandon Davis, Tyler Haynes, Thomas Griffin.

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EDUCATION News & Notes

New Resources For Home Schoolers

(NAPS)—There's good news for parents who want to educate their children at home.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, the home schooling trend in the United States continues to grow. It is estimated that at least 850,000 children are now being taught at home.



Parent-Teacher stores offer educational resources to parents committed to home schooling.

A number of parents have expressed an interest in home schooling but have voiced a concern that they won't have access to the necessary educational resources.

Fortunately, a growing number of Parent-Teacher stores offer a variety of products for every age, ability and skill level. They specialize in products that stimulate learning using creativity and fun.

Parents can find everything from curriculum guides to learning aides and workbooks to educational software and games. Many stores also offer in-store workshops.

To learn more or find a Parent-Teacher Store near you, visit www.TeacherStores.com online.

Check Out These Web Sites:

- Bayer Advanced Garden Triple Action Plant foods at www.bayeradvanced.com.
- Hartford Investment Management Company at www.hartfordinvestor.com.
- The Electrical Safety Foundation International at www.electricalsafety.org.
- Hampton Inn hotels weekend activities calendar at www.hamptoninnweekends.com.

F. Y. I.

By Sheriff Jack Haile

I read an article this week in *Police News* written by Ramesh Nyberg. Mr. Nyberg is a 23-year veteran of Miami-Dade County Police Department in Florida. For 17 of those years Mr. Nyberg has been a crime scene technician for the homicide division. He recently evaluated the television program *C.S.I.: Miami* in Mr. Nyberg's words, "The show is fantasy. *Alice in Wonderland* bore more realism to the real world than *C.S.I.: Miami* does to the real world of criminal investigation and forensics."

I used to like to watch the TV show *Law and Order*. It always amazed me how they could get one set of fingerprints and find their suspect. Sometimes they would get a person's first name and physical description and in the next scene they were knocking on this guy's front door. On these shows they find a set of latent fingerprints (prints found at the scene of a crime), feed them into the AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) computer and the computer screen shows a picture of the person with their current address and phone number. Real life police work is somewhat different.

At one time a man named Sparks Veasey was the forensic pathologist for the 26 county Panhandle region. Sparks put on some good training sessions on death investigations. The first one I attended Sparks said, "When you watch the TV show *Quincy* and he looks at a thermometer at a crime scene and tells all the investigators that the person died at 11:13 p.m. last night, it's a joke. I can come within about eight hours, depending on weather conditions, of giving you a correct time of death."

So what does all this have to do with Sherman County? When you are the victim of a crime and you want to know why we don't do what they did on TV, it's because the technology they use on TV doesn't exist. The technology that we use 90% of the time is fingerprint powder, fingerprint tape, and super glue. Which is the same technology that Ramesh Nyberg uses in Miami. Body oils deposited on a surface cause fingerprints. If the surface is rough textured, dusty, or has been handled in any way, the fingerprints can't be collected. You can't get fingerprints off cloth, leather, or wooden handled objects such as hammers or shovels. And you must get all of a fingerprint, and it can't be smeared. If I do get a set of usable prints, I have to take them to the Amarillo-Potter Co. Special Crimes unit, so they can place them in the AFIS. The AFIS system checks them against the prints of people that have been arrested in Texas. If the prints belong to a person who has not previously been arrested, then their prints will not have been entered into the AFIS system and therefore cannot be identified. I have used fingerprints gathered during an investigation to make good cases against those people who were being charged with a crime. Unfortunately I can't use a laser thermal imaging device that is used on TV for the simple fact that it hasn't been invented yet.



FAMILY FINANCES

Tips On Financial First Aid

(NAPS)—Well managed, consumer credit can offer convenience and contribute toward financial stability. Mismanaged, it can create a number of problems.

According to experts you may be heading toward financial hot water if you are:

- having difficulty making even minimum payments on what you owe;
- making payments late; or
- finding that more cash is going out than coming in.

America's Community Bankers suggests contacting your lender at the first sign of financial difficulty. There are a number of ways a lender can help put your financial house in order, such as:

- modified loan terms;
- limited partial payments;
- debt consolidation loans; and
- financial counseling.

To learn more, visit the Web site at www.americascommunitybankers.com.



When traveling, bring along a plastic trash bag to keep your dirty items separate from your other clothes.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- April 18,19 "Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde" ALT Adventure Space 806-355-9991
- April 12 Amarillo Symphony- Amarillo Civic Chorus WTAMU Chorus Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782 (Following Golden Nail Awards)
- April 18 The Fab Four Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- April 18*** Celebrate America Lee Greenwood Concert Amarillo National Center 806-584-6077
- April 25-27 "Little Shop of Horrors" musical Fri.Sat.7:30 Sun.3:00 Amarillo College Experimental Theatre 806-371-5359or5987
- April 23-27 "A Different Moon" 7:30 [27-3:00] Branding Iron Theatre 806-651-2881
- April 26 Lone Star Ballet "From Galway to Broadway" Amarillo Civic Auditorium (806-378-3096 or 372-2463
- May 1-4 "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Junior company Amarillo Little Theatre Adventure Space 806-355-9991
- May 2 Amarillo Symphony presents Randel chamber Orchestra Civic Center Auditorium 806-376-8782
- May 4*** Merle Haggard with Daron Norwood 7:30p.m. Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-378-3096
- May 8-25*** "Smokey Joe's Café" Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun. Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991



Partners in Literacy workshops

What: Training to help you, help your child become a better future reader

Who: Parents of preschool to kindergarten children

Where: Mary Allen Elementary Cafeteria

When: February 17
March 17
April 14
6:30 to 8:00

Sponsored by Mary Allen Reading Recovery, Migrant, ESL, Special Education Departments, and Region XVI-ECI

child care provided



Socios en talleres de la instruccion

Que: Entrenando para ayudarle, ayude a su nino hacer un lector mayor en el futuro

Quien: Padres del pre-entrenamiento a los ninos del jardin de la infancia

Donde: Mary Allen Elementary Cafeteria

Cuando: del 17 de febrero
del 17 de marzo
del 14 de abril

6:30 a 8:00

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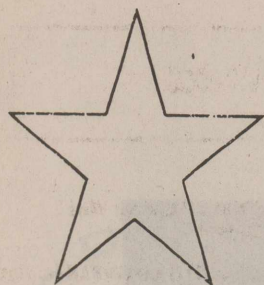
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The Trees are here!!! at THE General Store. 4-3-2xc-----

Time for Halts treatment for your early prevention of weeds and crabgrass. THE General Store. 2-13-tfn-----

Shrubs and Perennials arrived with the trees at THE General Store! 4-3-2xc-----

Rentals available at THE General Store. Appliance dolly, sheetrock jack, cement mixer, and rototiller, airless paint sprayer, and rotary hammer drill. 8-1-tfn-----

For Sale: 1994-26' Dutchmen classic F.W.R.V. rear kitchen, awning, nice, sleeps 6. 1996 Honda 300 Fourtrax 4x4 4 wheeler, front and rear racks - nice. 727-4681. 4-3-2xc-----

For Sale: 2001 Ford Explore Sport - 2 door, automatic, A/C, all power. Call 396-2047 or 679-0692. 3-13-tfn-----

The Trees are coming...The Trees are coming to THE General Store soon. 3-20-tfn-----

Watch what's happening in the parking lot at THE General Store. 3-20-tfn-----

For Sale: Travel trailer Tilt Bed Trailer, Five good hot fence chargers 120 volt. 14 ft. boat with trailer and 2 motors, 1 walk behind lawn mower, rototiller and lawn edger. Call 396-2572, or see at 402 S. Maple, J.D. Smith. 4-10-3xc-----

Stratford Grain Company has corn fed market hogs & steers for sale. Call 396-5541 for information. 4-10-4xc-----

Wooden Daybed for sale with pop-up, roll-top deck. Call 396-2051. 4-10-1xc-----

Help Wanted

D & C Greenhouse is seeking a temporary full/part time dependable salesperson to operate the store in Stratford. Duties: assisting customers, maintaining plants, and operating cash register. Starting pay is \$6.00/hour. Send resume to D & C Greenhouse, 36 Nelson Drive, Spearman, TX 79081. Call (806)659-5171 for more information. 4-17-c-----

Immediate opening for full time administrative assistant with strong bookkeeping and computer skills. Coldwater Manor, 396-5568. EOE. 4-10-tfn-----

Garage Sale

Huge Garage Sale: Antiques, furniture, & lots of great junk. Friday, April 11, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Corner of 54 & 287. 4-10-1xc-----

Garage Sale: April 12, 10 a.m., 602 Maple. Everything 50 cents. Except Furniture, TVs, and few other items. House is also for sale - \$80,000. 4-10-1xc-----

Garage Sale: 1215 N. Division, Sat. April 12th, 9 a.m. - 7. Clothes, Household items, etc. 4-10-1xc-----

Put yourself on view. This brings your talents to light. —Baltasar Gracian***

Services

Is your House or Foundation Settling? Cracks in brick or walls? Doors won't close?...Call Childers Brothers Stabilizing & Foundation Leveling. 1-800-299-9563 or 806-352-9563 Amarillo, TX. 1-4-1tyrd-----

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To Give Away

To Give Away: 1/2 Catahoula, 1/4 Border Collie, and 1/4 Blue Heeler, 1 yr. old Female. Call 366-5853. 4-10-1xc-----

Walking is the best possible exercise. Habituate yourself to walk very far.
—Thomas Jefferson***

For Rent

Casa de Renta - 2 Recamaras Cocina y Sala 366-2493, 753-7761. 4-3-2xc-----

For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished apt. 6th & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime, 396-5692 at nights. 1-28-tfn-----

Lost and Found

Lost: 2 part Pug/part Terrier puppies, Tan with dark faces. Lost Thursday, April 3rd. If found, please call 366-2762. 4-10-1xc-----

Lost: 2 year old cat named Sylvester. He has 2 black tears in the corner of his eyes. He has black spot on his back thigh. Has white legs & black & white body. No collar. If found please call, (806) 683-2029, ask for Traci. 4-10-1xc-----

Wanted

Wanted: Farm home for Rottweiler mix. 4 1/2 - 5 yrs. old, neutered, loving, loyal watchdog. Call 806-355-4185. If no answer, please leave name and number. 4-3-2xc-----

Houses for Sale

House for Sale: Great Location, beautiful corner lot, 2 large bedrooms, 1 large bath, garage, central heat/AC. 806-659-2345. 8-2-tfn-----

House for Sale: 2 bdrm, large backyard, 414 N. Fulton. \$25,000. Call 727-4646. 4-3-2xc-----

3,600 sq. ft. 3,000 living, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living areas w/double fireplaces, covered/lighted patio, 2 car garage, corner lot, near both schools, 1220 N. Chestnut. For more info. call 1-903-732-5402 or 396-2498. 1-3-tfn-----

For Sale: 3 Bdrm, 2 bath brick home, double car garage, fenced in backyard, across from City Park, 702 N. 7th. Call 396-2425, 396-2845, 396-5841, or 396-1050 for more information. 1-16-tfn-----

Card of Thanks

Our family would like to take this time to say, A very grateful THANK YOU to our EMT crew, they are truly a God-send to our community. Thank you to everyone for the overwhelming LOVE & support since the tragic accident. Katy was truly blessed that night, we Thank God for taking care of her, and for all your prayers. We pray you always keep Tiffany in your hearts, as we will forever.
Sincerely,
TJ, Beth, & Katy Bench

The Happy Bank staff would like to Thank everyone that made our hamburger cookout a huge success. Special thanks goes to Wesley & Cindy Miller for letting us borrow their grill, to XIT Telephone for furnishing and serving drinks, to Paula Nusz with the Chamber of Commerce for helping serve, and to Greg Wright for providing the great patriotic music. Most of all we would like to thank the community for welcoming a new business into town. Your support and encouragement has been tremendous. Our goal is to continue to bring products and services to our community that will make Stratford even a better place to live and raise a family. Stratford has several new and exciting things happening and we are proud to be a part of it. Again, thank you.
The Happy Bank staff



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Interested individuals should apply at Cargill AgHorizons, 805 W. 7th St., Dalhart, TX, Attn: Anita Mead

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The successful applicant will be required to pass a background check and a company-paid physical exam that includes drug and alcohol screening.

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Legal Notices

Stratford Independent School District Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District requests proposals from interested contractors for acoustic panels for noise reduction. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Office at (806) 366-3302.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. April 11, 2003. Any requests for proposals after this date will not be accepted. The proposals may be mailed to Stratford ISD, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 7984. 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, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. 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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NOTICE OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of Stratford Hospital District, Texas.

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2003, for voting in a directors' election, to elect two (2) directors.

Locations of Polling Places- Stratford Emergency Medical Services, 1109 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX 79084.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Road, P.O. box 1189, Stratford, TX 79084 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 16, 2003 and ending on April 29, 2003.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Janie Kirkpatrick, Stratford Hospital District, P.O. Box 1189, Stratford, TX 79084.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2003.

Issued this the 13th day of February, 2003.

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AVISO DE ELECCION DIRECTORES

A los votantes registrados del Stratford Distrito de Hospital, Texas.

Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3rd de Mayo de 2003 para votar en la Eleccion para dos (2) directores

Direccion De Las Casillas Electorales-Stratford Emergency Medical Services, 1109 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX 79084.

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Coldwater Manor 1111 Beaver Road, P.O. Box 1189, Stratford, TX 79084 entre las 8:30 de la manana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 16th de Abril, 2003 y terminando el 29th de Abril, 2003.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a Janie Kirkpatrick, Stratford Hospital District, P.O. Box 1189, Stratford, TX 79084.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 25th de Abril, 2003

Emitada este dia 13rh de Febrero, 2003.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (S)

Dist/Div: Amarillo
Contract 6096-15-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in SHERMAN County will be opened on May 28, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the district Office for an estimate of \$120,736.00

Plans & specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 9586

State Office
Const./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office (s)
Amarillo District
District Engineer
5715 Canyon Dr.
Amarillo, Texas 79105-2708
Phone: 806-356-3283.

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Decking Your Home

(NAPS)—Been on the fence about building a new deck? There's news that could make your decision easier: New types of decking can make building a deck simple. Here's a few ideas from the experts:

• Material—If you're looking for a low maintenance alternative, decking such as Weyerhaeuser's ChoiceDek[®] may be worth considering. It never needs sealing or treating and is made from recycled plastic and wood chips. It's water resistant, so it won't splinter, crack or rot when exposed to water.

• Railings/Lighting—Lighting can be a great addition to any landscaping but many homeowners are uncomfortable working with electrical wiring. ChoiceDek[®] offers a decorative railing system that is notched for easier assembly—it also includes hidden channels for lighting wire that can easily attach to fixtures.

• Hot Tub—If a hot tub fits into your plans, be sure to purchase a decking product that can handle moisture. Most decking can't handle high moisture without continual maintenance. For more information on ChoiceDek[®], please call 1-877-235-6873.

District Track Shots!



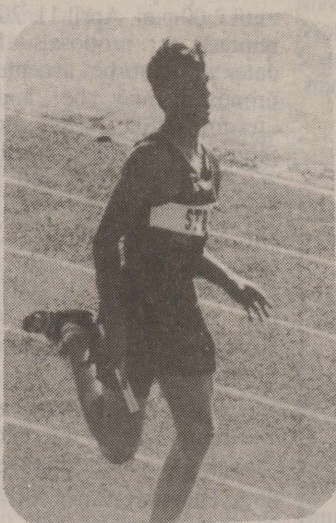
Katelyn Reed



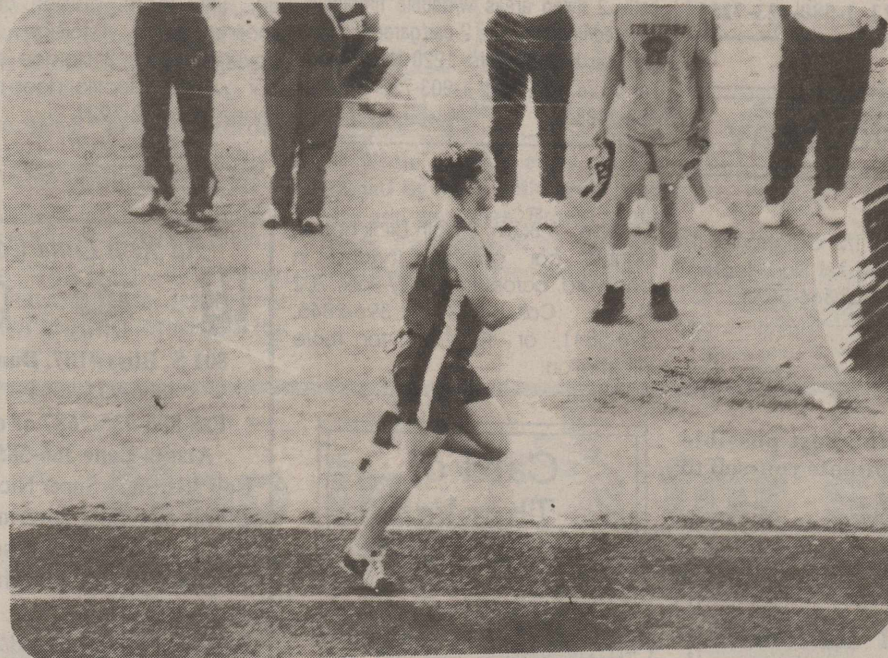
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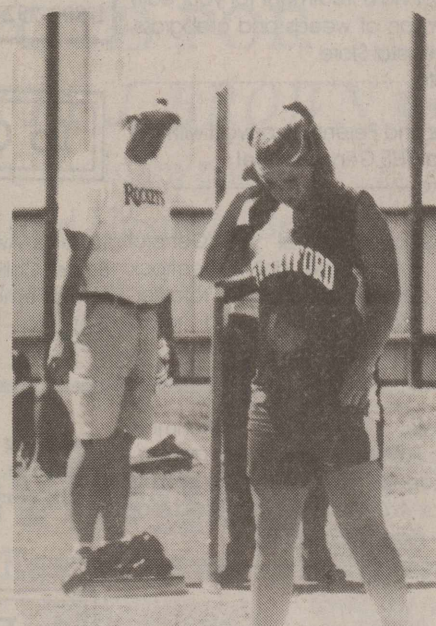
At right, Ryan McDaniel



Chance Lowrey



Amie Witcher



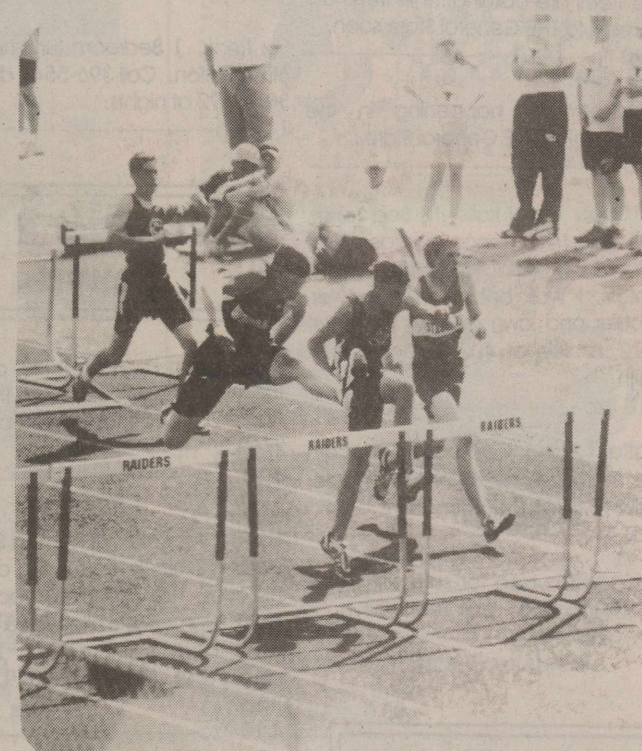
Heather Robertson



On the right, Jason Roberts



In the lead, Jason Ashley



Far right, Josh Lanning



On the left, Yadira Ortega



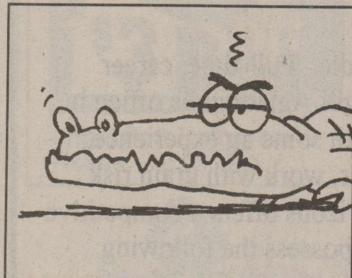
Allison Baskin

Personally I'm always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught.

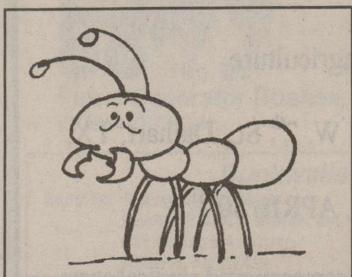
—Winston Churchill

If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance.

—George Bernard Shaw



A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.



Ants don't sleep.

Check Out These Web Sites:

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at www.leukemia-lymphoma.org.
 For information on glaucoma, log on to: www.glaucomainfo.com.
 Cardima, Inc. at www.cardima.com.
 The Caregivers Marketplace at www.caregiversmarketplace.com.
 For answers to Medicare questions, visit www.medicare.gov.
 The National Comprehensive Cancer Network at www.nccn.org.
 To learn about Prandin, visit www.novonordisk-us.com.
 Club Med at www.clubmed.com.
 Box Tops for Education at boxtops4education.com.
 For information on the Tampa Bay area in Florida, see www.TampaBay.org.

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