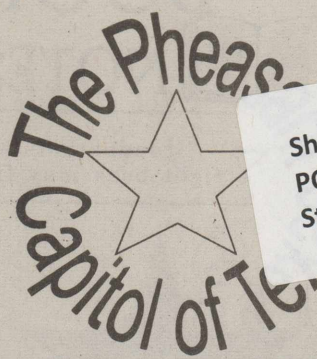




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Oaths given on January 2nd 2013

These elected officials and deputies took their oaths of office on Wednesday, January 2nd at the Sherman County Courthouse. L to R: Joe Powell, Sheriff; Tanner Jenson, Deputy; Jeff Crippen, Commissioner Pct. 3; Mike McHugh, Deputy; Geenie Gabehart, Deputy; Valerie McAlister, Tax Assessor/Collector; Brenda Acker, Justice of the Peace; Dana Buckles, Commissioner Pct.1. Congratulations to all and good luck. From the Editor to Terri Carter, thanks for covering for me as I could not be in two places at once. I appreciate all of the folks who have to help me out once in a while, I do appreciate it. Thanks so much!

Editors' Note: We had a little bit of a disaster for this week's issue, Computer sort of died, but it is at the hospital (hopefully getting well & coming back to life). So we apologize as this week's issue has a lot of filler, but we hope we printed everything that needed to be in. If not please let us know and we will fix it. I am looking forward to a better week next week; it is always a good week if we are still here to put out another issue for this community and again thank you. Marty

2013 Tree Sale

Time is here once again for Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual Spring Tree Sale. Order forms are ready and can be picked up at our office at 418 North 4th in Stratford, or we can mail it if you give us a call. We can also email the order form if you supply us with an email address. Just call us or email us at shermwcd@xit.net.

While we try to list as many species that are available for this area, we cannot list them all. If you have any special wants or wishes as far as trees go this year, please call the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 and we will be happy to try and find what you need.

The District can also fill requests for drip irrigation supplies. We keep some drip supplies in stock and will help in the design of your system and order exactly what is needed for you if we do not have it. Delivery is usually within three working days. You can also help your investment with the installation of weed barrier. We have this available also. This is especially important in windbreaks because we do not want the newly planted seedlings to have to fight with weeds and grass for water. The barrier will help prevent the growth of weeds and grass and keep the moisture in the ground.

If you need a Tree Order Form, want to place an order for trees, irrigation supplies, weed barrier or just have any questions regarding the trees or need help planning for your particular needs, please do not hesitate to contact the District or the NRCS at 396-5517 ext. 3.

Thank you for your continued support of conservation in Sherman County.

Sherman County Junior Livestock Show Sign-Up

It is now time to enter for the 2013 Sherman County Junior Livestock Show to be held January 25 and 26. All 4-H and FFA members must come by the Extension office by Friday, January 18, 2013 by 5:00 p.m. to enter you livestock projects and pay your entry fees. You must come in by this deadline in order for us to send in your name to your school and check your eligibility status prior to the stock show. If you have any questions call or come by the Extension office 366-2081.

Stock Show Schedule

January 25, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

The swine will show first followed by the lambs and then goats.

January 26, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

The steers will show first followed by the heifer show.

6:00 p.m. The meal will be served.

7:00 p.m. Stock Show Sale begins

Cheesecake with Cherry Topping

- 1 frozen cheesecake
- 10 ounces sweet or sour pitted cherries (frozen works well)
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- ¼ cup water
- Fresh mint

Thaw cheesecake according to package directions. To make topping, combine cherries, lemon juice, sugar, cornstarch and water in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil. Once boiling, cook it for an additional 1 to 2 minutes, then remove from heat. Cool completely. Spread on top of cheesecake. Garnish with mint leaves. Serves 4-6.

For more delicious recipes, tips and important information on frozen and refrigerated foods, visit www.EasyHomeMeals.com and "like" NFRA on Facebook at www.facebook.com/EasyHomeMeals.



Davis Retires

David Davis who recently retired from the State Department was honored with a supper at the Stratford Fire Station on Friday, December 21st. Congratulations to David and good luck in whatever you will be doing in the next phase of your life.

Golden Nail Nominations

Requested by February 4, 2013

Golden Nail Awards Gala planners are now seeking nominations from a 12 city area of those who have provided extraordinary support for the fine arts in the Texas Panhandle during 2012.

The Golden Nail Awards is sponsored by the Arts Committee of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce honoring individuals, businesses and foundations that contributed to the fine arts in the area. The Awards Dinner will be held Thursday, April 4, 2013.

Nominations are invited from individuals as well as organizations by February 4, 2013 in the following categories: Individual, Business, Foundations, Distinguished Volunteer and Distinguished Young Volunteer.

Nominations forms are available at the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce office or from the area representative, Gaynelle Riffe, 396-5303. For more information, contact Becky Zenor ACC at 806-342-2010.

Notice of Availability of Electronic communications

Under a new law, chief appraisers, appraisal district's and appraisal review boards may communicate electronically through email or other methods with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically instead of mailing. The Chief Appraiser has the discretion to offer this type of communication. At this time Sherman County Appraisal District will not be offering agreements to send or receive notices electronically for the 2013 tax year. If you have any questions, contact the District at 402 N. 3rd or PO Box 239, Stratford, TX 79084

Deadline for 2012 Tax Payment

To avoid penalties and interest, pay by January 31, 2013.

Taxes on real property, personal property, and businesses must be paid by January 31, 2013 to avoid late fees and penalties.

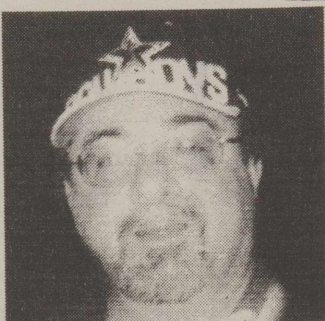
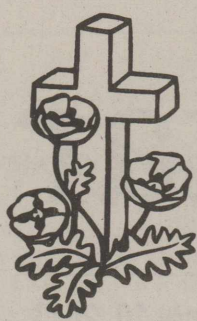
Penalty and interest begin at seven percent on February 1 and increase two percent per month until July when the penalty and interest reach 18 percent. On July 1 a collection penalty of 20 percent is added and the interest continues to accrue at an additional one percent per month.

Pay promptly to avoid penalties for late payment. If you are unable to pay the full amount by January 31, pay as much as possible. We accept installment payment. Payment may be made with cash, check, money order, credit card or debit card. There is a fee for using a credit or debit card.

The Sherman County Appraisal District mails a consolidated tax bill each September showing the amount of taxes owed to each taxing entity, such as cities, schools and Appraisal District office at 402 N. 3rd in Stratford. The Sherman County Tax Office mails the county tax bill at the same time. County Payments can be made at the Sherman County Courthouse.

Under state law even if you don't get a statement you are still responsible for paying your property tax. If you have not received a tax bill, please contact our office (806)366-5566 to make sure that we have your correct billing address.

OBITUARIES



Don Alan Harris
February 9, 1958-December 31, 2012

Don Alan Harris, 54, of Midland, Texas, passed away on December 31, 2012.

He was born to the late Jack Harris and Jan Harris, February 9, 1958 in Plainview, Texas. Don graduated from Stratford High School and attended Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. He spent most of his life farming and he also worked for the New Mexico Christian Children's Home. Don was passionate about each of these careers.

Left to cherish his memory are sons, Derek Ray Harris of Amarillo, Texas, Trevor Alan Harris and wife Cristella of Midland, Texas; two grandchildren, Trevor and Charlie Harris of Midland, Texas; brother, Dr. Kurt Harris of Guthrie, OK and sister Lisa Rae Harris of Dallas, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, NM 88130 (575-356-5372).

A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 5th at American Heritage Chapel, Midland, Texas.

Arrangements were entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home at West Texas Memorial Park.



Benny Bruce Sadler
March 5, 1954
January 4, 2013

Benny Bruce Sadler, 58 of Amarillo died Friday, January 4, 2013

Services were held in The Church of Quail Creek with Jon Watson of Caprock Baptist Church and the Rev. Dale Moreland officiating. Arrangements were by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St.

Benny Bruce Sadler was born March 5, 1954, in Dumas to Eugene and Carolyn Sadler. Benny accepted Christ while in grade school. Benny attended Stratford schools all 12 years. After his high school graduation, he attended United Electronic Institute in Dallas. Benny was employed by Diamond Shamrock near Dumas, and then transferred to Diamond Shamrock in Amarillo. Later, Benny worked for NuStar. Benny was a corrosion pipeline inspector. His passion was the game of golf and represented his company in several tournaments. He also enjoyed playing in Ruidoso, N.M. Benny was a member of the Lions Club, Elks Lodge and Coor's Cowboy Club.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Hazel and Jim Webb and Ethel Mae and Daniel Sadler.

Survivors include a son, Derric Sadler and wife Emily of Amarillo; a sister, Linda Husmann and husband Danny of Albany; a brother Carroll Sadler And wife Lety of Stratford, TX; his parents Eugene and Carolyn Sadler of Amarillo; a grandson, Steven and a host of caring friends and family.

The Family suggests memorials be to Olivia's Angels, in care of Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79101; or a favorite charity.

A man wrapped up in himself
makes a very small bundle.
—Benjamin Franklin

From the desk of Sheriff Powell

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF-NOT- Sheriff's Department

Black's Law Dictionary defines a **Department** as: "One of the major divisions of the executive branch of the government...generally, a branch or division of governmental administration."

Black's Law Dictionary defines an **Office** as: A right, and correspondent duty, to exercise public trust. A public charge of employment...the most frequent occasions to use the word arise with reference to a duty and power conferred on an individual by the government, and when this is the connection, public office is a usual and more discriminating expression...in the portion of the sovereign power either in making, executing, or administering the laws."

Clearly, the **Office of the Sheriff** is not simply another department of county government. Its internal operations are the sole responsibility of the Sheriff. County department heads are subordinate to a county governing body, because they are truly only a division of County government.

The **Office of the Sheriff**, on the other hand, is a constitutional office having exclusive powers of authority. These powers are not subject to the dictates of a county governing body. The powers of this Office have been exercised for over a hundred years.

A **Sheriff's Office**, then is fundamentally different from a county department which derives its limited authority from whatever is delegated to it. This delegation is made by The use of department substitutes a term meaning a subordinate unit of government, rather than using a term that unmistakably signifies its inherent powers and sovereignty.

Recently, a Sheriff from another county asked if he could give me some advice. I told him I was open for any good advice he wanted to send my way. He told me that the only way to stay in office for a long time is to "get rid of the radars, throw away the ticket books, and try not to arrest anybody." Well, I am feely not sure what oath he took, but it was not the same as mine. I am here to serve and protect the citizens of Sherman County and that is exactly what I promise to do. You will be proud of YOUR Sheriff's Office and the men and women who are a part of it. As long as I am YOUR Sheriff, you will see a proactive and professional office that is known for enforcing the laws and staying involved in our communities while treating everyone equally.

Thank you
SHERIFF JOE "Chief" POWELL

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Health Awareness

A Better Night's Sleep Might Lie In Your Blanket

(NAPS)—Sleep is a wonderful thing, but for many people, getting that sleep can prove elusive. Tried-and-true tips include keeping a regular schedule, getting enough daily exercise and creating a relaxing bedtime routine, but a new approach to sleeping soundly suggests that the right blanket can be instrumental in getting plenty of zzzz's.

For some people, the tried-and-true tips simply don't work. That was the case for the founders of Mosaic Weighted Blankets". Beth Peacock had interrupted sleep due to restless leg syndrome and her friend Laura LeMond had a history of sensory issues that kept her from getting enough shut-eye.

For years, LeMond stacked pillows and even books on her feet to fall asleep. That's when she realized that using weighted therapy would be a good solution for people with sleep and sensory processing disorders, autism, ADHD and anxiety.

LeMond and Peacock developed Mosaic Weighted Blankets (www.mosaicweightedblankets.com), a safe and effective line of soothing blankets, wraps and lap pads. They believe their blankets are one of the newest sleep remedies to help children, teens and adults relax, sleep soundly and focus during school and work, calming mind, body and spirit "one blanket at a time."

Mosaic Weighted Blankets also help ease symptoms and supplement treatment for cancer anxiety, menopause and many other conditions that might interfere with sleep.

The deep pressure touch stimulation or "swaddling" that happens when you cuddle up under a weighted blanket helps encourage the production of the hormone serotonin, which induces a more peaceful and happier state of mind, and melatonin, a natural hormone that helps regulate the sleep cycle. Studies show that melatonin not only helps people fall asleep, but



A weighted blanket wrapped around the body eases the mind.

also enhances the quality of sleep.

Earlier this year, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that an estimated 40 million people in the U.S. have chronic sleep disorder and 1.21 percent of the American population has ADHD. Symptoms of ADHD and treatments for ADHD can often cause insomnia.

Penny Williams, editor of her website, A Mom's View of ADHD, and mom of son Luke, who has sensory processing disorder, AD/ID and trouble sleeping, has tried various ways to help her son feel more comfortable and settle down.

After trying a Mosaic Weighted Blanket, Williams could definitely see a calming benefit. "Luke only uses his blanket at night but will not sleep without it. He feels grounded and secure under its weight," said Williams, who reports that the blanket did lessen the number of times he woke during the night.

The handmade blankets come in various sizes and weights to fit the body and can be used at home and will add focus at work and in school. Depending on the need, they can be used to calm and relax by laying across the lap, wrapping around the shoulders, covering legs or the whole body for sleeping. Custom blankets can be ordered by the appropriate size and weight recommended by a health care professional or therapist.

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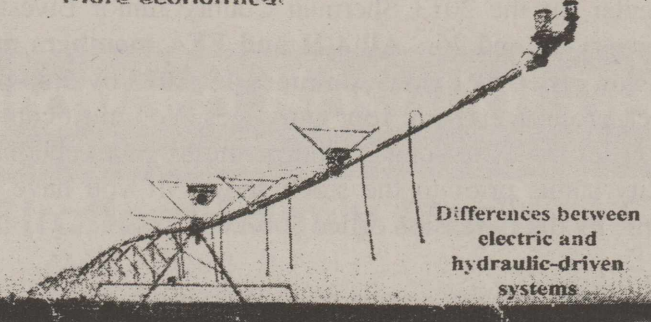
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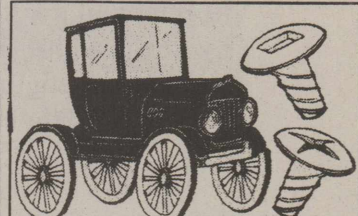
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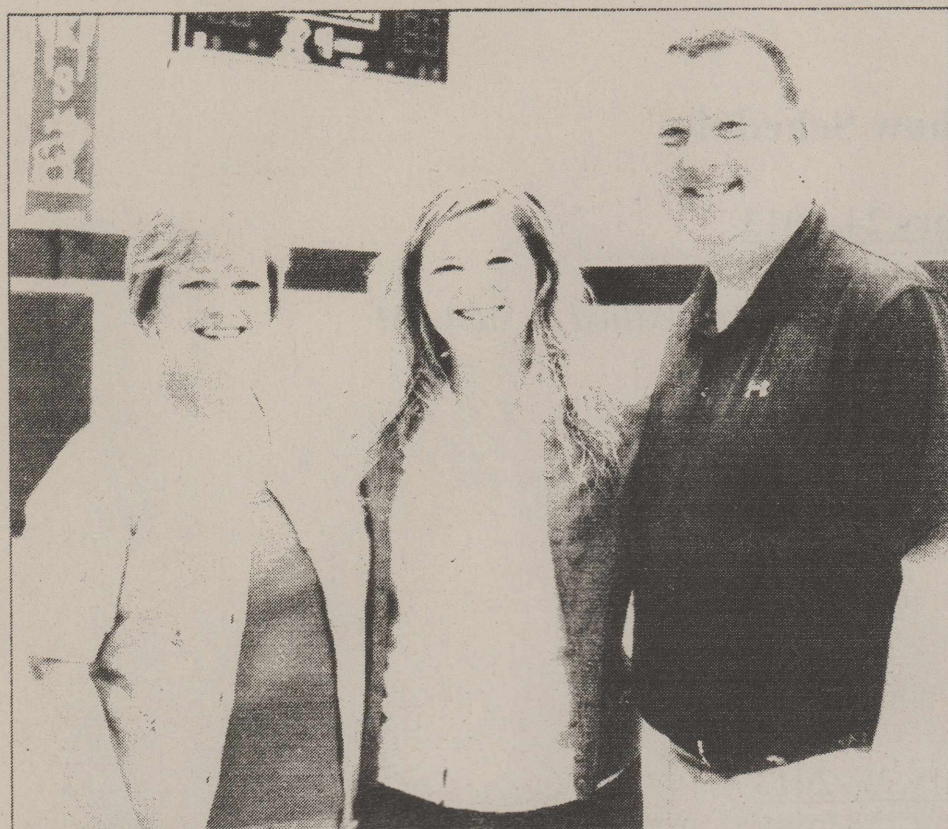
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Russell speaks to Students

Sunny Russell 2010 graduate of Stratford High School recently came and spoke to high school students about college readiness and what to expect when you go to college. Shown with Sunny is her mom Cindy and high school Principal Dr. Paul Uttley



Spurlock wins iPad 3

Winner of the SHS Annual Fundraiser was Mary Ann Spurlock. MaryAnn won an iPad 3. Presenting MaryAnn with the iPad is Stratford High School Principal Dr. Paul Uttley.

COOKING IDEAS

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"Surfin' Santa" presented by 4th Grade

The 4th grade Christmas play "Surfin' Santa" under the direction of Belinda Hamilton was presented to the community on Monday, December 17th.

"An Evening with Helen Blackburn & Friends"

Saturday, January 12 at the LaRita in Dalhart
Helen Blackburn, world renowned flutist, Dalhart Native, Artist Teacher of Flute at WTA&MU. Principal Flutist with the Dallas Opera Orchestra will perform at The LaRita Theatre, Saturday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$10.00 available at the Dalhart Area Chamber of Commerce 244-5646.

Lee-Jackson Banquet-January 19th

The Sons of the Confederate Veterans, Plemons-Shelley Camp 464 will hold the Lee-Jackson Banquet in the Boomtown Theatre in Borger on January 19th at 6:30 , \$15.00 per person. Contact Rocky Sprott at 806-930-1651 or 253-4492.

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The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

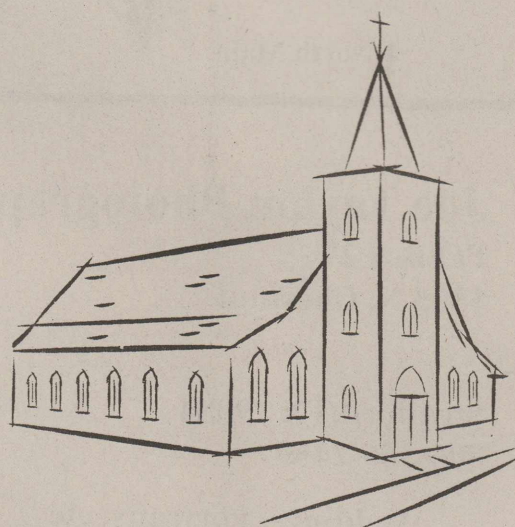
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2013 Livestock Show Schedule

Thursday, January 24, 2013

Lambs, Swine and Goats in place by 4:45 PM

All Swine, Lambs and Goats will be weighed in and classified at 5:00 PM

Friday, January 25, 2013

8:00 AM – Swine Show

Swine Showmanship

Lamb Show

Lamb Showmanship

Goat Show

Goat Showmanship

Saturday, January 26, 2013

7:00 AM All Cattle must be in Barn for Weigh In/Check In

8:00 AM – Steer Show

Heifer Show

Cattle Showmanship

Clean up of Show Barn immediately following Cattle Show

5:00 PM – All Exhibitors will be fed at County Barn

6:00 PM – Buyers Meal

7:00 PM – Premium Sale

Sale Order

Lambs

Goats

Steers

Heifers

Swine

Sunday, January 27, 2013

1:00 PM – Exhibit and Animal Barn Clean Up

Friday, February 15, 2013

All project forms from exhibitors must be turned in by 5:00 PM unless exhibiting at a major show and those are due on March 29, 2013 by 5:00 PM

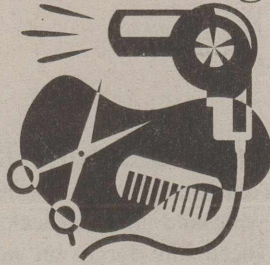
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Help Wanted

Texhoma ISD is seeking a 1/2 day Music Teacher for grades pk-4th. The applicant must hold a Texas Teaching certificate or be eligible to obtain one through SBEC. Applications may be obtained by calling Superintendent Hope Appel at 806-827-7400 or by email at hope.appel@texhomaisd.net. Applications will be taken until the position is filled. Texhoma ISD is an equal opportunity employer. 12-20 1-3-13 2x's

Employment Opening

Texhoma Independent School District, Texhoma, Texas, is seeking applications for two paraprofessional aids for the elementary school. Applications may be obtained by calling Superintendent Hope Appel at 806-827-7400 or by email at hope.appel@texhomaisd.net. Applications will be taken until the position is filled. Texhoma ISD is an equal opportunity employer. 1-3-13-1x

Coldwater Manor is seeking a full time CNA, please apply in person at 1111 Beaver RD, Stratford, TX EOE

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Card of Thanks

I dreamed I had a Birthday party and no one came!! WRONG!! I had a Birthday Party and nearly everyone came. It didn't hurt one bit to be "90"! In fact it felt good. Thank you to my precious family & friends for loving me all these years. It has been a wonderful journey! I love you all!

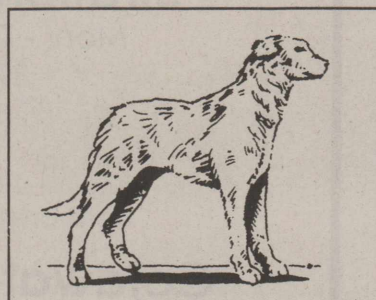
Ramona Spurlock
AKA "Gan"

Card of Thanks

Thanks Stratford & Sherman County

Once again our community supported the annual Beef Cooking for families of local military heroes on December 21st. We cooked enough beef tenders to feed 22 military families and the excess was delivered to others within our community. We always take care of the military families first and whatever's left over, we take to other deserving "heroes" within our community. Please don't think this is charity, but a small show of respect for what you and your family member have done for this country. For those who donated money, you are appreciated very much. There was enough to cover out of pocket expenses and the excess will go to the American Legion. We can't thank Wesley and Susie Spurlock enough for the use of their barn again this year. A big thanks to Gregg Hudson who cleans up the barn and stays until everything is done. Cooks this year along with Gregg Hudson were Tim Hudson, Scott Hudson, Tex Vaughn, Lynn Allen and Larry Parsons, who also helped gather up the donations! Thanks to Robert McGinnis and Ann Wells for being our delivery persons. And last but surely not least, Marty Robertson who runs the ads for free and has always supported the project...thanks Marty! The Beef for Hometown Heroes will continue and we thank everyone for their support and help this year.

Gregg Hudson
Tex Vaughn
Scott Hudson
Tim Hudson
Larry Parsons
Robert McGinnis
Ann Wells
Lynn Allen



The tallest species of dog is the Irish wolfhound, which grows to be about 32 inches high at the shoulders.

Card of Thanks

Thanks to all my Christian Friends and Family who made my Christmas better this year. Thanks and God Bless You.

Irene Zaricor

Card of Thanks

I want to thank everyone who was involved in my retirement reception: Terri Carter, Margaret Ewers, Billye Zak, Lori Smith. Special thanks to those who contributed financially: Happy State Bank, First State Bank, Dollar General, Subway, Kathy Allen, Sandy Trail Farms, City of Stratford, Bill Mires, Cece Yelek, and the Sherman County Elected officials and employees. Most of all I especially want to thank my staff; they have really made me look good through the years, and I couldn't have done my job without them. If I have missed recognizing anyone's contribution, please forgive my oversight. It has been a distinct honor and privilege to serve Sherman Co. as your sheriff. I am still going to be involved in the community and look forward to my new adventure.

Sheriff Jack Haile, (Ret.)

Legal Notice

Application has been made for a beer and wine off premise beverage permit by Frontier Fuel LP, dba, Express Lane #5 located at 119 E. Texas Street, Stratford, Sherman County, Texas, officer of said company is Richard D. Rogers, president

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Notice of Public Hearing

Please be advised that the City of Stratford has received applications for zoning variances from:

- Fernando and Karol Jacquez, 202 N. 3rd
- Rocio Torres, 401 N. 7th

The public hearing for the zoning variances will be conducted on January 24th, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the City Hall council chambers located at 518 N. 3rd Street. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, January 3, 2013 and Thursday, January 7, 2013.

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Holiday Health Hints

Holiday Sweets, Treats And Healthy Smiles

(NAPS)—In an effort to help motivate children to brush their teeth this holiday season, the elves have been busy working with the GUM oral care brand to bring children Santa-approved toothbrushes that will not only make the perfect stocking stuffer, but also come with a little holiday magic designed to make brushing fun. Dentists agree that toothbrushes in fun designs and shapes can make it easier to motivate kids to brush their teeth, and help moms check this often time-consuming task off their to-do list.

A recent national survey of moms found that many of them lose the toothbrush battle at least once a day, spending 30 hours a year—that's nearly a full workweek—negotiating to get their children to brush their teeth. The survey also found that three out of four moms (76 percent) reported that their child had a cavity before age 12, and nearly 40 percent of those children were 5 years old or younger, making it more important than ever to add brushing your teeth to the naughty or nice checklist.

Some of the toothbrushes that moms should look for include the GUM Star Wars Lightsaber toothbrush, which flashes for 60-second intervals to help teach kids to brush longer and more efficiently—even when Santa isn't watching. Another option to include in the stocking this year is the GUM Crayola Power toothbrush, which is designed like a Crayola marker and features ultra-soft oscillating bristles that gently massage and clean the teeth. For the younger children, GUM created the Dinosaur Train manual tooth-



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brush, which features Buddy and Tiny from the popular television show "Dinosaur Train."

Michael Ignelzi, D.D.S., Ph.D., National Media Spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, stresses that good dental habits begin early: "It is very important for kids to develop good oral health habits at a young age. Kids are more likely to brush their teeth if they have a character toothbrush that means something to them. It is also important for kids to brush their teeth for the correct amount of time. Both of my kids use the GUM Star Wars Lightsaber toothbrush because the blinking light tells them exactly how long to brush."

Where To Learn More

You can find further facts, tips and dental care items online at www.gumbrand.com and (888) 777-3101.

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Health Awareness

Cold Season Tips

(NAPS)—It's nothing to sneeze at: The average adult catches two to four colds every year, causing millions of workdays to be lost. The good news is that there are natural ways to lessen the impact of such illnesses.

First, get a good night's sleep to help boost immunity. The National Sleep Foundation recommends at least seven to nine hours for adults.

It's also important to stay hydrated and to eat a diet that is rich in vitamin C and nutrient-dense foods.

If you have a sore throat, drink a hot beverage or gargle with a solution of water and about a teaspoon of salt.

When it comes to seasonal illness, prevention is key. Try to avoid close contact with those who are obviously unwell or who have upper respiratory illnesses. Blow your nose gently but frequently to keep nasal passages clear. To protect others, cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. Wash your hands often using water and soap for at least 20 seconds. Encourage children to take the same preventative measures.

Colds aren't the only problem to avoid: Sinus infections and inflamed sinuses affect millions of Americans each year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the use of a humidifier to moisten air in the home.

While many reach for traditional medicines to treat coughs, colds and sinus issues, at least 38 percent of adults use complementary and



A hot drink can go a long way toward soothing a sore throat.

alternative medicine to treat common illnesses. Unlike most traditional medicines, homeopathic products are formulated to stimulate the body's defense mechanisms, rather than suppress them. (These statements are based on traditional homeopathic practice. They have not been reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration.)

For example, Hyland's line of DEFEND products offers adults all-natural, sugar-free, multi-symptom relief from nasal congestion, sore throat, coughing and sneezing and doesn't contain, diphenhydramine, dextromethorphan or phenylephrine.

For more health tips and information about natural medicine, visit www.hylands.com. Hyland's products are available in natural food stores, groceries, supercenters and pharmacies such as Walgreens.

Health Awareness

Help For Kids With Sensory Processing Disorder

(NAPS)—If you've ever watched a child throw a tantrum in the grocery store, or witnessed a child slam into things, seemingly oblivious to pain, you may have seen the symptoms of sensory processing disorder (SPD). This condition affects 5 to 10 percent of children. Many parents whose children exhibit these and similar behavioral problems may be relieved to know that they are not alone. There may be a medical reason—and effective treatment is available.



Children with SPD benefit from occupational therapy with a sensory approach.

Understanding SPD

Whether you're eating, walking or reading, your ability to do so requires the integration of sensations. SPD occurs when sensory signals don't get organized into appropriate responses. This makes everyday tasks difficult, even though most individuals with SPD are just as intelligent as their peers and many are intellectually gifted.

Signs of SPD

A person with SPD may exhibit such symptoms as:

- Overly sensitive to touch, noises, smells or movement
- Floppy or stiff body; clumsy, poor motor skills
- Difficulty dressing, eating, sleeping or toilet training
- Frequent or lengthy temper tantrums
- Easily distracted, fidgety, withdrawn or aggressive
- Craves movement
- Easily overwhelmed.

Not everyone with these symptoms has SPD and not everyone with SPD has all these symptoms, but if your child has many of them, it may be time to see a doctor.

The Good News

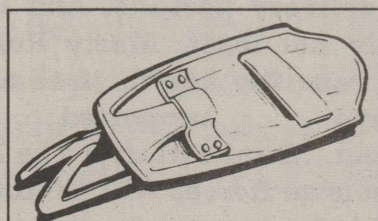
Fortunately, once children have been accurately diagnosed, explains Lucy Jane Miller, Ph.D., OTR, occupational therapy can help them participate in normal activities—playing with friends, enjoying school, eating, dressing and sleeping.

The Bad News

SPD is frequently misdiagnosed or confused with ADHD and other conditions.

The Answers

The Sensory Processing Disorder Foundation provides information at www.SPNow.org and (303) 794-1182.



The seat on a luge sled is called a sling.

Tips To Help You Keep Life In Balance

(NAPS)—While rewarding, helping out an aging loved one can be stressful and present feelings of frustration. Do you drive your mother to doctors' appointments? Are you managing medicine for your grandfather? Have you had a parent move in with you? Whether your help is hands-on or offering support, assistance and guidance from a distance, you aren't alone. You're far from it. It's estimated that there are 42.1 million family caregivers in America facing similar challenges.

Connecting with other caregivers who know what it's like to care for a loved one and joining communities of those with similar experiences can offer great support in a difficult time. AARP's new Caregiving Resource Center is a great starting point to join an online community of caregivers and connect with information, resources and advice. Whether you're caring for your mother who lives 20 minutes away or for your in-laws living across the country, the Caregiving Resource Center offers tips for caring for your loved ones, both near and far.

Balancing Work and Caregiving at Home

• **Learn your company policies**—Talk to your Human Resources Department or manager to learn about your company's policies regarding caregiving. Some companies offer programs to help find services, support groups or flexible work arrangements.

• **Know your rights**—Learn about the Family and Medical Leave Act, which entitles eligible workers to unpaid leave—up to 12 weeks a year—for family caregiving without losing job security or health benefits.

• **Talk to your manager**—Let your manager know about your role as a caregiver and what it requires of you.

Caring From Afar

• **Create a contact list**—Put together a list for yourself and



Balancing everyone's needs—including your own—may be a bit easier when you know where to go for help.

your loved one of addresses and phone numbers of those who can be reached in an emergency: friends, neighbors, doctors or other family members who have regular contact with your loved one.

• **Organize information**—No one wants to think about emergencies, but it's always better to be prepared. Collect and keep handy important information before a crisis.

You might even consider an electronic health record—such as the AARP Health Record—to manage critical information. Keep handy medical records, medications, doctor names and numbers, insurance information, names of utility companies, financial information and important documents including birth certificates, Social Security cards and home deeds.

• **Make visits productive**—Time with your loved one should be enjoyable but it's also a great opportunity to assess possibly changing needs. Make a list of things to take care of before you arrive, including scheduling appointments in advance or making shopping lists. When you're there, note anything out of the ordinary and look around the house for safety hazards.

• **Community services**—Look into community services that may provide support and assistance.

Learn More

For more helpful tips and resources, visit www.AARP.org/caregiving.

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Helping Veterans Stay In Their Homes

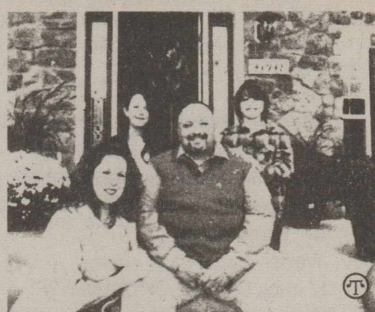
(NAPS)—Even in today's housing market, the American dream remains a reality for most veterans.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has guaranteed 20 million home loans since its program was established in 1944 as part of the original GI Bill of Rights for returning World War II veterans. The program has grown significantly in the past five years. Currently, there are 1.7 million VA-guaranteed home loans in existence with a total value of \$284 billion.

The program makes home ownership more affordable for eligible veterans, service members and surviving spouses by permitting no-down-payment loans with no requirement for mortgage insurance—features that will alone save borrowers whose loans originated in the past year \$13 billion over the life of their loans. VA loans are also attractive within the mortgage industry because they protect lenders from loss if the borrower fails to repay the loan.

Mortgages guaranteed by VA have had the lowest foreclosure rate for the last 17 quarters and the lowest delinquency rate for the last 14 quarters compared to all other types of home loans in the nation, including prime loans, according to a report by the Mortgage Bankers Association.

Much of the strength of VA's home loan program stems from the efforts of VA and its industry

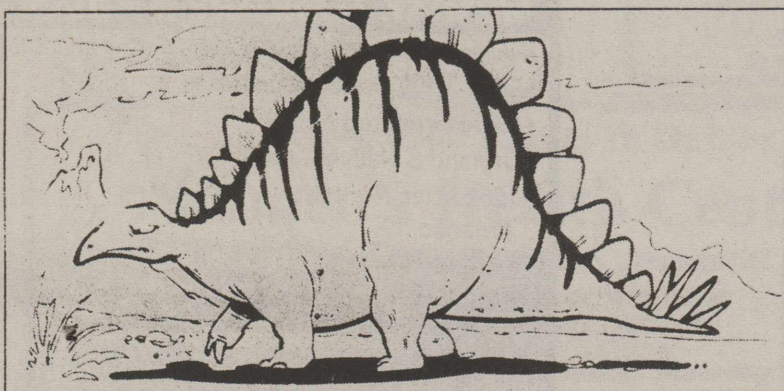


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partners nationwide to ensure that veterans receive every possible opportunity to remain in their homes and avoid foreclosure. Since 2009, VA's efforts have resulted in more than \$8 billion in savings to taxpayers in foreclosure avoidance.

"At the center of the home loan guaranty program is the idea that veterans and their families are a safe bet," said Allison A. Hickey, VA's Under Secretary for Benefits. "As a result of their service and sacrifice, as a group, they prove to be disciplined, reliable and honorable—traits that are ideal for this kind of national investment."

Veterans can get a certificate of eligibility for a VA-guaranteed home loan through the joint Department of Defense-VA web portal [eBenefits at www.eBenefits.va.gov](http://www.eBenefits.va.gov). For more information, visit www.benefits.va.gov/home loans.



The stegosaurus was a large, plant-eating dinosaur that lived about 150 million years ago in what is now the western United States. It had two rows of bony plates shaped like huge arrowheads sticking out of its back.

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