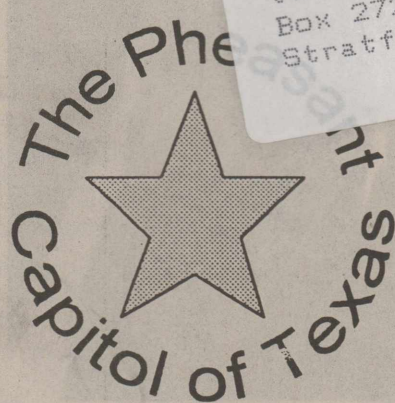




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Area Receives Rain

Reports of 2 to 3 inches of much needed rain fell in the area last week with more chances of rain this week.

Remember To Change Your Clocks This Week-End *Spring Forward*

Sunday Morning Breakfast Sunday, April 2nd

St. Joseph's Church Men's Group will host a "Sunday Morning Breakfast" on Sunday, April 2nd from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Church Hall at 515 S. Pearl St. Items for the breakfast include biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, juice, coffee, tortillas, salsa and menudo. Take outs will be available. Proceeds from the event will go to St. Joseph's Church Building Fund, to support the enlargement of the church building.

Alzheimer Support Group Meeting To Be Held

Alzheimer Support Group meeting will be held Tuesday, April 4, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at Coldwater Manor.

Tree Orders Still Being Taken At SWCD

REMINDER: The Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District is still taking orders for windbreak and landscape trees. One and five gallon along with balled and burlapped evergreens, shade and fruit trees can be ordered until April 1, 2000. Come by or call 396-5517, ext. 101 for more information.

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To Report Suspected Child
Abuse, Call

Kathie Altman - 366-5611
Arlene Baker - 366-5318
Joyce Dodson - 366-5608
Patsy Harland - 827-7368
Viola Kautz - 396-2058
Mark Metzger - 396-2013
Michal Meyer - 827-7453

Austin Hotline

1-800-252-5400

ALL CALLS
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Banquet Plans Underway By Chamber Of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2000 in the High School Cafeteria. A change from the previous slate of entertainers, has the 4th grade in the TAAS Testing period, and will not be available to perform. The 2nd grade will be taking their place as the main entertainment for our program. Other performers scheduled are: Tiffany Duke, Jessica Walton, Chelsi Thiessen, Janet Witcher, David Hunsaker, Dean Williamson and our local Baptist Quartet.

Tickets are \$10.00 each and may be purchased from any member (Wayne Smith, Jimmy Gillenwaters, Blake Confer, Yvonne Pittman, Vernon Paul, Lynn Lynz, Richard Ragsdale, Walt Berry, Teresa Keener, Deena Mungia, Gaynelle Riffe, Karen Perrin, Jamie Sims, Jennifer Koch, Carol Zimmer and Joan Palmer). We also have the Weblo Scouts who will be serving the drinks and helping o clean up. We want our banquet to show off the best of all our citizens to the many other towns who visit for this occasion. The Chamber is still looking for quality silent auction items. A display of these items is in the window at Allen Insurance Company (next door to the post office). If anyone has an item they wish to donate, please contact any chamber member or Paula at the office. The due date for "Citizen of the Year" award is April 1, 2000. Entry forms may be obtained at the Chamber office (inside the City hall). Please take time to consider all the persons who make Stratford a great place to live. Don't let this opportunity pass by, nominate your candidate today!

Learning is not attained by
chance, it must be sought for
with ardor and attended to with
diligence.

—Abigail Adams

Special Session Held of SISD Board

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in special session on Wednesday, March 22, 2000 at 12:05 p.m.

Board members present: President Steve Johnson, Vice-President Ted Allen, Secretary Sandra Baskin, Philip Walden, Joe Reinart, Kenton Kimball, Ricky Reed and Vernon Paul, Supt.

Administrative Team Members present were Vernon Paul, Jim Taliaferro and Jerry Hunkapiller.

Guests present: John Martin, Darla Cummings and Penny Boyd.

Invocation was given by Kenton Kimball.

Ten bids were received and John Martin from Southwest Securities presented them. President Steve Johnson opened the bids. See attachments. Motion made by Sandy baskin and seconded by Ricky Reed to award bonds to Southwest Securities, the lowest bidder, with an effective rate of 5.230479%. Vote: 7-0-0. The meeting went into closed session at 12:55 p.m. The board came back into open meeting at 1:42 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Summer Baseball

It's time to start thinking about and planning the 2000 summer baseball season. We have lost several of last years volunteers. If we are to have a baseball season, it is essential that we get new volunteers. Last year, 114 youth played baseball in Stratford. If you are a parent of a youth who wants to play baseball, we need you as a volunteer. There are many ways to help out-coaching, umpiring, field maintenance, concessions, fundraising and much more. There will be an organizational meeting on Monday, April 3 at 6:00 at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. If you can't attend, but would like to help, please call Ronna Riffe at 366-5322.

Trustee Election To Be Held

The Stratford Ind. School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 6, 2000. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may due so through march 22, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. You may apply at the Superintendent's office, 503 N. 8th Street, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Applications filed to date are Jeanne Bell, Greg Wright and Scott Buckles. Board members whose term will expire are Kenton Kimball, Philip Walden, and Sandy Baskin. Holdover members are Steve Johnson, Ted Allen, Ricky Reed, and Joe Reinart.

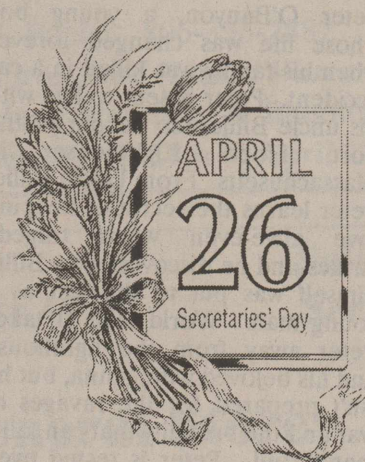
Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Wednesday, April 19, 2000 and continue through May 2, 2000. Early voting will be conducted in the Superintendent's office from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.

Area Foundation To Hold Annual Meeting

The Stratford Area Foundation is getting ready to celebrate by holding it's 20th Annual Meeting. All the organizations that have benefited from the foundation are cordially invited to come to the Sherman County Public Library in Stratford on Thursday, April 13th at 7:30 p.m. and celebrate with us.

Even if you or your organization has not been a recipient, and it is doubtful that there are many organizations in these communities that haven't benefited, you are invited to join us. This will be a great opportunity to learn how easy it is for your organization to obtain a grant.

Please join us as we celebrate and recall how the communities and surrounding areas have benefited through the foundation.



"Keep America Beautiful Month"

The Sherman County Development Committee has decided to implement a clean-up program in our community. As part of this project we have partnered with the City of Stratford and the Chamber of Commerce to "Keep Stratford Beautiful". April has been officially designated as "Keep America Beautiful" month. With this in mind and with the opening of the new recycling center it was decided that April would be "Keep Stratford Beautiful" again this year for our clean up campaign.

We would like to ask the community for your help in making this year's clean up project a success. Our clean up campaign consists of two different aspects. The first is the "Adopt-an-Alley" program and the second is "We pick it up" program.

With the Adopt-an-Alley program we can give any community, non-profit or civic organizations an opportunity to participate in our clean up campaign. If there are any organization that would be interested in participating in this program please contact the SCDC office and we will help assign you an alley or allies. If your organization has another project in mind that you would like to do, instead of Adopt-an-Alley, that will be wonderful. We would like to see the entire community become involved with this year's campaign, so even if your family would like to clean an alley, just give us a call and we will get it set up.

The "We pick it up" program will be for those individuals who have items such as appliances and vehicles that need to be removed or hauled off. It was agreed to do this free of charge to residences of Stratford. If you have an item or items that you would like to see removed from your property all you have to do is contact the City Hall. Give them your name, address and what you need picked up and it will be taken care of at no charge.

If you should have any questions about our "Keep Stratford Beautiful" clean up campaign, or would like to participate in either program please contact the SCDC office at 366-2897 and we will be happy to assist you.

"Keep Stratford Beautiful" is one way to show the pride we have in our community so let's all get out and help keep our community and neighborhoods beautiful.

April Child Abuse Prevention Month Opens With "Give the Light of Hope To A Child"

"Kids for Kids" CASA 69's annual awareness and summer fund-raiser will not be held this year so that we participate in a new National Child Abuse Prevention Month event.

On April 6, 2000, CASA 69's, Inc. will host a Light Vigil as part of a state and national movement to increase awareness for abused and neglected children. The Vigil will be held at the Dallam, Moore and Sherman County Courthouses and will begin at 6:00 p.m.

During the Vigil, various city and county officials and school children representatives will speak recognizing the abused and neglected children in our area. CASA 69 Executive Director, Jennifer McDaniel, said "the April 6 Vigil were be a special occasion to bring awareness to the community about the abused and neglected children in our area. More importantly, this event, by bringing about awareness and education will muster support for individuals to become trained volunteers for their county."

Every year in Dallam, Hartley, Moore and Sherman Counties, the lives of more than 60 abused and neglected children are placed in limbo as they wait for the courts to determine their fate. CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to thoroughly research the specific needs of each child's case, and to advocate in court for the child's best. They give their time to assure these children can reach safe, lasting homes where they can thrive. Since its inception in 1986, CASA 69, Inc. has advocated for more than 385 children. National evaluations of CASA/GAL programs indicate cases are resolved faster when children have a CASA/GAL volunteer. In turn, children spend less time in foster care saving taxpayers millions of dollars each year.

Local CASA 69 volunteer and board member, Lynn Wells, has been involved with CASA for 14 years. When asked why she believes so strongly in CASA, Wells responded, "Because I have seen how CASA's involvement over the years has made such a positive difference in the lives of children, I have realized how worthwhile and necessary their role is in our communities, making my experience very fulfilling."

CASA 69, Inc. is a member of Texas CASA and the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association. There are more than 840 programs in 49 states that advocate for abused and neglected children.

To learn more about the Light Vigil and CASA 69, Inc. or how you can help abused and neglected children, call CASA 69 Executive Director, Jennifer McDaniel, at 806-244-2684.

Last Call For Family Histories

If you neglected to get your family history turned in for God, Grass and Grit, III, you have one last chance. Stories will be accepted until April 10, 2000. Please turn them in to Marillyn Harkins or Selma Pendleton. In addition, if you turned in your story, and there is a new baby, a death, or other important event in your family, please let us know so that can be included in your story.

The material that has been received is outstanding and he new volume will be especially interesting to read. Don't forget, the prepublication price of \$35.00 is good until September 30. There will be a limited number of extra books printed.



Eighth grade Stratford Jr. High student, Melissa Williams, daughter of Kelly and Julie Williams, participated in the Sherman County Spelling Bee held at Texhoma on March 22, 2000. She was named County Champion, qualifying her to compete in the Regional Bee at West Texas A & M University on April 15, 2000. Congratulations, Melissa!

Cactus Feeders Donates Money To OPSU

"Wonderful" Dr. John W. Goodwin, OPSU President, replied when asked how he was Monday afternoon. He asked, "It is not every day that someone gives you \$15,000."

Martin Daharsh, an OPSU alum and a general manager with Cactus Feeders, spent Monday afternoon on campus for the Business, Industry and Ag Career Fair. He spent most of the afternoon talking to prospective employees, but took a short break to hand Dr. Goodwin a check for \$5,000 on behalf of Cactus Feeders. This was the first installment of \$15,000, three-year pledge made by Cactus Feeders to the OPSU Vision 2000 campaign.

The Vision 2000 campaign is a future-oriented, fund-raising effort to finance the priorities of OPSU. The campaign began in 1997 sponsored by OPSU and the Panhandle State Foundation with a goal of raising \$1,000,000. The primary objectives of Vision 2000 are renovation and repair of facilities, student scholarships faculty development, instructional technology and telecommunication, and library and learning resource enhancement.

Cactus Feeders employs many OPSU graduates and by donating this money, they hope to continue to hire quality employees from Panhandle. They feel that the OPSU graduates fit their program like a glove, they are well trained with an outstanding work ethic and they enjoy working in a rural area.

"Paul Engler, CEO of Cactus Feeders, has been well aware of us for a long time and has been a good supporter," stated Dr. Goodwin. "We place a lot of graduates (with Cactus Feeders) because of the track record of our graduates."

Walk Across Texas

If Hank Williams could walk across Texas for love, FCE club members, friends and families are going to walk across the Lone Star State for health.

Walk Across Texas is an eight-week program that will spark some friendly competition in Sherman County. The Southside and Star FCE Clubs have formed teams to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging, or even biking. The kickoff date is Monday, April 3, 2000.

Teams will keep track of their miles, which will be posted in the Extension Office, said Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent.

Many people are unaware of the positive benefits of exercise. According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is the No. 1 problem in the United States. The risk of heart disease could be significantly reduced by regular exercise.

According to the Texas Department of Health, positive effects of physical activity are not limited to lowering the risk of heart disease.

Not only does regular exercise help relieve stress and anxiety, "physically active people outlive inactive people," a TDH report stated.

"Participating in *Walk Across Texas*" is not only a great way to get involved with our community,

it's a healthy habit," states Susie Spurlock, Sherman County.

To participate in *Walk Across Texas*, first get a team together. Biking and jogging teams are limited to four people. Choose a team captain and name your team. Fill out a registration form available at the Sherman County Extension Office.

Walking competition begins Monday, April 3rd. For more information, contact Susie Spurlock at the Sherman County Extension Office telephone 366-2122.



The Mardi Gras celebration goes back to an ancient Roman custom of merrymaking before a period of fast. In Germany it is called Fastnacht, and in England, Pancake Day.

Pre-Kindergarten Registration

If your child will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2000, and not 5 years old before September 1, 2000, your child is eligible for Pre registration in the Pre Kindergarten program please call the Principal's office at Mary Allen Elementary for eligibility requirements at 366-3340, or come by Mary Allen Elementary.

Pre-Kinder

Si Su Nino Tendra 4 anos de edad en o antes de el 1 de Septiembre De 2000, Y no 5 anos antes del 1 de Septiembre De 2000 Su Nino Tiene Derecho para registrarse en el pre programa de kinder, llame por favor, la oficina de director en Mary Allen Elementary Para Requisitos De Eligibility en 366-3340, O pasar a la oficina en Mary Allen Elementary.

Identification of Gifted Talented Students

There will be a meeting on April 4, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the Junior High Library to discuss the identification of Gifted-Talented students in grades 1-11.

We will discuss characteristics of gifted and talented children. We will also talk about the nomination process.

The Gifted and Talented program is for students with above-average potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills. It is designed to challenge students to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to go to the principal's office and complete a nomination form. The deadline for nomination forms is April 7, 2000.

Those students nominated will then go through a screening procedure that requires special testing. Parents will be requested to grant permission for the testing.

State guidelines mandate funding for no more than 5% of the average daily attendance.

For further information, contact Kathie Altman, G-T Coordinator, at 366-3340.

Identification de Estudiantes Talentosos

Habra una reunion el dia 4 de abril de 2000 a las 7:00 de la tarde en la biblioteca de la Escuela Secundaria (Junior High) para discutir la identificacion de estudiantes Talentosos en grados 1-11.

Discutiremos caracteristicas de jovenes talentosos. Hablaremos tambien acerca del proceso de nominacion.

El programa Talentoso es para estudiantes con potencia academica arriba mediano y creaciones productivas en habilidades pensativas. Esta disenado para desafiar estudiantes acelerar mucho mas alla del plan regular de la escuela.

Cualquiera que tenga deseo de nombrar a un estudiante creido ser un estudiante intelectual o creativamente talentoso es alentado a ir a la oficina del director y completar una forma de nominacion. El ultimo dia para entregar formas de nominacion es el 7 de abril de 2000.

Esos estudiantes nombrados entonces atravesaran una seleccion de procedimiento que requiere examen especial. Los padres seran solicitados para otorgar el permiso para el examen.

Directivas estatales propocionan fondos no mas de 5% promedio de asistencia diaria.

Para informacion adicional, contacte a Kathie Altman, Coordinadora de G-T, al numero 366-3340.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** denotes new listing

March 1 April 1	"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" State Right Theatre, Amarillo 806-353-7888
March 31 April 2	"The Music Man" ALT Academy 7:30 p.m. Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 Sun. Mat.2:30
March 31	"Best of Texas Festival" Grand Plaza 806-373-9305
March 31	Randel Chamber Orchestra - David Palmer, piano First Baptist Church 806-376-9792 Youth Orchestra
March 31	Showcase Five-Broadway Musical Showcase 7:30 p.m. Amarillo College Theatre School for Children Ordway Auditorium 22nd and Washington (806)371-5353
April 6-9	"Harvey" directed by Doyal Handbury LaRita Theatre, Dalhart 244-5646
April 8	Amarillo Symphony - Juliette Kanq, violinist Samuel Jones "Roundings (Golden Nail Awards) Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
April 13****	AudioAdrenaline Christian Contemporary Civic Center Auditorium 806-376-8782
April 14	WTAMU SHOWCASE OF MUSIC Amarillo Civic Auditorium
April 27 May 14	"The Secret Garden" Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
April 21-29	"Einstein" Stage Right Theatre 4418 S. Washington St. Amarillo 806-353-7888
April 29	The Harrington String Quartet Northern Hall WTAMU 806-376-8782
April 29-30	"STOMP" Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096

Check Out The Library

By Sandy Baskin

With the arrival of the first week of spring you know that summer vacation will soon be here. This is the time when volunteers re recruited to help with the summer reading program. The theme for this year's program is "Invent the Future-Rad." If you would like to help, please call the library and volunteer. High school students, this is a good opportunity for community service. (It also looks good on college applications.)

New at the library this week is *That Others May Live* by Senior Master Sergeant Jack Brehm and Pete Nelson. This is a thrilling story of Jack Brehm and his love affair with two things: the PJ (Pararescue Jumper) way of life, and his wife, Peggy, the mother of his five children. In 1977, twenty-year-old Jack, an aimless kid from Long Island, made a decision that would alter the course of his life: he decided to become a PJ. He entered "Superman School," the indoctrination program where PJs are made. It is the toughest program in the military...more difficult than what the Navy SEALs or Army Special Ops go through. No one flunks out-it just gets harder and harder until most guys eliminate themselves. In other programs candidates might say, "They can beat me, but they can't kill me." In Superman School, the candidates say, "They can kill me, but they can't eat me." Jack Brehm was transformed from a kid without a clue into a man with a purpose. He and nine other men graduated in the class of '78-03-they had the right stuff. More than eighty others in their class didn't. *That Others May Live* is a vivid, compelling account of Jack's twenty years as a PJ.

The Lighthouse Keeper by James Michael Pratt is the story of Peter O'Banyon, a young boy whose life was changed forever when his family was killed in a car accident. Peter is sent to live with his uncle Billie, the keeper of the Port Hope Lighthouse in Massachusetts. From Uncle Billie, Peter learns the secret of keeping love alive-even when tragedy strikes-and he discovers how Billie himself was put to the test as a young man. World War II takes Peter away from the lighthouse and his beloved wife, Anna, but he isn't prepared for the ravages of war and the brutality that can kill a man's soul. Peter is tested even further when he returns home and faces a tragedy that almost destroys him. Can he learn the lesson of the lighthouse keeper...and at the end of his life, can he pass on what he has learned to his own daughter? Moving, hopeful and heartbreaking, *The Lighthouse Keeper* will keep the story of the O'Banyon family in your heart forever.

Young readers will enjoy *Sector 7* by David Wiesner. Children can make up their own story about a school trip and a young boy who can draw. The story is told in drawings only and allows the use of the imagination.

A Child's Calendar by John Updike is also new to the library. Poems are about the twelve months of the year with each celebrating the familiar but nonetheless wondrous qualities that make a time of the year unique. Vibrant paintings follow the members of a busy family and friends through the seasons, capturing their affection for one another along with the snowy quiet of winter, the newness of spring, the still heat of summer, and the crispness of autumn.

Reminder-April Is "Keep Stratford Beautiful" Month

This is just a reminder that April is "Keep Stratford Beautiful" Month and I hope that everyone has been thinking about your clean up projects for the month of April. If you need some ideas for a project let us know and we will help you find one that works well for you.

Your probably thinking that this is just one more thing to add to the many other items on your list of things to do, but think about it this way, it is a great opportunity for you to spend time with neighbors and friends making your neighborhood look beautiful. don't think of it as work, think of it as something recreational, a way to get outside and enjoy the beautiful Spring weather or a way to get some exercise and stretch out your body from its winter hibernation. Community clean up projects among many other community activities, are just one way that we as citizens take pride in our community and that kind of pride shows to the people who come to visit our community and it matters especially to those who are thinking about moving to our community. It shows that we are dedicated to bettering the community that we live in and are willing to do our part to sustain and improve the quality of life we have all come to love in our community. So please don't get frustrated when it comes time to get involved with things like this, just remember that the end result will be pleasing to all around you.

For more information please contact Kristine Olsen at the SCDC office at 806-366-2897.

Attention Kids Meeting To Be Held At St. Josephs Church

There will be a meeting at St. Joseph's Church for kids and youth interested in summer gardening or raising small animals (goats, rabbits or chickens). The meeting will take place on Saturday, April 1st at 3 p.m. and will be conducted by Lydia Villanueva, coordinator of last summer's project. Those participating will learn about intensive gardening in small places, using a wooden box planter near the church rectory.

Ex-Student Reunion Plans

Stratford Ex-Students will hold their reunion July 28-29. Honored classes ending with 0-1920, 30, '40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90.

Class representatives are asked to meet Thursday, March 23 in the High School Home Economics Room at 7:30.

Mailing list need to be updated. Class of 1990 need a mailing list.

TAAS Test To Be Taken

The week of April 11-14 our students will be taking the TAAS test in grades 3 through 8. We would like to invite our parents and/or grandparents to come and see what the TAAS test is all about. You might be able to take a practice test with your child or grandchild. Also, join us for lunch in the cafeteria on March 29. The cost of an adult lunch is \$3.00 and a child lunch is \$1.25. We believe you will be surprised at what our students know and have to know.



Poet Selected As Judge

Manuel Roybal, Jr. of Guymon has been selected as a judge for the "Senior Oklahoman Poetry Contest" sponsored by the Department of Human Services Aging Services Division.

"I feel very honored to be asked to judge in such a contest," Roybal said.

According to Pat Baker of the Aging Services Division, the contest is a part of the "Older American Month" celebration in May.

Roybal will be the judge of the men's division, and some women from Oklahoma City will be judging the women's division.

The awards given will be first, second and third in the male and female divisions and six Honorable Mention awards, 3 male and 3 female. The awards will be presented at the Awards

Ceremony of the State Conference on Aging on May 3.

Eligible poets have to be 60 years of age or older and a resident of Oklahoma for at least one year. The poems have to reach the Aging Services Division no later than March 20.

Judges were to be teachers of poetry or literature or recognized poets, which Roybal is.

Roybal is the author of such poems as "Poems of Praise", "Of Love and Living", "Songs of the Soul", "Most Requested Poems", "Persian Gulf Reflections" and "Remembrance of Love."

He has been honored as 1992 "Golden Poet" award winner, 1993 Ruby Poet, 1994 & 1996 Diamond Poet, 1995 Nominee for "Poet of the Year", 1998 Diamond Homer Trophy Winner and 1999 Poet of the Year.

Scot News

By Jack Gore

Last Week's Luncheon was well attended even though the rain kept pouring down. 100 people came out for good food thanks to the hostesses, thanks to Vicki for St. Patrick Day theme and prizes given. Thanks to Judge Paula Nusz and Dena Mungia for their participation.

Dance Saturday night had around 70 people enjoying music and exercise.

April will start with Bingo and Bus outing check your calendar.

A reminder to all: If you haven't paid your dues, pay them, and if you are a current member, we ask that you bring a dish to our luncheon.

If you are not a current member and you choose to come to our luncheon, we ask that you pay \$5.00 per person. Thanks.

Ag Program Scheduled April 6

Come join us for lunch on Thursday, April 6th at the County Barn. Steve Amosson, the Professor and Extension Economist out of Amarillo will be on hand to talk about crop projections for the upcoming year. Becky Hemphill with the USDS Farm Service Agency will also be presenting further information. Lunch will be provided free of charge to all who attend. We will begin serving lunch around 11:45 a.m. For further information please contact the SCDC office at 806-366-2897 or the Extension Office at 806-366-2081.

In my opinion, character is the most important determinant of a person's success, achievement and ability to handle adversity.
—Tom Landry

Will R. Allen Certified Public Accountant

244-7732

Thank you to the Track Workers for a Successful Track Meet!

Stratford Coaching
Staff

Vote Sandy Tillery for County Commissioner



Precinct No. 1

Republican Primary Run-Off

Early Voting-April 3-7 -- Courthouse -- 8am-5pm

Vote Tuesday April 11th -- 7am-7pm

Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd for by Sandy Tillery, HCR 2 Box 10, Stratford, TX 79084

Timis Tidbits

By Timi Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers, readers, citizens, this slightly breezy sixty eight degree Fahrenheit, Monday, March 27, 2000.

We need to ask Mark & Karen and Sue & Ken Metzger whom Timi introduced as Citizen of the year in 1987 to forgive us for NOT being by their sides at the Bridal Shower March 26, 2000.

On your calendars please check with Star on the upcoming election.

One might stop by Scot hall in the afternoon for some visiting and coffee at the coffee bar.

On Thursday, March 23, 2000 Scot Hall was decorated to make any Irish person as happy as can be. The green and white balloon and the Leprechauns on the walls thanks to Coldwater Manor there were leprechauns on their pots of gold as table decorations.

The parade of green around the tables was quite a sight. Wanda Woolsey and Elmer Oquin were the main attraction. There were one hundred one persons and not one was not wearing green there was rain that morning so a few of our members decided to stay in out of the weather.

We want to congratulate Sis Steinberger on Judy-on the engagement announcement of Winn Keeney, son and grandson to Stephanie Beck.

The five generation picture also needs to be noted with gladness: Willie Crosby, Marie Young, James, Lori and Rae Lynn Mungia.

Speaking of generations on Saturday, March 25, 2000, Jode Taylor who was working at the trace meet came to Betty & Baskin Browns house to take some four generation picture Timi, Baskin, Joe Ray and Joe Shane. On Saturday evening at Bettys and Baskin home for a family birthday party for Joe Ray were Betty & Baskin Honoree Joe Ray, Rose, Joe Shane, Patty, Jim Bob, Ashley, Caleb, Timi & Lorelyn Powers and fun family time was had by all.

Then Sunday morning Joe & Rose visited Timi at her house looking at how the house had been fixed so she could come HOME after her stay at Dumas Hospital.

We want to say Happy Birthday with the ladies of Kerrick to the resident at Coldwater Manor who have birthdays in the month of March to see their smiling faces look on Page 7 of Stratford Star, dated March 23, 2000.

Since we had a very big weekend and we hope to be out more as on Wednesday, April 5, 2000. We see our surgeon. We want to say to each of our peers don't forget to pat each others shoulder and tell each on u luv them. LUVU.

Study Club Members Urged To Attend Meeting Saturday

A reminder to GFWC/Prospectus Study Club members to attend Top of Texas District meeting in Borger, Saturday, April 1. The convention will be held at Johnson Park Church of Christ (behind McDonald's). Registration begins at 9 a.m. and formal opening at 9:30 a.m.

D'Lynn Reed is Top of Texas District President and this is the last year of her administration. Local district officers and club members are urged to attend.

The best poetry will be found to have a power of forming, sustaining, and delighting us, as nothing else can.

—Matthew Arnold

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Lenton Lunch Series

The Sherman County Ministerial Alliance will be hosting a **Lenten Lunch Series** with the theme, "Challenges for the New Century: A Christian Response." The series will consist of a light lunch to be served at different churches in Stratford at noon on Wednesdays from March 15 to April 12. The hosting church will provide the meal, which will begin at 12:15 p.m. During the lunch, the pastor of the host church will offer a 15 minute presentation on the theme, "Challenges for the New Century: A Christian Response," based on his experience, as well as the perspectives and current issues of his particular denomination. Following the short presentation, those attending will have 15 minutes to ask questions and engage in discussion. The luncheon will adjourn at 12:50 p.m. and will be followed by an optional tour of the church facilities.

Stratford and Sherman County residents are encouraged to participate in this enlightening ecumenical experience that is sure to build on our shared knowledge, our common spiritual journeys and our Christian unity. The following is the schedule for the Lenten series, including dates, host churches and pastors making presentations.

March 29th-First Assembly of God Church-Rev. Dean Williamson

April 5th First Christian Church-Rev. Rob Chandler

April 12th-First Baptist Church-Rev. Jerry Stewart.

"Way Of The Cross" To Be Held Good Friday

The Stratford Ministerial Alliance will again present a Community "Way of the Cross" on Good Friday, April 21st, beginning at 11:45 in front of First Baptist Church at 702 N. Third Street. This ecumenical service will be conducted as a procession with a large wooden cross through nearby streets, with 15 "stations" that commemorate Christ's carrying of the Cross in the Gospels. Prayers at each station will be led by the ministers of Stratford, with reflections offered by various lay persons. After the procession, there will be a potluck dinner at First Baptist Church. Preparations will be made for an Easter Sunday Egg Hunt immediately after the meal, so volunteers are welcomed.

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE that the 990-PF, Annual Return to the IRS for a private foundation, DEPOT MUSEUM ENDOWMENT, INC. is available for public inspection at the Depot Museum, 17 N. Main, Stratford, Texas. Any citizen may inspect this return during regular hours of the Museum.

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 30, 2000 and Thursday, April 6, 2000.

Cactus Feedyard Named Winner Of Award

Cactus Feedyard at Cactus was named the winner of the 2000 Environmental Stewardship Award presented by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA).

The feedyard, selected by an outside panel of environmental and wildlife experts, has implemented an aggressive effort to reclaim and recycle its wastewater and manure. These organic nutrients are applied to surrounding farmland, increasing its productivity.

The feedyard owns 800 acres of farmland under center pivot irrigation, which produces corn, wheat and corn silage. Manure from the feedyard is applied at agronomic rates as an organic fertilizer. Wastewater is mixed with freshwater and used for irrigation, which allows them to reduce and sometimes eliminate the need for commercial fertilizer while saving 76 million gallons of fresh water a year.

However, not all the manure produced by the 77,000-head feedyard can be utilized on its own farmland. Thanks to good neighbor relations, though, demand for the organic fertilizer by other farmers is high and the feedyard is able to sell all the manure it produces.

Another way Cactus Feeders enjoys good neighbor relations is through dust suppression. During dry and dusty times, temporary fencing along the back of the pens is used to reduce the square footage. This concentration of animals to a smaller area keeps the pen moist. If necessary, two 6,000 gallon water tankers can be filled with water from the lagoons and sprayed on the pens to dampen the surface and cut dust.

Over the years, the feedyard has planted several thousand windbreak trees around the yard. These trees not only provide wildlife habitat but help reduce the wind, keeping dust down and cattle and employees more comfortable.

In addition, the feedyard has installed several water-and energy-saving devices called variable frequency drives. In the feedmill, these allow the equipment to operate with only the amount of electricity needed. On the wells that provide fresh water to the cattle, the drives maintain the minimum amount of pressure needed to maintain an adequate water supply. This means not only does the feedyard not pump extra water, but it has realized a 13% savings in pumping costs.

Many species of wildlife find a home around the feedyard as well as on the irrigated and dryland farm and native pasture that surrounds it. The semi-arid Texas Panhandle is a major wintering area for millions of ducks and geese, as well as a vital resting and staging area for numerous other migratory birds that pass through every spring and fall. Their system of six lagoons provides important habitat for the birds.

Cactus Feeders will now compete against other cattle operations in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas for the regional Environmental Stewardship Award presented by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and Dow AgroSciences. Regional winners will then compete for the national Environmental Stewardship Award.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Barbara Schoonover is still preparing lunch for Kerrickites each Wednesday at the Community Center. She takes a donation and after expenses the money goes to the community for utilities.

Florencia Eslinger celebrated her birthday for three days last week in Dumas. She was at daughter Beckey's and coming at various times were other daughter Mindy and son Lonnie and families of Amarillo. 39 and holding, Florencia??

Shorty Hudgens is spending every good day fishing at Lake Carl Eiling.

Rett Schoonover is over the chicken pox. But look out brother Reed! He hasn't broken out yet.

Donna Gillenwaters is teaching for Stacy Metcalf who recently had a baby girl.

Peggy Hawkins took daughter Chandra and two of her friends, Juana & Yolanda Aguilar, to see "The Wizard of Oz on Ice". She said it was really good. They also visited with Mabel Rogers and said she was looking good!

Dr. Gary Mathews is busy with his gardening these days.

Eric McDaniel, Dumas, John, Nicholas & Shelby McDaniel, Stratford, have been helping Jo June McDaniel get ready for a sale. Tools and shop wood working items that belonged to Kayo will be among items at a sale April 1 a mile north of Texhoma.

Marylou McDaniel went to Walker, Mo., March 21-24, to visit her Aunt Berniece Martin. All across Kansas the rivers were overflowing, fields standing in water and ditches full.

To most people nothing is more troublesome than the effort of thinking.

—James Bryce

Assembly of God

Rev. Dean Williamson

921 Fulton

Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 6:00 pm - Youth Serv. - 6 pm.-Sun.

Wed. Royal Rangers (Pioneers) 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Royal Rangers (Straight arrows & (Buckaroos) 7:30 p.m.

Wed. Missionettes - 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study 7:30 pm

First Christian

Rev. Rob Chandler

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 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic

Father Darryl Birkenfeld

6th & Pearl

Rectory - 366 - 5687

Sunday Liturgies: Sat. Evening - 7 p.m. (Bi-lingual)

Sunday morning: 8:30a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 4:30 p.m.

Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m.-10:25 a.m., Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Mike Talley

N. 3rd & Chestnut

Sunday School 9:30 am

Morning Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Tuesday - Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Calvary Baptist

John Widner

302 S. Main

Afternoon Worship 2:30 pm

Children's Active Learning 2:30 pm

No Evening Worship

Thurs. Bible Study & Fellowship 7:30 pm

First Baptist

Bro. Jerry Stewart

702 N. 3rd

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.

Church Training 8:00 p.m.

Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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—Benjamin Franklin

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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 - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

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100 Years Of The



First Christian Church



First Christian Church

More churches in next weeks edition of Star



Shown at left is Rev. Rob Chandler, and wife Tonya, and son Chance and daughter Cheryl Ann.



First Christian Endeavor 1909-1910
Brother Sister Peck in Charge



First Christian Church

1932 Girls Sunday School Class of 1st Christian Church 320 N. Main Back row-L-R Mary Hays, Virginia Hays, Betty Jo Hays, Joyce Ann Billionth, Betty Rae Lee, Helen Sutton, Jewel Dovel, Teacher. Front Row: Geraldine Kelp, Jewel Rita Cowdrey, Marcella Garrison, June Beth O'Brien, Grace Sutton, Nannie Fern Snyder.

Rob Chandler & Family Called to Stratford, TX

The first person from Stratford whom we spoke with was Jack Rhoades, who was chair of the search committee here at the First Christian Church. Jack was very personable and down to earth, and he spoke very highly of Stratford-the community, the schools, and of course the church. During the next several weeks, Jack, myself, Tonya and the rest of the search committee spent much time on the phone hammering out a multitude of details concerning the logistics of traveling back and forth each week from Fort Worth to Stratford in order to serve this church as its minister while at the same time completing another year and a half of seminary at Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University.

On our first visit to Stratford in December of 1997, Jack Rhoades gave us a tour of Stratford and walked us through the church. As he drove us around and shared with us information and history concerning different sites and places and buildings, I noticed that he waved at every person he saw. After awhile, it occurred to me that Jack was not waving at all of these persons just to be nice; he was waving at these persons because he knew who they were--he probably knew such things as what they did, the make-up of their family, who their kids were. This was a significant contrast to life in the big city, where people move along the crowded streets and freeways, downtown sidewalks and shopping malls, and remain anonymous and disconnected from the vast number of persons

around them. What I quickly discovered was that Stratford was a community in the best sense of the word--and that was a comforting and attractive discovery.

In January of 1998, the church extended the call for me to serve as their minister, and my first Sunday to preach was March 1. Our family moved into the parsonage at the end of May after our son completed his third-grade year. I continued to travel back and forth from Stratford to Fort Worth for another full-year until completing my seminary education in May of 1999. During this trying time of weekly travels, my wife Tonya and I received much support from the church and from this community. We continued to discover that Stratford is a community in the best sense of the word.

Well, the weekly travels are behind us now; I've been serving the church full-time since the end of May 1999. Our hope is to continue to serve and live in this community of Stratford while at the same time becoming more and more a part of this community and its connectedness. I have discovered that the spirit and attitude of this community are positive, confident, and hopeful. It is a community full of respect and appreciation for its past and those who have gone before--it is a community full of grit, determination, and hope here in the present--and for a future yet to come.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

MEMBERS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OR SUNDAY SCHOOL WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED SERVICES

HOWARD NORVELL GREEN, A Gold Star Service Man entered Army Air Force in November of 1939 at the age of 22 years. He served over seas in Phillipine Islands. He was a prisoner of war from February 1940 until his death in a prison camp at Fort O'Donnel May 30, 1942. His body was returned to the United States and burial with honors in local cemetery took place in November of 1948. The local American Legion Post is named in his honor. Norvell Green had been a member of First Christian Church of Stratford since he was 12 years of age. He was the son of Mrs. Louie Green.

Aduddell, Billy Bud
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Bradley, James
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Brannan, Ira Lee
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Dovel, Millard
Eller, W. D.
Everett, A. G.
Fedric, Claude
Fedrick, Gordon
Folsom, Arthur Jr.
Forester, Clois
French, Eugene
French, Rex
Garrison, Billy Russell
Gay, W. W.
Gillis, R. G.
Gray, Mava Smith
Green, Howard Norvell
Green, William
Hubbard, George
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Hudson, Rex
Hamilton, Jessie Joe
Harrison, Eugene
Jackson, A. G.
Jackson, William Nell
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Knight, J. B.
Knight, John R.
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Lasley, Orland

Lasley, Sam R.
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Oquin, Harold
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Pendleton, W. L.
Phillips, Melvin
Reaves, John W.
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Roberts, Warren
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Siegenthaler, Bertie Bryant
Smith, Edward
Smith, Jack
Spruell, Paul
Stone, Ural G. Jr.
Stone, Ural G. Sr.
Sutton, Frank D.
Turner, Dean
Turner, Harold
Turner, Wade
Walters, Robert
Warnken, James
Wells, Ross
Williams, Elbert
Willey, J. J.

History of the First Christian Church of Stratford

In 1903 people interested in organizing a Christian Church met in a the Methodist Church with Rev. Bandy of Amarillo, Texas to accomplish this. Prior to the organization, Worship Services had been held in the Rock Island Depot, or various homes of the members, the court house and in the 2 room school house.

Rev. R.W. Lilly was the first minister. Lots 11-12-13-14-15- of Block 33 were purchased for \$75.00 from Walter Colton, owner of the original town section on Mary 15, 1906. This was 6th and Pearl Street.

A wooden building was built by W.S. Vaughan, with a seating capacity of about 200 people for about \$4,500.00 and completed in 1907. This building was dedicated the 1st Sunday in December, 1907. The first services were held in the church before the pews were installed. There were board seats for some and others stood.

W.S. Vaughan served as the first Sunday School Superintendent, later John Houser was Superintendent, then Harley Snyder from 1913 through 1916.

This first building was destroyed by fire in the early part of 1918. The fire was caused by a faulty gasoline lighting system.

A new church was erected at 4th and Main Street, begun in August 1918 with J.A. Fowlkes as contractor, and it was dedicated June 22, 1919. Membership was 106 in 1928. R.C. Buckles was chairman of the board for 27 years, and J.R. Pendleton was church treasurer for 25 years. Property purchased for the parsonage was located at 5th and Maple St.

Another parsonage was built in the fall of 1930 at 6th & Pearl St. This is the location of the church that was destroyed by fire.

May 13 through June 10th, 1934, Evangelist James Rayburn had charge of union meeting, sponsored by Methodist, Baptist and Christian Churches of Stratford. Services were held in a large tent. 114 members were added to the churches.

An electric organ was purchased in 1947 and a gift of chimes and automatic chimes player equipped with loud speaker was made to the church by Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Buckles.

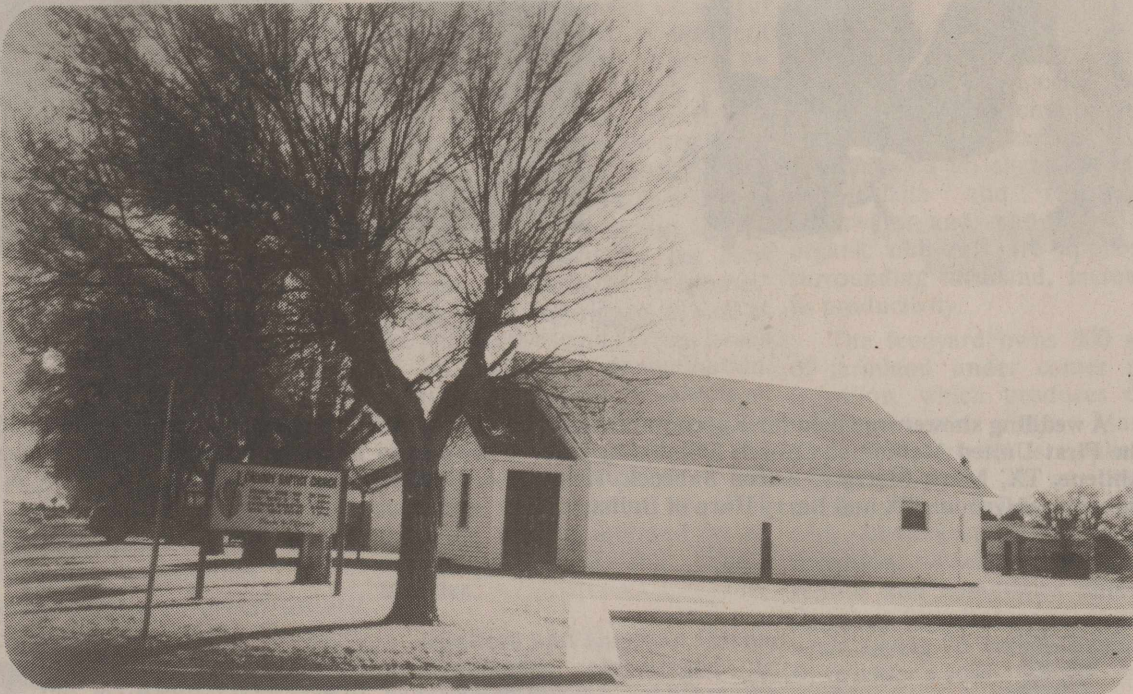
In Sept. 1931, Main Street paving in front of the church incurred a debt of \$1,100.00 which was very hard to pay off during the Depression years. A second paving project was in 1948 at the side of the church on 4th street. Then the church grew too small for the membership, and they decided to build a new church.

Lots 16 through 20 of Block 44, was purchased from Trustees of the Methodist church and in 1950 this property was traded to L.M. Price for lots 6 through 10, Block 44, at Main & 5th.

A farewell service was held in the old church building June 21, 1953. Contractor A.J. Betty, from Colorado Springs, CO build a brick church building and educational plant with ground breaking ceremony on August 4, 1952. The first service was held June 28, 1953 in the new building with the sanctuary filled to over flowing at both morning and evening services. The Methodists ad Baptist churches dismissed their evening service to worship with them in the new sanctuary.

Dedication of the new building was held Nov. 1st, 1953.

Churches In Stratford



Calvary Baptist Church



Steve Schwenke, pastor of
Calvary Baptist Church.

Rev. Steve Schwenke preaches Sunday morning and Sunday evening and has a Saturday night Bible Study and has been coming since January of this year.

This church began as a mission Oct. 5, 1965 with Rev. Dwayne Bennett from Dumas preaching until 1971. Rev. Bennett studied at the Bible Baptist Seminary in Ft. Worth. This mission was organized into a church on March 11, 1966. The Bible Baptist Church, and it grew from just a

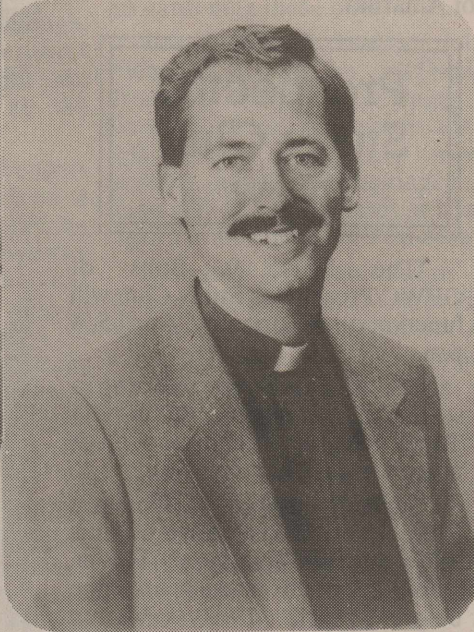
few members to 55 members. Some early members were: Van & Odetta Hudson, Jack Slover, Clois Novlett, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kesner, Robert & Mary Brewer and Mr. & Mrs. Rex Williams.

The church building was originally the home of the Suttons before it was remodeled into the church.

Maxine Kesner was secretary for 5 years from 1965 to 1970. Later the name was changed to the Calvary Baptist church.



St. Josephs Catholic Church



Rev. Darryl Berkenfeld

Rev. Darryl Birkenfeld said: "I came to Stratford in 1998, and arrived here from Nazareth, TX. The first person I met was Willie Artho.

The well-preserved and very active main Street, with a post office that always seems to be bustling with people during he daytime hours impressed me most as I first arrived in Stratford.

St. Joseph's Catholic church has one hundred and twenty families with about 350 total members.

Priests who have served St. Josephs are

- *Rev. Richard Neyer 1966-?
- Rev. Gerard Lynch 1974-?
- Rev. Terence Burke 1976-?
- *Rev. Clyde Gary Sides 1976-1978
- *Rev. Richard Casey 1978-1980

*Rev. Donald P. Rusch 1980-1982

*Rev. Stanley Crocchiola 1982-1984

*Rev. Edward Kieran 1984-?

Rev. James Gurzynski 1984-

Rev. James D. Hutzler-1984-?

Rev. Michael Wood 1984-1985

*Rev. Joseph T. Tabone 1985

*Msgr. Kevin Hand 1986-1988

Rev. Joseph Egan, S.A. 1987-?

Rev. Arturo Meza 1990-?

Rev. Juanito Santos de Dios 1991-1992

Rev. Richard Scully 1992-?

*Rev. Domingo Castillo

Rev. Michael Colwell 1995-1996

Rev. Hector Madrigal 1996-?

Rev. David Contreras 1996-?

*Rev. Darryl Birkenfeld 1998-present

*Pastor

Catholic Church

By Mrs. Joe Walsh

Early church records indicate that Stratford was on the "railroad route" of Father David Dunn, pioneer missionary priest in the Texas Panhandle, as early as 1903. Stratford also was listed as a "station" of the Rev. Patrick J. Murphy, late pastor of Dalhart in 1915.

Father Murphy built a country church in the eastern part of Sherman County in about 1917 for farmers who had moved there from Fowler, Kansas, but the congregation did not thrive, and the church was dismantled and moved away. It is not known if Mass ever was offered in Stratford before 1954. Catholics in Stratford journeyed to Dalhart for Mass, offered by Father James Fitzgerald from Dalhart. In order to offer Sunday mass for the people, Father Fitzgerald had to trinate, or say three Masses in one day. This privilege was granted by the late Most Rev. Bishop Laurence J. Fitz Simon. Mass was held in the living room of the bungalow home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walsh. The table for the Holy Sacrifice was a dining room "buffett" sideboard, and the Offertory collection was taken in a five-gallon Sunday-best gray cowboy hat. Thereafter, Mass was celebrated in a rented hotel salesroom. The congregation had a block of property in Southeast Stratford, but no funds with which to build a church.

In 1959, under the Rev. James W. Sonderman, plans were drawn for the new building. With the help of the Catholic Church Extension Society, construction began on July 20, 1959. Because of a delay in getting some of the materials, the beam and roof stood alone in the wind for a considerable time.

The Rev. Francis S. Frey, assistant pastor, celebrated the first Mass in St. Joseph's Church on January 1, 1960. The church seats 150 people.

The building committee that helped guide the project included Philip Miller, chairman; Ray Doerfler, Joe Walsh, Joe Engelbrecht, and Paul Chesmer.

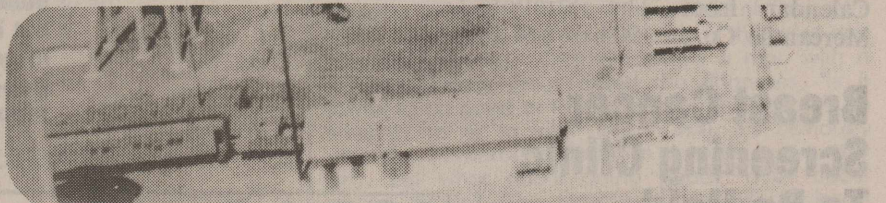
The Dalhart Knights of Columbus Council 2776, donated a near life-sized crucifix to the Stratford church. The crucifix was hand-carved in Italy. The cross on which it hangs was built by Ray Doerfler.

The first sacrament of Baptism in St. Joseph's Church was performed October second, 1960 by Father Francis Frey. The first to be baptized was Elizabeth Ann Chesmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chesmer.

The Record of the Past 100 Years of the Churches in Stratford stands for itself. The People met in homes, the Rock Island Depot Building, The Court House, on the banks of the Coldwater Creek, and in an Arbor made of lumber and tent. We are blessed with the heritage of their labors and we remember them with fond memories each week as we attend church. And churches are still being built.



The Courthouse



Rock Island Depot



1926 Sunday School At Ruby School House Somewhere in this picture are the families of: Gerald Everett, R.K. Everett, W.W. Steel, J.G. Clark, W.A. Sloan, Dan Foreman, Minor Milton, D.L. Buckles, R.C. Buckles, T.F. Baskin, Sr., T.F. Baskin, Jr. Ruben Baskin, Charles Harris, Tony Everett, R.A. Everett, San Calvid, Lody Jones, Arthur Lampton of Ky. Clarence Moore.



The Stone Courthouse At Coldwater, Texas

Picture taken 1904. Sherman County was organized in June 1889. The first entry in the minutes reflects that a regular term of the county court was held on Aug. 5, 1889 Present were J.W. O'Brien, County Judge, A.H. Baker, County Clerk and R.J. Tarvel, Sheriff. May 6th, 1901, the records were moved to Stratford when it became the county seat. The Baptist church was held in the Coldwater courthouse. Front row: Orie Williams, first boy born in Sherman County. Lena & Blanche Williams, Ruby Lee & Jewel Bogus, Jim Williams, Frank & Fred Bogus, & Mr. Jim Turner. Back row: Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Williams, Mrs. Turner, Rev. & Mrs. James (father of Jame), Mr. & Mrs. Wade James, Mr. & Mrs. Bogus, T.O. & Waylin James. Very back row: Mr. & Mrs. O.F. Loomis. The W.W. Smith family also attended but were absent the day the photo was taken.



When revival meetings were held, they were usually real camp meetings, and people would go prepared to stay for several days. There were revival meetings at Old Coldwater; and also at the old Slaughter ranch. They used a big earthen tank for the baptistry. Mrs. Dr. Brown was a great singer, and usually led the singing.



Engagement Announced

Fred and Marsha Pronger of Stratford, TX are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Janell Elaine Pronger to Jason Boyd Miller, son of Ronald and Patsy Miller of Wolforth, TX. The bride-elect will be a graduate of New Mexico University in May and plans to attend Texas Tech in the Fall. The prospective groom is a Senior at Texas Tech University and works at Payless Cashways in lumberyard. The couple have planned a June 3rd wedding in the Sunray Baptist Church, Sunray, TX.

Museum Notes

By Millie Hacker



The Depot Museum is getting ready for a new exhibit of Coffee cup & mugs. If anyone has some interesting or unusual ones, please bring them by the Museum so everyone can enjoy them during April, May and June.

The museum will have a Coffee/Tea Time on April 30th, a Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. More about this special day later.

We have a 100 year calendar exhibit from Stratford in the Museum now on Exhibit. The oldest calendar is a John Deere Calendar from The Stratford Mercantile Co. in 1904 owned by

Fuque & Noland. Corda Pleyer gave the museum a 1913 calendar from the Stratford Drug Company.

The Museum has a 1915 & 1916 calendar, and on exhibit are two plates with calendars of 1909 & 1910. There is a large 1929 calendar advertising the Taylor Mercantile Company, but needed are calendars from the teens, the 20's, 30's and 40's.

This calendar exhibit will hopefully be adding calendars all this year, in celebration of our 100 year anniversary for Stratford.

Births

Eddie and Stacy Metcalf are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Carlee Grace born on March 13, 2000 at 5:35 p.m. at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

She weighed 7 pounds, 12 3/4 ounces and 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Thomas and Dorothy Palmer of Horseshoe Bay, Texas and Curtis and Ann Metcalf of Panhandle, Texas.

Matt and Amber Ladd of Amarillo are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Abbye Lenae, born on Sunday, March 19, 2000 in Amarillo. She weighed 7 lbs. 11 Ozs and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Cathy Woolsey and Don Woolsey and paternal grandparents are Max and Regina Ladd all of Amarillo.

Maternal great grandmother is Wanda Woolsey of Stratford. Paternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Duane Littlefield and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ladd all of Amarillo.

Prospectus Study Club New

"The Nuts & Bolts of GFWC/Prospectus Study Club will function on Wednesday, April 5, 4 p.m..

The club will be selecting a scholarship recipient, 2000 Old Timer King & Queen, and plans made for the summer.

Texas Federation of Women's Clubs 103rd annual convention is May 3-6 at Beaumont Hilton. Reservations to attend are due before April 19. Marion Gamertsfelder, Dalhart, is 1998-2000 president. D'Lynn Reed, Stratford, has been serving as Top of Texas District president.

Final plans for Saturday's, April 1, top of Texas District in Borger, will be discussed.



First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt held weekly press conferences but invited only women reporters in an effort to encourage newspapers to hire more female reporters.



A wedding shower was held for Karen Babcock, bride-elect of Mark Metzger on Sunday, March 26th in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Shown from left, Rev. Kenneth & Sue Metzger of Abilene, TX, Mark Metzger, Karen Babcock, Kenneth & Linda Babcock of Groom, TX, Clint & Kim Babcock of Groom, TX and Barry Harp of Dalhart, TX.



A baby shower honoring Timothy Parker, son of Martin and Shannon Dettle was held in the home of Pat Johnson on Sunday, March 26, 2000. Shown from left, Carol Whitsell, Shannon Dettle holding Timothy Parker, Barbara Dettle, Courtney Reynecke, and Shawna and Talon Laceywell.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic To Be Held

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Regional Health Care Center, 210 N. Poplar, in Stratford on April 21, 2000.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806)356-1905 or 800-377-4673 for more information.

To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best, night and day to make you everybody else means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight and never stop fighting.
—e.e.cummings

To say of a picture, as is often said in its praise, that it shows great and earnest labor, is to say that it is incomplete and unfit for view.
—James McNeill Whistler

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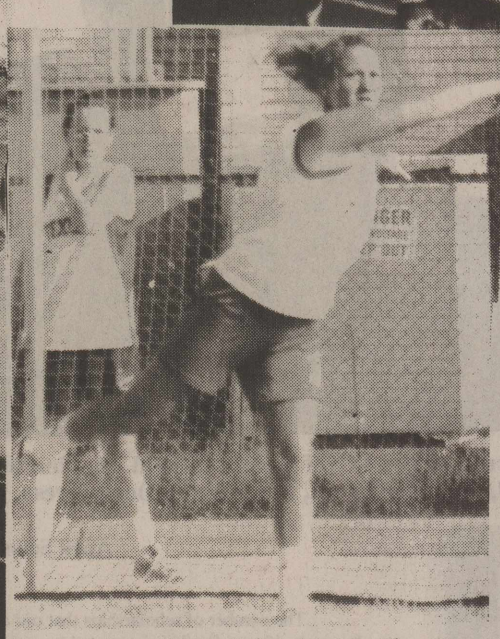
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Track Shots & Results



The 7th grade Lady Elks tied for 3rd with 83 points in the Stratford Track Meet held this past week-end. Other team standings were 1st Dalhart - 106, 2nd Sunray - 84, 3rd Stratford & Booker - 83, Highland Park - 67, Boys Ranch - 54. Individual results were as follows: 1200 M Run - Angel Ramos - 5th - 4:56; 400 Meter Relay - Amy Woods, Heather Melton, Jayme Wilhelm, Ashley Duke - 6th - 62.9; 800 M Run - Jaime Valenzuela - 1st - 2:44; Jayme Wilhelm - 6th - 3:05; 100 Hurdles - Lindsay Stein - 4th - 20.4; 200 Hurdles - Brittany Hudson - 3rd - 37.3; 1600 M Relay - Lindsay Stein, Jayme Wilhelm, Brittany Hudson, Jaime Valenzuela - 2nd - 4:58; Shot - Deidre Tarver - 1st - 28'5"; 2nd - Tiffany Knight - 26'2"; April Kautz - 3rd - 25'10"; Long Jump - Lindsay Stein - 3rd - 12'9"; Discus - Deidre Tarver - 1st - 81'11"; Triple Jump - Lindsay Stein - 5th - 27'.

The 8th Grade Lady Elks finished 7th in the Stratford Track Meet with 34 points. Others team placings were 1st Dalhart - 136, Boise City - 114.5, Sunray - 79.5, Spearman - 58, Boys Ranch - 57, Gruver - 42, Highland Park - 21, Booker - 12. Individual results: 1200 M run - Alisha Sladek - 3rd - 4:38; 800 M Run - Alisha Sladek - 2nd - 2:48; 100 Hurdles - Erin Ashley - 6th - 20.4; 100 M Dash - Amber Larence - 2nd - 13.76; 200 M Dash - Amber Larence - 3rd - 29.9; RoAnn Lopez - 6th - 31.2; 1600 M Relay - 5th - 4:55 - Amber Larence, Erin Ashley, RoAnn Lopez, Alisha Sladek; Triple Jump - Alisha Sladek - 4th - 28'5".

The 7th grade Elks won 1st place in the Stratford Track Meet held this past week-end with 131 points. Other teams were Boys Ranch - 95, Dalhart - 65, Spearman - 63, Gruver - 55, Highland Park - 43, Sunray - 74, Boise City - 23, Booker - 11.

Individual results: Shot Put - Luis Trejo - 4th - 30'9"; Mark Miller - 5th - 30'4.5"; Long Jump - Josh King - 2nd - 15'11"; Tyler Haynes - 4th - 14'7"; High Jump - Tyler Haynes - 1st - 5'1"; Ryan Mendoza - 3rd - 4'10"; Josh King - 4th - 4'8"; Discus - David Wagner - 6th - 87'4"; 1200 M Run - Chris Ortega - 3rd - 4:10.36; 400 M Relay - 1st - 52.73 - Tony Ruiz, Tyler Haynes, Josh King, Ryan Mendoza; 800 M Run - 1st - Chris Ortega - 2:33.22; 110 M Hurdles - Tyler Haynes - 2nd - 19.61; 100 M Dash - Tony Ruiz - 5th - 13.49; 200 M Hurdles - Josh King - 2nd - 32.07; Ryan Mendoza - 4th - 33.40; 200 M Dash - Adam Gomez - 2nd - 28.18; Tony Ruiz - 4th - 28.91; 1600 M Relay - 2nd - Tony Ruiz, Tyler Haynes, Josh King, Ryan Mendoza - 4:20.93.

The 8th grade Elks finished 4th with 66 points at the Stratford Track Meet held this past week-end. Other team points were Highland Park - 99.5, Boise City -

80.5, Sunray - 68, Dalhart - 50.5, Boys Ranch - 41.5, Gruver - 37, booker - 35, Spearman - 20. Ind. Results: High Jump - Jason Ashley - 6th - 5'4"; Discus - John Tims - 5th - 98'10"; 400 M Relay - 1st - 50:11; 110 M Hurdles - Jason Ashley - 1st - 18:27; Jason Roberts - 19:14; 400 M Dash - Carlos Jacquez - 2nd - 58:11; John Tims - 4th - 60:96; 200 M Hurdles - Carson Buckles - 2nd - 30:09; Jason Roberts - 4th - 30:94; 200 M Dash - Flores - 5th - 25:93; 1600 M Relay - 3rd - 4:03:18.

The J.V. Elks finished 6th with 48 points. Ind. Results: 400 M Relay - Isaac Chabolla, Eric Gardea, Wesley Hunsaker, Javier Licon - 6th - 50:18; 800 M Run - Denton Crabtree - 2:27.1; 400 M Dash - Isaac Chabolla - 4th - 59.23; Javier Licon - 5th - 59.85; Wesley Hunsaker - 4th - 49.6; 1600 M Run - Denton Crabtree - 3rd - 5:43.6; 1600 M Relay - 4th - Isaac Chabolla, Eric Gardea, Javier

Licon, Scott Zak - 4:06.1; Shot Put - Nick Ashley - 4th - 37'2 1/4"; Wes Kimball - 5th - 37'; Dylan Everett - 6th - 36'2 1/2"; Discus - Nick Ashley - 1st - 117'8"; Triple Jump - Denton Crabtree - 3rd - 34'9".

The Lady Elks placed 4th with 72 points at the Stratford Track Meet. Other team points were Spearman - 152, Dalhart - 137, Sunray - 107, Boise City - 53, Gruver - 31, Booker - 20, Boys Ranch - 11. Ind. Results: 3200 M Run - Carly Mathews - 3rd - 13:54; 400 M Relay - Amie Witcher, Candra Holland, Robin Daniels, Ivonne Hernandez, Alicia Adams - 6th - 56.93; 800 M Run - Carly Mathews - 3rd - 2:35; 100 Hurdles - Thea James - 3rd - 17:12; 800 M Relay - Jessica Young, Heather Ashley, Candra Holland, Amie Witcher - 5th - 1:57; 300 Hurdles - Jessica Young - 5th - 52.25; 200 M Dash - Heather Ashley - 5th - 28.5; 1600 M Run - Veronica Ortega - 4th - 6:25; 1600 Relay - Jessica Young, Amie Witcher, Heather

Ashley, Carly Mathews - 4th - 4:20; Shot Put - Ivonne Hernandez - 2nd - 32'; Ashley Brown - 4th - 31'; High Jump - Lynz Browning - 1st - New School Record of 5'7"; Carla Bell - 6th - 5'; Discus - Ashley Brown - 2nd - 95'3"; Ginger Crabtree - 6th - 84'7"; Triple Jump - Carly Mathews - 5th - 28'9 1/2".

The Varsity Elks won 1st place at the Stratford Track Meet held March 24-25th. Ind. Results: High Jump - Adam Bell - 4th - 6'0"; Shot Put - Cody Brotherton - 1st - 53'2"; Discus - Cody Brotherton - 1st - 160'5"; Skyler Walden - 120'2" - 7th; Triple Jump - David Hunsaker - 40'0" - 2nd; 3200 M Run - Corry Williams - 3rd - 11:35.0; Andy Witcher - 4th - 11:37.0; 400 M Relay - Adam Bell, Roy McCracken, Parker Wells, David Hunsaker - 1st - 44.4; 110 M Hurdles - David Hunsaker - 1st - 14.6; Skyler Walden - 4th - 17.09; 400 M Dash - Parker Wells - 2nd -

52.25; 300 M Hurdles - David Hunsaker - 3rd - 44.3; Adam Bell - 4th - 45.60; Skyler Walden - 5th - 45.68; 200 M Dash - Roy McCracken - 1st - 23.1; 1600 M Run - Corry Williams - 3rd - 5:09.2; Andy Witcher - 4th - 5:09.8; 1600 M Relay - Parker Wells, Roy McCracken, Skyler Walden, Michael McAlister - 4th - 3:44.4.

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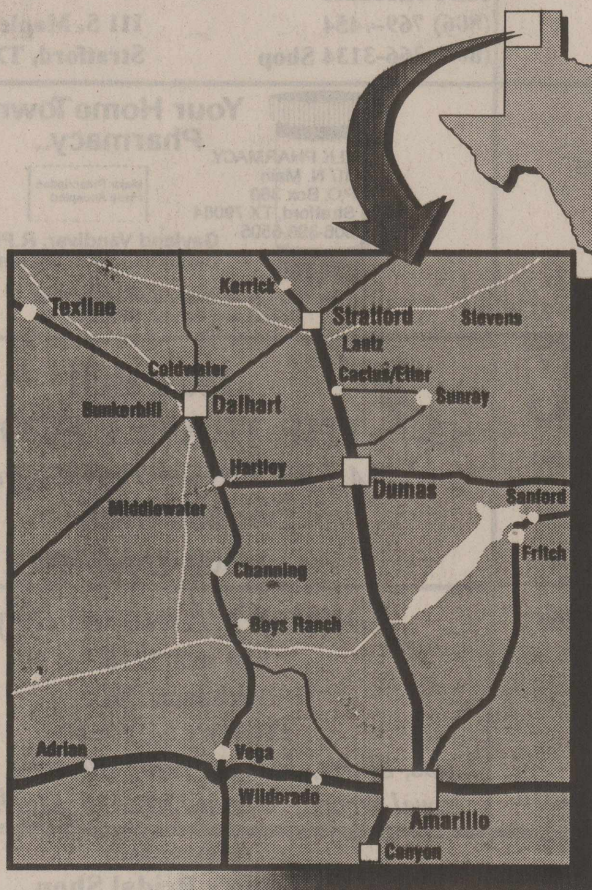
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The Amarillo/Canyon listings will be in a separate section. Directories will not be distributed in Amarillo or Canyon.

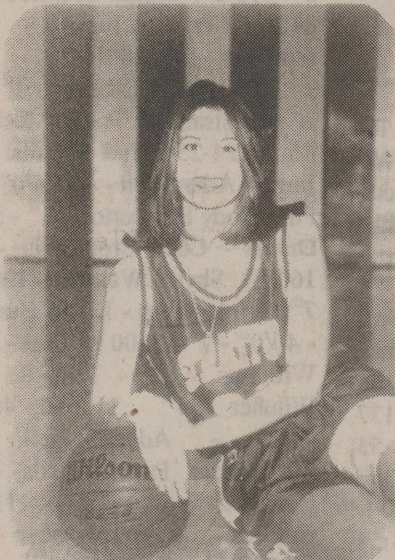
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For your directory advertising, please feel free to contact the XIT Marketing Department at **384-3311** - or **1-800-232-3312** if not calling from within the local area.



SCOT birthday honorees at the SCOT luncheon held on Thursday, March 23rd were from left: Rose Wells, Anita DeBord, Cecilia DeBord, Lynn Wells, Doris Dyess, Earl Green, and Joyce Dodson.



Stratford Senior Lynz Browning was named TABC 1st Team All-Region and 2nd Team All-State. Lynz is the daughter of Bill & Kathy Riffe. Congratulations Lynz! (Photo courtesy of Debhi)

April Scholarship List

The number of scholarships that our seniors can apply for is beginning to decrease. If your family is interested in applying for any of these scholarships, be sure to get your applications in on time. For more information on these or any other scholarships, please contact Misti McBryde at 366-3322.

North Plains Ground and Water Conservation Scholarship	All seniors (requires essay)	April 1
Celebrate 2000 Scholarship	85 GPA	April 1
Amarillo Area Foundation Scholarship	All seniors	April 1
Oklahoma Panhandle State University Scholarship	incoming OPSU students	April 1
Frank Phillips College Scholarship	incoming Frank Phillips students	April 1
Sunray Co-op E.W. Carter Scholarship	parents must work for or be a member of Sunray Co-op	April 1
XIT Rural Cooperative Scholarship	parents must be a member of XIT Rural	April 1
Panhandle District Dental Society Memorial Scholarship	Top 10%, 3.5 GPA	April 1
Earl and Conrad Riffe Memorial Scholarship	All seniors (personal letter)	April 14
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Nominations Deadline April 1, 2000

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2000.

Nominations for Citizen of the year due by April 1. Special Awards Guidelines (Revised March 13, 2000) are as follows:

1. Selection Committee will be composed of General Board members. The group will consist of a majority of eligible members.

2. Accept only signed (give consideration for those nominations received by deadline. No verbal nominations in committee meeting are acceptable.

3. Base Choice on Merit-Not on number of letters received. Citizen of the Year-consistent community support (give credit for length of service) Number of people reached

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Signature

Deadline - Sat - April 1, 2000

Type or print brief explanations. Additional information may be submitted as an attachment.



Winners of the Wearin' O' The Green contest held at the SCOT Luncheon on Thursday, March 23rd were from left: Tackiest Costume - Lou Bruni, Most Irish Laddie Theme - Gordie Ramon, Queen O'Scot - Wanda Woolsey, Most Irish Lassie Theme - Charlene Oquin, Wildest Costume - Rose Wells and King O'Scot - Elmer Oquin.

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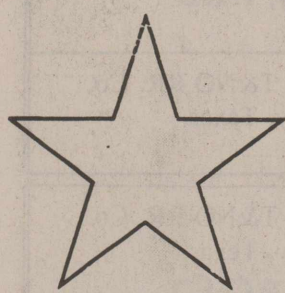
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For Sale: 24'x6' "Gooseneck" brand goose neck cattle trailer. Many extras & very great condition. Also a single axle older horse trailer. Joe Flores - 396-5538 work, 396-5389 after dark. 3-9-tfn

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Card of Thanks

I take this opportunity to thank all who supported me in the Primary Election, March 14th, both voters of Pct. 1 and citizens of the entire county. I also take this opportunity to seek your continued support in the run-off election, April 11.

Thanks again,
Gary Dettie

We would like to thank everyone in the community who came to our brisket dinner. It was a HUGE success! We are looking forward to going to the International Affairs Seminar in Washington, D.C. and New York City.

Thanks Again,
Michael McAlister, Adam Bell,
Mandy Helmuth, Jaret Pemberton,
Erich Taylor

Houses For Sale

House for Sale: 4 bdrm house, 1 bath, 2- car garage, fenced backyard. 506 S. Main. 396-2421 or 753-7036. 3-9-4xc

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House for Sale: 4 bdrm house, 1 bath, 2 car garage, fenced backyard, 506 S. Main. 366-2421 or 753-7036. 3-30-1xc

Large Equipment Auction April 1, 2000 at 10 a.m.

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The successful purchaser will need to have available funds ready to cover the purchase price, either immediately after the sale or shortly thereafter. This can be satisfied by cashier's check, wire transfer or a letter from an acceptable financial institution guaranteeing payment of a check draw on that financial institution.

The property which will be sold is fully described as follows, to wit:

All of the interest which Pan Western Energy Corporation acquired from Exxon Corporation as more fully described in an Assignment and Bill of Sale recorded at volume 224, pages 293-310, real estate records, Sherman County, Texas, insofar as such Assignment and Bill of Sale covers the oil and gas leasehold estate and personal property which is owned by Pan Western Energy Corporation in the following wells and associated leasehold estate located in Sherman County, Texas, to-wit:

WELL NAME:	LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
(a) The Pan Western Energy Corporation Texas Hugoton Gas Unit 1-1.	Section 453, Block 1-T, T&NO RR. Co. Survey, Sherman County, Texas.
(b) The Pan Western Energy Corporation Texas Hugoton Gas Unit 18-1.	Section 438, Block 1-T, T&NO RR. Co. Survey, Sherman County, Texas.
(c) The Pan Western Energy Corporation Texas Hugoton Gas Unit 19-2.	Section 12, Block 2-T, T&NO RR. Co. Survey, Sherman County, Texas.

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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)

District: Amarillo

Contract 6053-84-001 for PICNIC AREA MAINTENANCE in SHERMAN County will be opened on April 25, 2000 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$21,105.00.

Contract 6055-34-001 for CLEANING AND SWEEPING HIGHWAYS in HANSFORD County, etc will be opened on April 25, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$180,000.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District 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 at reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 67

State Office
Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
District Office(s)
Amarillo District
District Engineer
5715 Canyon Dr.
Amarillo, Texas 79110
Phone: 806-745-4411

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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(d)	The Pan Western Energy Corporation Texas Hugoton Gas Unit 5-1.	Section 444, Block 1-T, T&NO RR. Co. Survey, Sherman County, Texas.
(e)	The Pan Western Energy Corporation Texas Hugoton Gas Unit 1-16.	Section 439, Block 1-T, T&NO RR. Co. Survey, Sherman County, Texas.
(f)	The Pan Western Energy Corporation Texas Hugoton Gas Unit 10-1.	Section 412, Block 1-T, T&NO RR. Co. Survey, Sherman County, Texas.
(g)	The Pan Western Energy Corporation Texas Hugoton Gas Unit 9-1.	Section 335, Block 1-T, T&NO RR. Co. Survey, Sherman County, Texas.

The property will be sold to satisfy a judgement issued out of the 69th Judicial District Court of Sherman County, Texas; Cause No. 4311: *King Well Service, Inc. and Black Gold Pump & Supply, Inc. vs. Pan Western Energy Corporation, et al.*

The property will also be sold to the successful purchaser free and clear of all deed of trust liens in favor of Triassic Energy Partners, L.P. and Christiania Bank OG Kreditkasse, as well as all mechanic and materialmen's liens owned by King Well Service, Inc. and Black Gold Pump & Supply, Inc.

All funds received by me from such sale will be paid into the registry of the 69th Judicial District Court of Sherman County, Texas, Cause No. 4311: *King Well Service, Inc. and Black Gold Pump & Supply, Inc. vs. Pan Western Energy Corporation, et al.* to be distributed to the respective lien claimants in accordance with their respective lien priorities to be subsequently established by the court.

Further information, if any, regarding the sale can be obtained by contacting the attorney for the judgement creditors, whose name and address is as follows:

Mitchell G. Ehrlich, Esq.
LEMON, SHEARER, EHRLICH, PHILLIPS & GOOD, P.C.
311 S. Main, P.O. Box 1066
Perryton, Texas 79070
Telephone: (806) 435-6544
Facsimile: (806) 435-4377
E-Mail: Isepglaw@arn.net
Signed this 27th day of March, 2000.

Jack Haile, County Sheriff, Sherman County, Texas

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