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Athletic Banquet Tickets Now On Sale

The Athletic Banquet will be held on Monday, May 17, 2004 at **7:00 p.m.** at the Cafeteria. Tickets are $6.00 each and can be purchased by Coach Eddie Metcalf at 366-3350 or Penny at 366-3300.

All Churches Picnic To Be Held

There will be an All Churches Picnic on Sunday, May 16, 2004 after Sunday Morning Worship Service at the Pendleton Park. Bring a picnic lunch for your family and join the fun and fellowship. Soft drinks and watermelon provided by Stratford Ministerial Alliance.
1st Annual Youth/Adult Softball Challenge, Frisbee golf and Washer Toss. See you there!

Strawberry Shortcake Bash

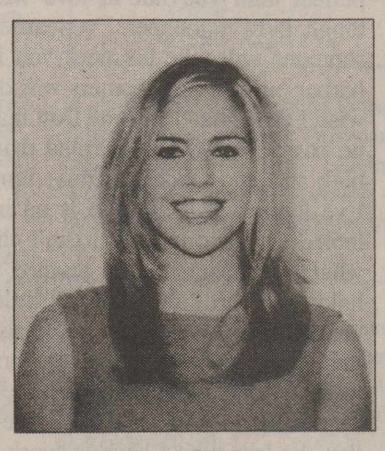
SCOT members and prospective members mark your calendars. Come to SCOT Hall for luscious homemade cake topped with fresh strawberries and whipped cream.

For a lively game of your choosing the game room will be open. If horseshoes interest you come and test your skills. Or if you prefer to eat and chat with friends come on by.

We will be serving at 6:30 $1.00 for SCOT Members and $1.75 for prospective non-members and guests.
What: Cake and fun
When: Monday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m.
Where: SCOT Hall.
SEE YOU THERE!

Depot Museum Spaghetti Dinner Coming Soon

The Depot Museum will have a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, May 23 from 11:30 to 1:30. At the County Barn. A free will donation. Everyone is welcomed.



Kristen Crabtree



Jordan Confer



Samantha Hart

Stratford Junior High Announces Valedictorian and Salutatorians

Stratford Junior High is proud to announce the Valedictorian and Salutatorians for the 2003-2004 School year. The Valedictorian is Kristin Crabtree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doak Crabtree. Kristen has participated in Cross-Country, Basketball, Track, Cheerleading, UIL Events, Band and Honor Roll. Outside of School Kristen enjoys playing basketball and showing steers. She is a member of the United Methodist Church.

The Salutatorians are Jordan Confer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blake Confer and Samantha Hart, daughter and Jon and Kathy Hart. Jordan and Samantha both have a numerical grade point of 95.286 for two years of work. Jordan has participated in Cross country, basketball, track, cheerleading, UIL, Band and Honor roll. She enjoys playing basketball and is the member of the United Methodist Church.

Samantha has participated in Band, UIL Events, and Honor Roll. Outside of school she is a member of 4-H club, enjoys hanging out with her friends, going to church and talking on the phone. She is a member of First Baptist Church.

The faculty & staff of the Junior High wish the students great success in Stratford High School.

Trustee Election May 15, 2004

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a trustee election May 15, 2004 to fill two positions.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin Wednesday April 28, 2004 and will end Tuesday, May 11, 2004. Early voting will be conducted in the Business office Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, May 7, 2004 is the deadline for early voting clerk to receive application for a ballot by mail.

Positions held by Ted Allen and Steve Johnson will expire this term. Holdover members are Joe Reinart, Ricky Reed, Gared McBryde, Patti Vincent and Brent Spurlock.

Candidates are Joe Taylor, Steve Hays, Greg Wright and DeWain Trayler.

Clean Up Day at Stratford Cemetery

There will be a clean-up day at the Stratford Cemetery on Saturday, May 15th. Clean-up will begin at 8:30 a.m. All lot owner's are encouraged to come out and clean up their lots and help with tree and shrub trimming. There are a lot of old flowers, homemade decorations, and lots of tumbleweeds that need to be thrown out. The City will supply vehicles for picking up debris and hauling it off. Please mark your calendars and come out and help get the cemetery in shape before Memorial Day.

Wylie To Speak At Cowboy Church

Cowboy Church will have speaker Coy Wylie of Cornerstone Baptist Church this Wednesday, May 12, 2004. Everyone is welcomed.

2004 Stratford Baseball Schedule

League	Team	Time	Field
Monday, May 24			
TB	Scrappers vs. Mets	6:00 PM	TB
TB	Storm vs Raptors	7:15 PM	TB
MP	Red Sox vs. Yankees	6:00 PM	MP
LL	Orioles vs. Braves	7:00 PM	LL
Tuesday, May 25			
TB	Scrappers vs. Storm	6:00 PM	TB
TB	Raptors vs Mets	7:15 PM	TB
MP	Devil Rays vs Yankees	6:00 PM	MP
LL	Braves vs. Rock Hounds	7:00 PM	LL
Thursday, May 27			
TB	Storm vs Mets	6:00 PM	TB
TB	Raptors vs Scrappers	7:15 PM	TB
MP	Devil Rays vs Red Sox	6:00 PM	MP
LL	Rock Hounds vs Orioles	7:00 PM	LL
Tuesday, June 1			
TB	Scrappers vs Mets	6:00 PM	TB
TB	Storm vs Raptors	7:15 PM	TB
MP	**Red Sox vs. Tx D'Backs**	**6:00 PM**	**Texhoma**
MP	Yankees vs Tx. #2	6:00 PM	Stratford
LL	**Orioles vs Tx Angels**	**7:00 PM**	**Texhoma**
LL	Braves vs Tx Rangers	7:00 PM	Stratford
Thursday, June 3			
TB	Storm vs. Scrappers	6:00 PM	TB
TB	Mets vs. Raptors	7:15 PM	TB
MP	Devils Rays vs. Tx D'Backs	6:00 PM	Stratford
MP	**Red Sox vs Tx #2**	**6:00 PM**	**Texhoma**
LL	Rock Hounds vs. Tx Angels	7:00 PM	Stratford
LL	**Orioles vs Tx Rangers**	**7:00 PM**	**Texhoma**
Friday, June 4			
MP	Yankees vs Red Sox	6:00 PM	MP
LL	Braves vs Orioles	7:00 PM	LL
Monday, June 7			
MP	Devil Rays vs Yankees	6:00 PM	MP
LL	Rock Hounds vs Braves	7:00 PM	LL
Tuesday, June 8			
TB	Mets vs Storm	6:00 PM	TB
TB	Scrappers vs Raptors	7:15 PM	TB
MP	**Yankees vs Tx D'Backs**	**6:00 PM**	**Texhoma**
MP	Devil Rays vs Tx #2	7:00 PM	Stratford
LL	**Braves vs Tx Angels**	**7:00 PM**	**Texhoma**
LL	Rock Hounds vs Tx Rangers	7:00 PM	Stratford
Thursday, June 10			
TB	Mets vs Scrappers	6:00 PM	TB
TB	Raptors vs Storm	7:15 PM	TB
MP	Red Sox vs Tx D'Backs	6:00 PM	Stratford
MP	**Yankees vs Tx #2**	**6:00 PM**	**Texahoma**
LL	Orioles vs Tx Angels	7:00 PM	Stratford
LL	**Braves vs Tx Rangers**	**7:00 PM**	**Texhoma**
Monday, June 114			
MP	Red Sox vs Devil Rays	6:00 PM	MP
LL	Orioles vs RockHounds	7:00 PM	LL
Tuesday, June 15			
TB	Scrappers vs Storm	6:00 PM	TB
TB	Raptors vs Mets	7:15 PM	TB
MP	**Devil Rays vs Tx D'Backs**	**7:00 PM**	**Texhoma**
MP	Red Sox vs Tx #2	7:00 PM	Stratford
LL	**Rock Hounds vs Tx Angels**	**7:00 PM**	**Texhoma**
LL	Orioles vs Tx Rangers	7:00 PM	Stratford
Thursday, June 17			
TB	Raptors vs Scrappers	6:00 PM	TB
TB	Mets vs Storm	7:15 PM	TB
MP	Yankees vs Tx D'Backs	6:00 PM	Stratford
MP	**Devil Rays vs Tx #2**	**6:00 PM**	**Texhoma**
LL	Braves vs Tx Angels	6:00 PM	Stratford
LL	**Rock Hounds vs Tx Rangers**	**6:00 PM**	**Texhoma**

CONCESSION STAND SCHEDULE			
5/24	Devil Rays	6/7	Storm
5/25	Orioles	6/8	Red Sox
5/27	Yankees	6/10	Devil Rays
6/1	Rock Hounds	6/14	Mets
6/3	Braves	6/15	Yankees
6/4	Scrappers	6/17	Orioles

** The concession stand needs to be set up at 5:30 PM each night and ready to be opened at 6:00 PM and cleaned up each night.

Stratford ISD Very Generous at Tyron Evans Day Held Friday

Friday, May 7, 2004 was a special day at Stratford ISD. It was recognized as being Tyron Evans Day. The day was a huge success as the school raised $885.35 for the Evans family. The giving exceeded all expectations and the Evans family has been blessed. Teachers, administrators and students gave generously as a way for them to show the family how much they support Tyron.

With the $500 donation from Happy State Bank, a total of $1,385.35 was given to the family. All other donations are still being accepted or can be mailed to the Tyron Evans Fund, Happy State Bank, Box 1, Stratford, TX 79084

Current Career Opportunities Explained at Local TDCJ Hiring Seminar

Dalhart-Current hiring opportunities and career benefits for Correctional Officers will be presented at a hiring seminar Thursday evening, May 13, at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Dalhart Unit. The facility is located at 11958 FM 998.

A recruiter will be on hand to explain the current pay plan, outline the benefits and retirement programs, explain the job duties and answer questions. TDCJ is seeking candidates for both full and part time positions at several Amarillo area facilities.

Currently, beginning Correctional Officer pay starts at $1,716 per month and progresses at intervals to $2,589 after 96 months of service within the C.O. classification. A retirement program is available as early as age 50 (with 20 years of service).

Candidates must be at least 18 years old and possess a high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent.

For more information, you may call (936-437-3174 or access the TDCJ Internet web site at **www.tdcj.state.tx.us**

WHO: Texas Department of Criminal Justice will hold a Correctional Officer hiring seminar.
DATE: May 13, 2004
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
WHERE: Dalhart Unit, 11958 FM 998 Four miles west of Dalhart on Hwy 54, then one mile South on FM 998 in Hartley County.

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A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age.
—Robert Frost

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Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

Special Fund for Tyron Evans Has Been Set Up

"A special account has been set up at the Happy State Bank in Stratford for Tyron Evans, son of Larry and Wanda Evans who was critically injured in an automobile accident this last week. If you would like to contribute to this account you can make your check payable to the Tyron Evans Fund or contact Cindy Cummings at the Happy State Bank in Stratford. The phone number is 806-366-BANK.

Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter to be represented at Spring Craft Show

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter will be represented at the Spring Craft Show on Saturday, May 15th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Rita Blanca Lake Coliseum. Decorative Yard Flags for all occasions can be ordered at that time. Other novelty items, baked goods, and more will be available to purchase with all net proceeds going to the Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter.

For more information on ordering the Decorative Yard Flags, please call Linda Reimer at 244-6326 or 249-5333.

Please support the Animal Rescue Shelter with this fundraiser...you can help us to make a difference!

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People pay for what they do, and still more for what they have allowed themselves to become. And they pay for it very simply-by the lives they lead.
—James Baldwin

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Top of Texas Wings & Wheels Extravaganza May 22, 2004 Tradewind Airport Amarillo, Texas 10:00 a.m.-4 p.m.

May 22, 2004 will be the first Top of Texas Wings and Wheels Extravaganza at Tradewind Airport, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is an air show and corvette car show, showcasing WWII vintage aircraft and one-of-a-kind corvettes. Some of the aircraft you will see are the flying Tiger, BaBa Black Sheep, a Pitts Stunt plane, a C45 Beach Baby and the Flying Farmer who is a special air clown. Also you will see the only full collection of Callaway Corvette's of its kind on exhibit for the first time ever to the public by Larry C. Harris. Other special corvette models will be exhibited.

There will also be Beat the Heat Cop Rods, drag cars, a corvette racing a cop rod, children's activities, Amarillo Gorilla's, concessions, souvenirs, Westgate Chevrolet is presenting the new '04 Corvette and the new SSR truck and more! Special planes and corvettes are coming in town from all over the nation for this GRAND EVENT! Contact Becky Houghton at 374-0055 to enter your corvette. Bring the entire family. $5.00 per person, ages 5 and under are free. This is the first major air show and corvette show of its kind. Be the first to see it all here in Amarillo May 22 at Tradewind Airport 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We kindly appreciate the generous sponsors and donors of this event. **Plains Capital Financial, American Family Housing, Lawyers Title Co., Budweiser, Sonic, Countrywide Mortgage, Wold Aviation, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Headsets Inc., Holiday Inn Express, La Quinta, Ramada Limited, Amarillo Litho, Sam's,** Amarillo Ice Co., Desperado's in memory of Mike Stephens, Rabern Rental Center, Office Furniture Outlet, Coca Cola, Amarillo Gorillas, Jimmy Fincher Body Shop, Affiliated Foods Inc., Nunn Electric Supply Co., FR Farrar & Co., John Chandler Ford, Lang Goodyear Tire Center, Larry C. Harris, United Supermarket, Hobby Lobby, Glazer's FX Supply, Fashion Optical, KVII Channel 7, KAMR Channel 4, KFDA Channel 10, National Corvette Museum, Cummulus Radio Clear Channel Radio, KGNC, The Eagle, Office Depot, Westgate Chevrolet, J.C. Penny's, Fashion Optical, Amarillo Globe News, Parties, Picnics & Promotions.

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Every human soul is of infinite value, eternal, free; no human being, therefore, is so placed as not to have within his reach, in himself and others, objects adequate to infinite endeavor.
—Lord Balfour

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All progressive legislation has always had its genesis in the mind of one person. One can do much. And one and one can move mountains.
—Joan Ward-Harris

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Obits

Wade Alan Berry

Texhoma-Wade Alan Berry, 26, died Saturday, May 8, 2004.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, 2004 in United Methodist Church with Tomisene Ingram officiating. Burial was in Texhoma Cemetery by Dawson-Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Berry was born August 5, 1977, in Guymon. He loved to help coach football and basketball for many years.

Survivors include his parents, Jim and Linda Berry; a brother, Walt Berry of Stratford, Texas; a sister Haley Beth Berry of Texhoma; and his grandparents, Frank and Glenda Berry and Wanda Vinson, all of Texhoma.

The family suggests memorials be to Texhoma Education Foundation and may be left at the high school or the funeral home, 715 W. Main St., Texhoma, OK 73949.

Brotherton Named To Who's Who

Abilene, Texas-Forty-one McMurry University students have been selected for inclusion in the 2004 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.*

This is an annual award given to outstanding campus leaders for their scholastic ability, participation and leadership in academic and extra curricular activities and community service.

Cody Brotherton, from Stratford was one of the lucky recipients. He is the son of Richie and Linda Brotherton.

McMurry University, a four-year liberal arts institution located in Abilene, Texas, has been recognized as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the Western region for eight consecutive years by *U. S. News and World Report's Best Colleges* edition. Affiliated with the Northwest Texas and New Mexico Conferences of the United Methodist Church, McMurry offers its students educational opportunities through 42 majors and eight pre-professional sequences.

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Mary Allen to Begin Registering

Mary Allen Elementary will begin registering children for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten for the school Year 2004-2005, beginning on April 5, 2004. You may come to the Mary Allen office and get a packet to fill out. Please bring your child's social security card, birth certificate, and current s hot record. To enroll in Kindergarten, your child must turn 5 by September 1st, 2004. A child is eligible for enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten if the child is at least 4 years of age by September 1, 2004 and is

*unable to speak or understand the English language
*Educationally disadvantaged
*Homeless

Mary Allen Elementary comenzara a registrar a los ninos para el Jardin de la infancia y del Pre-Jardin de la infancia para ei Ano de la escuela 2004-2005, comienza el 5 de abril del 2004. Usted puede venir a la oficina de Mary allen y obtener un paquete para llenar. Traiga por favor su tarjeta del seguro social del nino, certificado de nacimiento, y el registro mas reciente de las vacunas. Para matricularse en el Jardin de la infancia, su nino debe tener 5 pora el primer de septiembre del 2004. Un nino tiene derecho a para la matriculacion en el Pre-Jardin de la infancia si el nifio es por lo menos 4 anos de la edad para el 1 September, del 2004 y es:

*incapaz de habiar o entender el idioma ingles
*educativamente desfavorable
*sin hogar

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Work is not man's punishment. It is his reward and his strength and his pleasure.

—George Sand

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Readers:

I have donated three books to the library that are good reads. "Lazy B" Sandra Day O'Conner. Her memories of growing up on a ranch in Arizona. A comment made that she was not an exceptional writer. She doesn't have to be she is a United States Supreme Court Justice! Brings back memories for anyone raised on a ranch. "Reflections", Barbara Bush. As you read, you think you be sitting down with Mrs. Bush for a conversation. She is a down to earth mother. "High Calling" Evelyn Husband. Faith is the strength in all situations. With all the bad press for the military, this book reminds you that there are a lot of good people but you have to look for them because good people don't seem to make the news.

Gaynelle Riffe

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE SATURDAY, MAY 15TH
VOTE FOR GREG WRIGHT
FOR S.I.S.D. BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Your vote will be greatly appreciated
Pd. Pol. Announcement Pd. For by Greg Wright, P.O. Box 1304, Stratford, TX 79084

Chamber News

By Patty Tims

Once again, my dear friend Ginger sent me this email. I would like to share this with you. Please pass it along to your friends.
I've learned that life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes. I've learned that we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for. I've learned that it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular. I've learned that under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved. I've learned that the Lord couldn't do it all in one day, so what makes me think I can! I've learned that when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you. I've learned that love, not time heals all wounds. I've learned that the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than me. I've learned that everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile. I've learned that there's nothing sweeter than sleeping with your babies and feeling their breath on your cheeks. I've learned that no one is perfect until you fall in love with them. I've learned that life is tough, but I'm tougher. I've learned that opportunities are never lost: someone will take the ones you miss. I've learned that when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere. I've learned that I wish I could have told my Dad that I love him one more time before he passed away. I've learned that that one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them. I've learned that a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. I've learned that I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it. I've learned that when your newly born child holds your little finger in his little fist, you're hooked for life. I've learned that everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it. I've learned that it is best to give advice in only two circumstances; when it is requested and when it is a life-threatening situation. I've learned that the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done. I've learned that true friendship never dies, no matter what. I've learned that your children are a gift, only given to you for a short while. I've learned that a mother's love is unconditional and everlasting. I've learned that a sister can be your best friend. I've learned that anything is possible with Gods help. God Bless you all.

UP COMING EVENTS

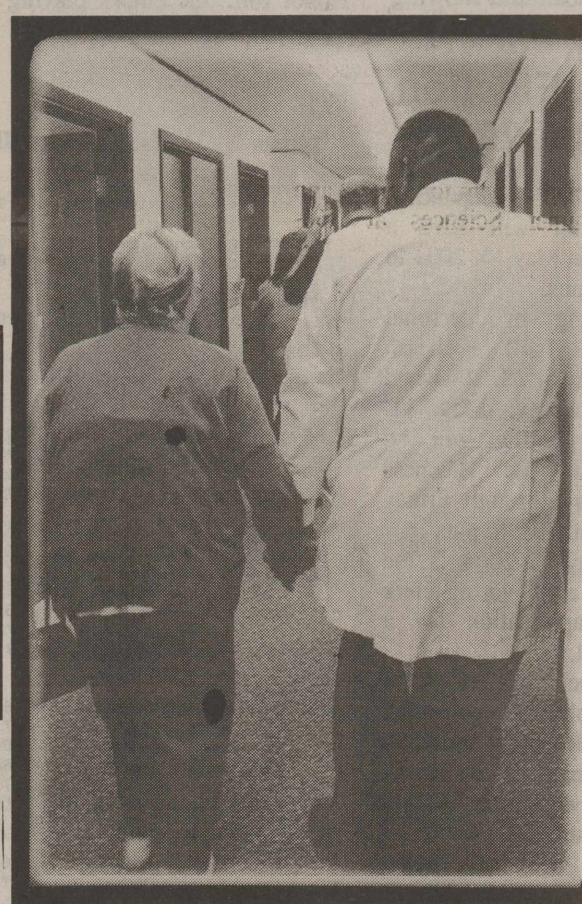
Memorial Day is May 31, 2004. Plan to attend the celebration

Thank you to all of those who shopped locally for Mother's Day.

If you or your business would like to become members of the Chamber of Commerce, please call 806-366-2260 or come by the office at 305 N. Main St. please remember to shop locally. Support you local merchants.

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Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

May 6-23	"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" Musical Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 www.amarillolittletheatre.org
May 18	Champions on Ice 7:30 Amarillo Civic Coliseum 952-831-2237
June 3- August 21	"Texas Legacies" (TEXAS) Monday Through Saturday Pioneer Amphitheatre, Palo Duro Canyon State Park 806-655-2181 1-877-58TEXAS www.epictexas.com
June 13 August 22	"Heavenly Country" (Sundays) Pioneer Amphitheatre, Palo Duro Canyon State Park
June 12	Broadway with Soul , Chana Smite Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991

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Firmness of purpose is one of the most necessary sinews of character, and one of the best instruments of success. Without it genius wastes its efforts in a maze of inconsistencies.

—Philip Dormer Chesterfield

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Interim Clinic Schedule for May 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dr. Bassett will see patients from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm on the days indicated Elisa Flores, N.P. will see patients from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on the days indicated						1
2	3 Elisa Flores, N.P.	4 Elisa Flores, N.P.	5	6 Dr. Perry Bassett	7	8
9	10 Elisa Flores,N.P.	11 Elisa Flores, N.P.	12 Elisa Flores, N.P.	13 Dr. Perry Bassett	14	15
16	17	18 Elisa Flores, N.P.	19	20 Dr. Bassett & Elisa Flores at SISD for Athletic Physicals	21 Elisa Flores, N.P.	22
23	24	25	26 Elisa Flores, N.P.	27 Dr. Perry Bassett	28 Elisa Flores, N.P.	29
30	31					

REAGAN & BROWN AUCTIONEERS
FARM & RANCH EQUIPMENT
DATE-THURSDAY MAY 20, 2004
START TIME-10:00 A.M.
Location-From Morse, TX-go west on 1775 then turn South on Co. Rd. #9 and Go 1.3 Miles.
From Sunray, TX-go 20 miles east on Hwy 281 to Co. Rd. #9 then turn north and go 1 1/2 miles to the auction site.
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Rogers-bride elect of Brown Honored

Kristin Rogers, bride elect of Paul Brown was honored with a bridal shower Saturday, May 8, 2004 in the home of Verlie Norris. Shown above left to right are Jane Willey, Janice Brown, Kristin, Jacque Rogers and Ima McAdams.

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Music is the only language in which you cannot say a mean or sarcastic thing.

—John Erskine

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A verbal art like poetry is reflective; it stops to think. Music is immediate; it goes on to become.

—W.H. Auden

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Sikora, bride elect of Mason Honored

Missy Sikora, bride-elect of Ross Macon was honored with a bridal shower, Saturday, May 8, 2004 in the home of Brenda Brownlee. Shown above left to right are Jo Davenport, Maribeth Robbins, Jessica Wheeler, Jeane Marshall, Amanda Davis, Jeannie Sikora, Missy, Jaycie Wheeler. Tanya Medlock, Shirley Mashbwm and Sarah Couture.

LEMON RASPBERRY TART
1 pkg. (19.35 oz.) Krusteaz Lemon Bar Mix (1 pouch each lemon filling mix and complete crust)
⅓ cup water
3 eggs
½ cup raspberry preserves
fresh raspberries for garnish
fresh whipped cream (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease bottom and sides of 9½-inch tart pan with removable bottom. Press full pouch of complete crust firmly into bottom and up sides of tart pan. Bake 8 minutes (crust will be pale). In medium bowl, stir full pouch lemon filling mix, water and eggs together using a whisk until eggs are well incorporated. Set aside. Heat raspberry preserves in microwave on HIGH 20-30 seconds. Spread preserves over crust. Pour lemon filling over preserves. Bake 30-32 minutes or until filling is set. Cool completely. Cover with fresh raspberries and garnish with whipped cream, if desired. Store covered in the refrigerator. Makes 8 servings.

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If you've tried, without much success, to make or grow something yourself, you're much more appreciative of the product when it's been done well by a professional.

—Andrew A. Rooney

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Please join us for a couple's shower honoring
Andy and Natalie Witcher
Saturday, May 15, 2004, 4-5:30 p.m.
in the home of Brenda Brownlee
1210 Olive
Stratford, Texas

Hostesses
Brenda Brownlee Gail Hunsaker Margaret Brooks Beulah Sims
Linda Sue Brotherton Verlie Norris Connie Burton Cindy Russell
Mary Lou Maldonado Tami King Belinda Hamilton
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Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

The annual Mother's Day dinner had 30 attending at Kerrick Community Center. Hosts were Marylou and Mike McDaniel, assisted by Cliff Abbott. Minnie and Annette Hampton swept the Center Friday before they left to attend Parker Wells graduation at Southwestern College at Winfield, KS. Also going were Ralph and Ralph James. They made it back late Saturday night.

Bill & Pat Boren made it back from Rio Rancho, NM where they watched grandsons play baseball.

Others present were Charley & Denton Crabtree, R.J. & Mary Hill, John, Terry, Nicholas & Shelby McDaniel, all of Stratford.

And Penny & Linda Whitson, Clayton; Geneva Wells, Joyce Wells, Lorene Oyler, Nita Taylor, Buck Weaver, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Virgie Mathews, Dr. Gary Mathews, Marjory Munden, Larry Mann.

Brady & Trisha Schoonover hosted a Mother's Day cookout for Ellen, Sandy Tillery, Doris Dyess, Barbara & Terry Schoonover, Kendra & Bryan Mungia and children, Justin, Kaylee and Madison.

Mike McDaniel went to basketball games at Panhandle to watch daughter Merilee and other Stratford girls.

Dave & Shirley McReynolds celebrated their 50th Saturday. It was hosted by their children and families. Marylou McDaniel visited with them Thursday.

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For man, as for flower and beast and bird, the supreme triumph is to be most vividly, most perfectly alive.

—David H. Lawrence

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It's not your blue blood, your pedigree or your college degree. It's what you do with your life that counts.

—Millard Fuller

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4-H Parent/Leaders Meeting May 24

The quarterly business meeting of the Sherman County 4-H Parent/Leaders Association will be Monday, May 24 at 8:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Extension Office in Stratford.

Items of business to be discussed will include plan summer activities, annual Achievement Banquet, and Enrollment Night.

The organization is the booster club for the county 4-H program and all parents of 4-H members and volunteer leaders are invited to attend. For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, Sherman county Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 366-2122.

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What is outside yourself does not convey much worth; clothes do not make the man, the saddle not the horse.

—Angelius Silesius

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4-H Record Book Training

4-H Program Awards Record Book Training will be conducted Wednesday, May 26 at the Sherman County Extension Office.

The morning training will begin at 9:30 a.m. for those who are interested in completing a 4-H Record Book for the first time. The training will focus on steps in completing record books, record book entry categories and due dates. The training will conclude around 11:30 a.m.

The afternoon training will begin at 2:00 p.m. This training session will be designed for those who have experience in completing record books. Information presented will focus on updates for 2004 and time available for offering suggestions on how to improve record books for competition.

Record Books will be due no later than 9:30 a.m. July 1st for county judging. District Judging will be held July 15th.

Record books will be required for 4-H members interested in applying for the Gold Star Award.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock at 366-2122.

Home Safety

(NU) - Naturally occurring wildfires can help sustain and maintain healthy forests. However, to residents, they can be devastating. As the nation's wildland areas continue to be developed, growing numbers of homeowners will face the potential devastation of wildfires. The National Concrete Masonry Association says building with concrete masonry provides them proven fire protection and security for their lives and their homes. For more information, visit www.ncma.org.

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The Bible may be on the top of the bestseller list but it remains a closed book to multitudes. Why? Several reasons. The fact of the matter is that many people simply cannot read. So the Bible, along with other books, is closed to them. Then too, many people have no interest in spiritual things and so they never look at the bible. But when some people do get into the Bible, they discover that the Bible speaks to their inner most thoughts and intentions. "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). The very fact that the Bible can cut deeply into our souls actually scares a lot of people. You see, fallen human nature thinks it is a sin to get caught. When the house banking scandal was breaking, many congressmen denied any part in it. Cashing bad checks was not a problem. Getting caught was! But when the Bible judges our thoughts and intentions, it is not setting us up for this kind of fall! The Bible is pointing out that our sin is the real problem. Getting caught is minor. God already knows the thoughts of our hearts. W hen we grasp the real nature of our thoughts and intentions, we see our need of the Savior, Jesus Christ. So when the Bible cuts deeply, it is for the purpose of exposing us to ourselves and showing us our real need of forgiveness. Then, when we see our need of Jesus Christ we are more likely to flee to Him for salvation from sin!

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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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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

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Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
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Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7:00 p.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

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Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

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Growth groups/Sun. School 10:00 a.m.
Late Service 11:00 a.m.
Growth Groups Nightly 7:00 p.m.
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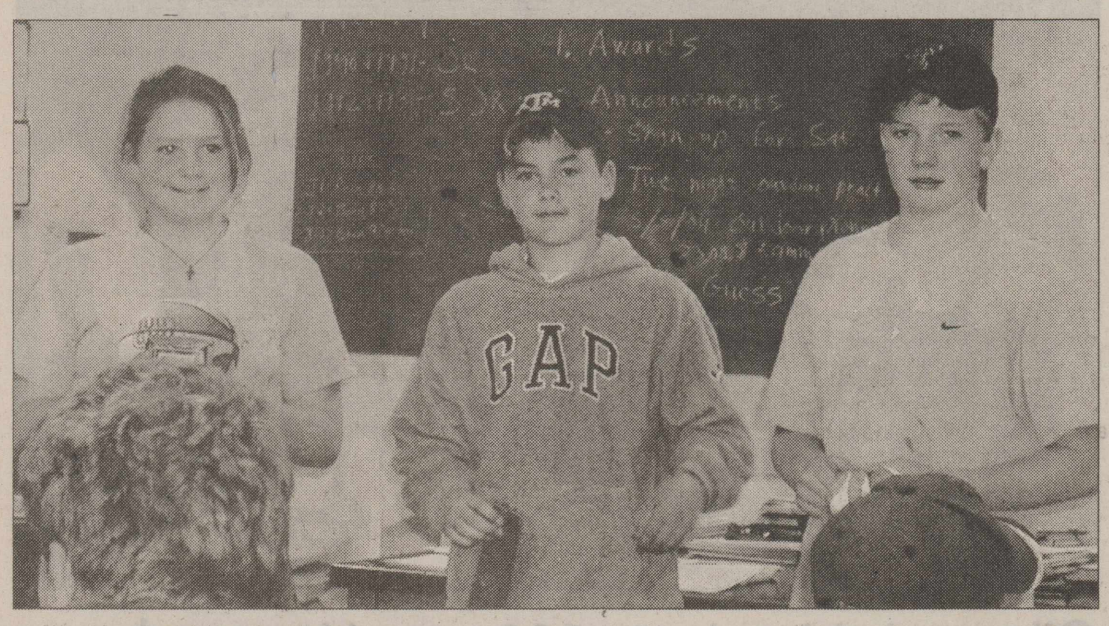
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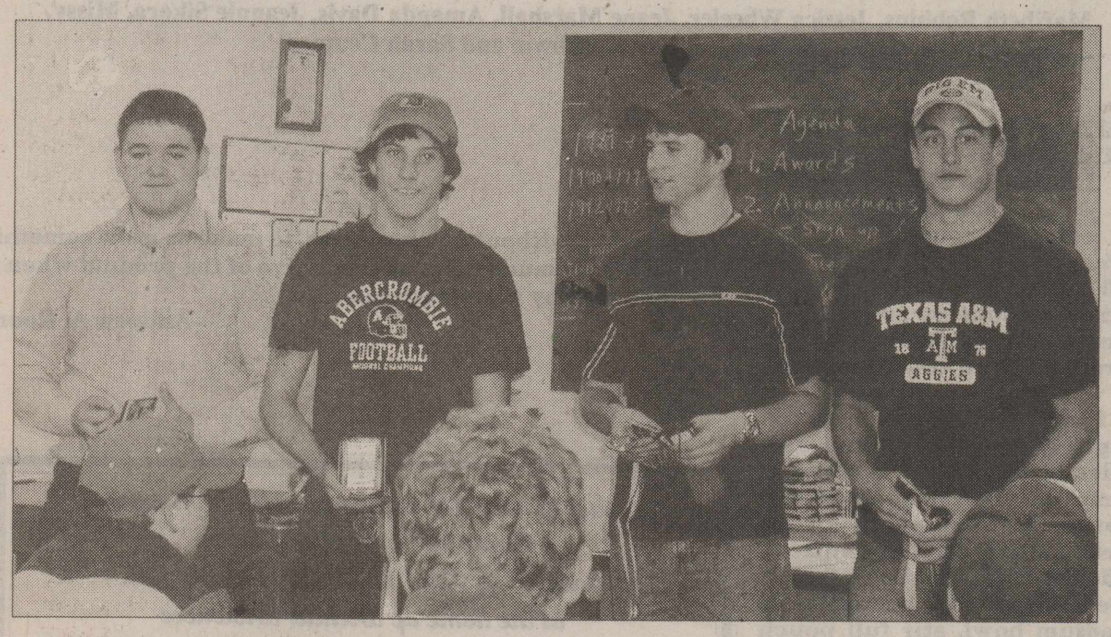
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Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

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The State Team is Rustin Russell, Walter Spurlock, Nathan White and Carson Buckles (2nd place will go on to State).

Sherman County 4-H Dominates Rifle Contest

Twenty-five Sherman County 4-H members competed in the Panhandle District 4-H Rifle Match held May 1 at the Amarillo Rifle and Pistol Club's in-door range. Capturing second place in the Senior division was the Sherman County team of Carson Buckles, Nathan White, Rustin Russell and Walter Spurlock. The team qualified for State 4-H Round Up to be held June 8-10 on the Texas A&M University campus.

In the team competition Walter, Rustin, and Carson were named high 4th, 5th, and 6th high point individuals. Andrew Correll participated in the contest as an individual in the Senior division match.

In the Junior division, youth ages 12-13, Sherman County 4-H took second and fourth place honors. The first place team members included Hunter Buckles, Craig Kautz and Kaleb Horsford. Fourth place team members were Brent Reed, Braden Hamilton, and Jennie Spurlock. Hunter was 4th high individual Craig was 6th high individual and Kaleb was 8th high individual.

Sherman County brought home 1st, 2nd, and 4th places in the sub-junior division for youth 3rd grade through 11 years of age. Members of the 1st place team were Sunny Russell, Zachary White, Trevor Christian and Braden Hudson. 2nd place team members were Matt Correll, Rowdy Lerman, Braiden Palmer, and Kyle Horsford. Ransom Lermon, Luke Haile, and Eric Burton made up the 3rd place team. Rhyan Burton, Jordan Johnson and Steffan Werner were the 4th place team members. 4-H'ers who placed in the top ten high individuals at the contest were Sunny Russell, Rhyan Burton, Ransom Lerman, Zachary White, Trevor Christian, Braiden Palmer, Matt Correll, and Braden Hudson.

A special standing shootoff was held at the end of the match, involving the top ten shooters from the standing position scores who were present for the shoot-off. Sherman County participants were Walter Spurlock, Nathan White, Rustin Russell and Carson Buckles. Walter won this contest with a score of 96.

Coaches for the Sherman County 4-H teams are Frank Vaughn, Wesley Spurlock, David White, Lem Russell, Steve Myers, and Scott Buckles.

A special thanks to the Amarillo Rifle and Pistol Club for hosting the match and to Church and Cindy Ward for making the special award plaques which every participant in the contest received.

Growing Good Exercise Habits

(NAPS)—Crowded gyms and countless hours on a treadmill may be one way to exercise, but wouldn't enjoying sunshine and fresh air while spending time with your family be more fun? Well, here's a little insider tip gardening enthusiasts have known for ages—gardening is great exercise.

"All the digging, lifting, pulling and twisting that happens as you garden in your backyard or even in smaller container gardens uses major muscle groups and helps you stay in shape," stated Charlie Nardozzi, chief gardening officer consultant for Hilton Garden Inn hotels. "It makes perfect sense. Turning compost is a great alternative to weight lifting. Raking simulates the exact motions of a rowing machine. Mowing the lawn is comparable to walking or jogging on the treadmill. And, digging and shoveling are both aerobic and muscle building."

Studies performed at Stanford University Center for Research in Disease Prevention show that gardening provides light to moderate exercise. Depending on the activity, 30 minutes in the garden can burn the equivalent amount of calories as 30 minutes of light jogging. By exercising, you lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels, which may help prevent diabetes and heart disease and slow osteoporosis.

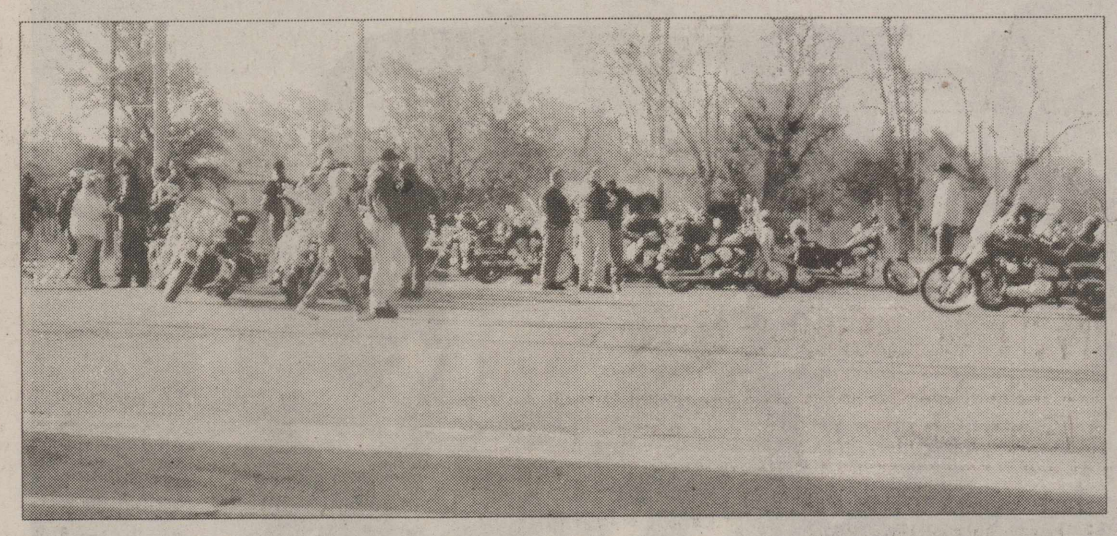
The health benefits of gardening are not limited to adults—for children, gardening offers more than a reason to play in the dirt and some exercise. While gardening, school subjects, such as science, history, economics and language arts, come to life.

Teaching children the positive power of gardening, Nardozzi heads up the "Grow A School Garden" program developed jointly by the Hilton Garden Inn and National Garden Association. "The 'Grow A School Garden' project both incorporates academic subjects as well as teaches vital life lessons to children including cooperation, patience, persistence and responsibility. It is also a great way to get them to eat fruits and vegetables."

To find out more about the health benefits of gardening visit www.garden.org. For more information regarding the Hilton Garden Inn "Grow A School Garden" program, visit www.hiltongardeninn.com.

May 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Regional Track
2	3 NO SCHOOL - SNOW DAY	4 5th to Discovery Center	5 AP Calculus Exam; MAE GT to KVII Amarillo	6 FFA Cookout	7 JH GT to Lubbock; State UIL Academic Meet - Austin	8
9	10 District SBDM Meeting - 3:50 PM; FHA Picnic; State Golf Meet - Austin	11 10:00 AM 5th-7th Awards Assembly; Regular School Board Meeting	12	13 Band Banquet - 7:30 - Cafeteria; SISD Education Foundation Meeting - 12:30 PM - MAE	14 Scholastic Banquet - 7:30 Cafeteria; State Track Meet - Austin	15 School Board Election
16 Baccalaureate - First Baptist Church	17 Athletic Banquet - 7:30 PM - Cafeteria	18	19	20 3rd & 4th Grade to SPLASH - Amarillo; Junior High Graduation	21 1st - 4th Awards Assembly - 9:00 AM; High School Graduation	22 Teacher Work Day
23 Retirement Reception for Linda Young - 2:00 PM - Cafeteria	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



Poker Run Held Saturday May 8

If you were over by the Dairy Queen on Saturday, May 8th you saw lots of motorcycles. It was a 300 Mile – 5 state Poker Run. Some of the Cities included-Dalhart, Clayton, Boise City, & Elkhart. Some of the folks from Stratford riding along for the day were Larry Norris, Josh Lanning, Charlie Crabtree, Todd Drake and daughter Tiffni. It was mentioned that there were 4 accidents on this run. Boise City picked up two and Clayton picked up 2.

The whole art of teaching is only the art of awakening the natural curiosity of young minds for the purpose of satisfying it afterwards.
—Anatole France
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Tips To Avoid Headaches

(NAPS)—While cleaning may not be at the top of the list of fun activities, these tips can help.



When cleaning, clear away the clutter first so you don't waste time getting around obstacles.

• Be methodical—Work from the top of a room down. Dust first and vacuum last. Carry everything you need in a bucket.

• Tackle hidden dirt—Sweep off the tops of ceiling fans and appliances; dust picture frames and moldings; disinfect doorknobs; change furnace and air filters; and clear away dirt and cobwebs in closets and out-of-the-way places.

• Know your cleaning products—Read the labels. For example, lemon oil will dull the finish on wood cleaned with a spray wax. Test-spot carpet cleaners, as some will bleach carpet fibers.

These tips can help you avoid cleaning headaches, but if you still feel overwhelmed, call a professional at 1-800-MERRYMAIDS.

Founded in 1979, Merry Maids provides customized residential cleaning services through more than 850 franchises and branches in the United States and 1,400 franchises worldwide. For more information, see www.merrymaids.com.

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1 MINUTE OF CONTINOUS TONE=ALL CLEAR

ALL CLEAR: 1 MINUTE OF CONTINUOUS TONE

Health

(NU) - American women lead extremely stressful lives today, trying to balance their professional, social and private lives while maintaining good health. No matter how well you take care of your body with proper nutrition and regular exercise, it may still be difficult to consistently maintain good gynecological health. For starters, make sure you use feminine powders made from pure cornstarch, such as Vagisil Deodorant Power. Cornstarch absorbs moisture more effectively than talc. For more information on feminine health and hygiene, visit www.vagisil.com.

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, Call

Kathie Altman-366-5611
David Cross-396-2396
Ken Forthman-366-2586
Patsy Harland-827-7568
Michal Meyer-827-7453
Jesse Resendes-769-4454
Larry Evans-366-2242

Austin Hotline
1-800-252-5400
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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SHERMAN

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 69TH Judicial District Court of SHERMAN County on the 3rd day of March, 2004 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of

TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS CARL K FISH AS ADMIN OF THE MARY LENA FISH ESTATE

Cause # 4486 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at TWO (2) O'CLOCK PM on the 1ST DAY OF JUNE, 2004 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said SHERMAN County, in the City of STRATFORD Texas, the following described property, to wit:

.002604 Royalty Interest in the Ownbey #1, Lease Number 11300, RRC #27689, located in Section 59, Block 3-B, GH&H Survey, Sherman County, Texas

Levied on the 5th day of April, 2004 as the property of

MARY LENA FISH AND/OR CARL K FISH

to satisfy a judgment amounting to $599.03, representing delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney's fees through the date of judgment, plus all costs of court, costs of sale, and post judgment penalties and interest recoverable by law in favor of TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXHOMA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT, NORTH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT AND SHERMAN COUNTY.

ALL BIDDERS MUST COMPLY WITH SECTION 34.015 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 14th day of April, 2004.
Jack Haile, Sheriff, Sherman County, Texas.

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Cards of Thanks

I would like to thank all the voters who turned out for the run off election on April 13. It was great seeing all of the interest and support from the people of Sherman County. I also would like to say "thank you" for all the ones who could not vote but showed their overwhelming support throughout my campaign. I look forward to working for the county and the people of Stratford. Please feel free to call me with your concerns and ideas that will help in the growth of Sherman County and Stratford.

Thanks
Steve Pemberton

A special thanks to all of those who helped with the Stratford Baseball Association Fundraiser Cookout last Friday night. Thank you to Greg and Marsha Wright, Chris and Ronna Riffe, Lance and Dinah Horsford, Laurie Spurlock and all of those who made homemade ice cream. I especially want to thank the businesses who gave so generously: First State Bank Stratford, Cimarron Feeders, Thriftway, The Red Door, Let's Make Arrangements, Betty's Place, Duckwalls, Moorman's, and Express Lanes. I appreciate everyone who came to the cookout and supported the Baseball Association; your contributions will greatly benefit our youth!

Misty McBryde
Cookout Chairman

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There will always be a part, and always a very large part of every community, that have no care but for themselves, and whose care for themselves reaches little further than impatience of immediate pain, and eagerness for the nearest good.

—Samuel Johnson

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Pet of the Week



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

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

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

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October is the fallen leaf, but it is also a wider horizon more clearly seen. It is the distant hills once more in sight, and the enduring constellations above them once again.

—Hal Borland

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(NU) - While most people think sore throats are only problematic during the flu season, this painful condition can occur year-round.

According to Lisa Chavis, pharmacist consultant to Cepacol sore throat remedies, "Viruses and bacterial infections are frequently to blame but are not always the culprits."

Here are a few other reasons why a throat may get sore:

• **Allergens**: Pollen, mold, pet dander and dust can trigger a reaction and irritate the throat. Reduced exposure to these allergens can limit the reaction.

• **Strain**: Muscle strain and rough treatment of throat membranes, such as what occurs when you've been yelling for long periods at a sporting event or rock concert, can leave a throat sore. Increase fluid intake (avoiding alcohol, which can dry out the membranes) and keep the cheering to a minimum. Use Cepacol lozenges or sprays to reduce the pain and help keep the throat moist.

• **Low humidity**: Dry heat and cold air reduce moisture in the air, drying out the throat membranes. Increasing liquid intake and using a humidifier is recommended.

• **Tobacco products and secondhand smoke**: These environmental pollutants can irritate the throat.

• **Reflux**: Regurgitation of stomach acids into the back of the throat can cause irritation. Speak to a doctor about symptoms of acid reflux.

To learn more about the causes of a sore throat and how to treat it, visit www.cepacol.com.

Tips to Get Your Car Ready for a Summer Trip

NewsUSA

(NU) - With continued uncertainty overseas, the old-fashioned auto vacation is bound to be popular once again this summer.

Nowadays, sport utility vehicles and big pickups have replaced the wood-paneled station wagon, but some things remain the same. Good advance planning can make your trip smoother and more enjoyable.

Of course, these preparations should include vehicle maintenance. The experts at the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence offer the following tips on getting your vehicle ready for summer:

• Read the owner's manual and follow the recommended service schedules.

• Flush and refill the cooling system according to the service manual's recommendations. The level, condition and concentration of the coolant should be checked periodically. Let the engine cool down before removing the radiator cap.

• Have drivability problems, including hard starts, rough idling and stalling, corrected.

• If you are not a do-it-yourselfer, look for repair facilities that employ ASE-certified automotive technicians.

• The tightness and condition of belts, clamps and hoses should be checked by a qualified auto technician.

• Have a marginally operating air-conditioning system serviced by a qualified technician.

• Change the oil and oil filter as specified in the owner's manual. Properly dispose of used oil.

• Replace other filters, like the air and fuel filters, as recommended.

• Check the condition of all tires, including the spare. Let tires "cool down" before checking air pressure.

• Inspect all lights and bulbs; replace burned out bulbs.

• Replace worn wiper blades, and keep plenty of washer solvent on hand to fight summer's dust and insects.

For a free brochure with summertime automotive tips, send a self-addressed, stamped, long envelope to: ASE Summer Brochure, Department NU-104, 101 Blue Seal Drive, S.E., Suite 101, Leesburg, VA 20175, or visit www.ase.com for more information.

ASE was founded in 1972 as a nonprofit, independent organization dedicated to improving the quality of automotive service and repair through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive technicians. ASE-certified technicians wear blue and white ASE shoulder insignia and carry credentials listing their exact areas of certification. Their employers often display the blue and white ASE sign.

World

(NU) - The spires tell the story. The Cathedral of the Annunciation, with its cross, and the Mosque of Muharat-Sharif, topped by crescents, stand across the street from one another within the white walls of the Kazan Kremlin. Used as records storage warehouses in Soviet times, the two religious structures, overlooking the Volga River, are being carefully restored to their original beauty. Tatartstan is special because Muslims and Christians have lived and worked together there for centuries.

Health

(NU)- With national attention focused on America's rising obesity rate, people of all ages are realizing the importance of fitness and regular exercise. But should you work out if you only have a cold? According to Dr. Joshua Fink, a certified fitness trainer, the answer is no. To get better quickly, take zinc. Found in Cold-Eeze lozenges, zinc gluconate glycine has been proven to reduce the duration of the common cold by four days. For more information, visit www.coldeeze.com.

Health

(NU) - Diabetes is often accompanied by peripheral arterial disease, or PAD, a vascular disease that occurs when blood vessels in the legs are narrowed or blocked by fatty deposits. Warning signs for PAD may include leg pain, numbness, tingling or coldness in the lower legs or feet, sores or infections on the feet or legs that heal slowly. For more information, call 1-800-DIABETES or visit www. diabetes.org/makethelink. This message is made possible in part by generous support from Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.

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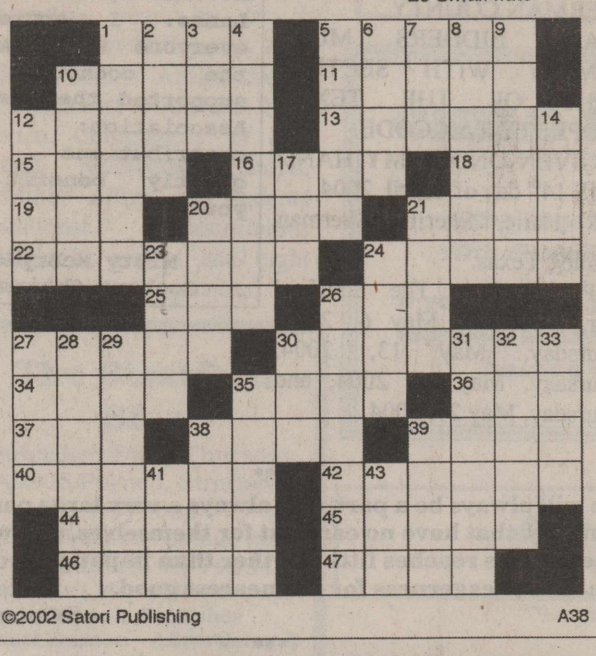
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11 Astringent
12 Farewell (2 words)
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16 Scheme
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20 With joy
21 Bluish-white metal
22 Ant
24 Hundred (pref.)
25 Rear
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27 Soap plant
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35 Song (Ger.)
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1 Swed. sculptor
2 Venezuelan copper center
3 John, Gaelic
4 Shin (2 words)
5 Stick used in hurling
6 Sacred image
7 Went first
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9 Off
10 Jap. news agency
12 Oceanic tunicate
14 S.A. toucan
17 Recline
20 Small flute
21 Ardor
23 Prayer beads
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HOME

Tips for Cutting Your Home Cooling Costs

NewsUSA

(NU) - You know the saying, "You get what you pay for," but is your home efficiency giving you what you pay for in energy bills?

Each year, homeowners lose energy and money because they don't maximize their homes' energy-saving potential. According to the Department of Energy, making energy saving improvements to your home could save you 10 percent to 50 percent on your energy bills.

The company that brings you Heil brand heating and cooling products suggests you improve efficiency this summer by focusing on these areas in your home:

• **Programmable thermostat.** A programmable thermostat can save energy and money by operating at a more cost-efficient temperature while you're asleep or away from home and by automatically lowering the temperature to cool your home just before you wake up or return. New Heil programmable thermostats can help you save money and are backed by a five-year warranty.

• **High-efficiency air conditioning.** Purchasing a new, more energy-efficient system can cost less than keeping an older, less energy-efficient system. The Heil QuietComfort line of 14 SEER air conditioners is energy efficient and can save up to 50 percent on your summer cooling costs, compared to less efficient alternatives.

• **Windows.** Better windows provide better insulation. Install storm windows over single-pane windows or replace them with double-pane windows. Today's high-efficiency windows can improve heating and cooling energy savings by 15 percent. Also, be sure to lock your windows to help press the weather stripping tightly together for a better seal. This seal will help trap the cool air inside and reduce heat seeping in through windows.

• **Appliances.** Be sure to use the appropriate settings for your appliances to help reduce the waste of energy and resources. In the long run, replacing older appliances with newer and more energy-efficient appliances can help you save money on your energy bills.

• **Get a yearly system checkup.** Each year, have a qualified heating and cooling service contractor check your system, perform routine maintenance and make sure it is running at top efficiency. Preventive maintenance to your home cooling or heating system could save you money and energy.

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ELK BASKETBALL CAMP

June 1-4

Cost: $30.00 includes camp T-Shirt

Purpose of Camp: To learn and improve in the fundamentals of basketball

Camp Staff: *Lance Horsford* – Stratford Elk Varsity Basketball Coach

Site: Stratford High School Gym

Time: *3rd – 9th grade* 9:00 – 12:00

Grade placement for the '04-05 school year

Deadline for Registration: May 14, 2004

Complete this portion and return to: Lance Horsford P.O. Box 1041 Stratford, Texas 79084

Camper's Name:_____

Phone Number:_____

Grade for '04-05 School Year_____

T-SHIRT Size (circle one)

Adult	**S**	**M**	**L**	**XL**
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We as parents or guardians of the above named boy, hereby grant permission for him to participate in the Elk Basketball Camp and acknowledge that he is physically able to participate in camp activities. We hereby release the Camp, its employees, and Stratford ISD from all claims for injury or illness which may be sustained by our son and authorize the director or his designee to seek a physicians care and authorize treatment of the above named camper on an emergency basis in the event such treatment becomes necessary while attending the Elk Camp.

Signed: (parent or guardian signature)_____