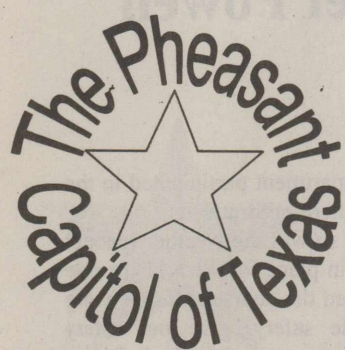




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## Spurlocks Honored

Wesley and Susie Spurlock were honored on Friday, May 25, 2012 with a special presentation of a plaque thanking them for all of their time and help given to Lollipop Junction over the past 20 years. Brio Beckett, manager of Lollipop is shown above presenting the Spurlocks the plaque.

## Sherman County Livestock Association Meeting

Sherman County Livestock Association had a meeting May 21, 2012 in 7:00pm at the Sherman County Barn. The 2012-13 board consists of: James Smith-President, Barney Willborn-Vice-President, Alicia Law-Secretary, Dinah Horsford-Treasurer, Paul Uttley, Eddie Metcalf, Jack Swain, Brad McBryde, and Garland Dahl.

The 2013 Livestock Show will be held on Friday, January 25, 2013 starting at 7:00 a.m. with the swine, lambs, and goats. The Steer & Heifer Show will be on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 8:00 am. The sale will be held Saturday at 6:00pm.

The Sherman County Livestock participants will be holding the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Tailgate Party September 8, 2012.

The validation dates for the Sherman County Show are as follows: Steers-June 22<sup>nd</sup>; Heifers, Lambs & Goats-October 29<sup>th</sup>; and Swine-November 30<sup>th</sup>. 4-H exhibitors need to contact Brad Easterling and FFA exhibitors need to contact Lance Horsford for more information or questions they may have.



## Mungia signs letter of intent

Justin Mungia signed a letter of intent to play football for Wayland Baptist University. Shown with Justin at his signing are his family and coach from left, Madison Mungia, Kaylee Mungia, Bryan Mungia, Justin, Kendra Mungia and Coach Eddie Metcalf. Congratulations and Good luck Justin!!!!



This Memorial Day offered us an opportunity to honor and reflect upon the sacrifices made by the men and women of our armed services to preserve and protect this great country that we live in. We hope that everyone remembered what our country's service members and loved ones they have left behind. Today and everyday our veterans deserve everyday our respect and gratitude for what they have done for each and every one of us. These brave men and women deserve nothing less. We hope that everyone on Monday May 28, 2012 and everyday of the year will remember and honor these brave people for what they do everyday to protect us and keep us free. THANK YOU.

## State 4-H Qualifiers Hold Fundraiser on June 3rd

A total of nine 4-H youth will be heading to Texas Tech University for 4-H State Roundup in a total of five events and as a District Representative. The fundraiser will be Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:30 am-1 pm at the County Barn. The fundraiser will be a Drive-thru Spaghetti Dinner, free will donation. All meals will be delivered to your car in to-go boxes. A bake sale table will also be available for those with a sweet tooth. The youth qualifying are the Nutrition Quiz Bowl Team consisting of Ransom Lerman, Kaylee Mungia, Mary Ann Spurlock and AJ Rife as well as the Shooting Team of Garrett Ely, Mary Ann Spurlock, Conner Lowrey and Trenton Stone. Erin Wilkens will be attending in Education Presentation and Mary Ann Spurlock will be attending in Fashion Show and Storyboard. Kavan Killian will be attending as a District Representative and will help preside over the evening general assemblies. Please come support these kids as they represent Stratford and Sherman County in Lubbock. The proceeds will help offset the expenses to attend Round-up.

## Relay for Life!

As you know it has been a few years since we have had a relay here in Stratford. But we have the opportunity to get involved!! Moore County Relay for Life is June 29, 2012 at 7p.m. at the new Dumas Intermediate School (400 Texas Ave Dumas).

You can either create a team of your own or we have been invited to join the Accolade Home Care team!

How else can we participate??? Luminaries — This is a special paper sack that you decorate to honor someone that has lost their battle to cancer OR to honor someone that has either won their battle or is currently fighting.

T-shirts ---- You can buy a t-shirt that team Accolade created as one of their fundraisers for \$15.00 (limited quantities)

Or you can make a donation that can be tax deductible!

For more information please contact Audra Meidinger at Main Street Essentials!



## UnTied Singles Fellowship to meet June 5, 2012

UnTied Singles Fellowship will hold their monthly meeting on June 5, 2012. The topic will be adult immunizations; and the program will be presented by the Texas Health Department. The location of the meeting will be at the First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. Bring your own supper meal and your ideas for the monthly group activity. For more information, contact: Paula Nusz (806) 753-6489.

## CALLING ALL QUILTERS---

SCOT is hosting a Quilt Show Saturday, July 28 during Stratford Jamboree Days and Ex Student Weekend. The show will be held at SCOT Hall from 1:30 pm to 4:00pm. SCOT would like to show case the talents of quilters in our community at this event. Anyone who would like to display a quilt (either one they made or have received) is encouraged to do so. All quilts will be displayed in a food and smoke free setting.

Persons interested in exhibiting quilts are asked to contact Susie Spurlock at 396-2864 or email [lockspurxit.net](mailto:lockspurxit.net) as soon as possible. SCOT thanks everyone for their assistance with the show.

## Imagine That at The Imagination Station

Minnow of a Sale June 9 is beginning to be put together. Furniture, toys, kitchen items, decorator items, linens, some clothing.

June 11-14 Science Camp for 4th & 5th graders. Pre-registration required. Mark Wilson director  
July 9-12 Drama Camp Registration Teri Teig director  
July 28 jamboree Ex-Student Celebration September 14-15 "Whale of a Sale"

**All Scrap bookers/Memory Keepers**  
**June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10-6 at the County Barn**  
*Do you want to make memories for your family, kids or grandkids?*

*Do you want to learn how to scrapbook?*  
*Maybe you already make these memories but need some new tips and techniques.*

*Bring your materials and work with us.*  
*Come join us on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10-6 at the County Barn.*

## Election Changes

By Katie Page & Gina Gray

I am guessing that many of you have noticed that there will not be an election for the Stratford Hospital District board, City of Stratford, and Stratford Independent School District in May. This has left many people perplexed. So we are publishing an explanation regarding the change. S.B. No 100, Section 4, Section 41.001 of the Election code was modified this past year. It allows political subdivisions to hold their board and council member elections on either the second Saturday in May or the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. As a result of expanded schedules for the primary, it was modified to state that the county elections administrator is not required to enter into a contract to furnish election services for an election held on the second Saturday in May in even numbered years. As Sherman County cannot enter into any contracts for elections in even numbered years for the May election date, The Stratford Hospital District, City of Stratford, and Stratford Independent School District could either attempt to rent voting machines from another county/entity or move all of their elections to the general election in November. In order to eliminate confusion, control cost, and make things easier for the voters of Sherman County, each board made the decision to move the election to November for board and council members. Bond elections and special elections can still be held on certain days as called for. If anyone has any questions regarding this change, please feel free to contact me, Gina Gray, Sherman County Clerk at 806-366-2371.



# OBITUARIES

## Helen Crawford Willis Hartman

DALHART — Helen Crawford Willis Hartman, 77 of Dalhart died Saturday, May 26, 2012.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in First Christian Church with Barry Walker, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements were by Horizon Funeral Home of Dalhart.

Helen lived in Stratford with family and graduated from school in 1954. She married James Crawford, her high school sweetheart, and they had two daughters, Debbie and Jeans Beth.

Helen moved to Dalhart in 1977 and married Marvin Willis, a farmer and rancher. They attended First Christian Church. She and Marvin loved their church and worked in the church as Sunday school teachers, the missionary guild and readers club. She loved taking care of older folks. When Marvin died in 1998, Helen's time was filled with family, and church family and friends. Helen married Larnee Hartman in 2003. He was a wonderful companion and traveling partner to Helen, and has a gentle spirit and kind heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Grace Finch; her husband, Marvin Willis; a daughter, Debbie Walker; two stepsons, Mike and Gary Hartman; and a stepdaughter, Charlotte McCarthy.

Survivors include her husband, Larnee Hartman of Dalhart; a daughter, Jeana Jackson and husband Dennis of Canadian; a son-in-law, Brian Walker of Dalhart; a granddaughter, Stephanie and husband Ty Ellis of Dalhart; a great-grandson, Carter James Ellis of Dalhart; a sister, Shirley McCammond of Amarillo; a brother, Roy Finch and wife Carole of Banning, Calif.; three stepsons, Mark Willis and wife Barbara of Fort Collins, Colo., Mike Willis and wife Marcy of Dalhart and Sandy Kimbell and wife Annette of Ransom Canyon; a stepdaughter, Nickie Sue Paulzer and husband Bobby of Lubbock; eight step grandchildren; five step great-grandchildren; two nephews; and a niece.

The family suggests memorials be to First Christian Church, 602 Denver Ave., Dalhart, TX 79022.

Sign the online guest book at [www.horizonfuneral.com](http://www.horizonfuneral.com).

# Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Heath, Kenna, Dempsey and Jackson Collums enjoyed a fun filled weekend in Amarillo. They stayed Friday and Saturday night. While there they went to the Discovery Center, watched an exciting Amarillo Sox baseball game, and enjoyed swimming. Sunday afternoon they fished and plan on grilling them for Memorial Day.

Leaner and Peggy Hawkins have recently filled a pond at Griggs, Ok. They stocked it with catfish and blue gill. Next year will be wonderful fishing. The grandkids have enjoyed swimming in it so far and they also bought a peddle boat to use. Peggy is getting around better on her broken foot.

Brenda Taylor of Denver was here over Memorial weekend. She was accompanied by her cousin Cindy and her husband.

Patti McDaniel from Denver spent a week with her mother Marylou and brother Mike.

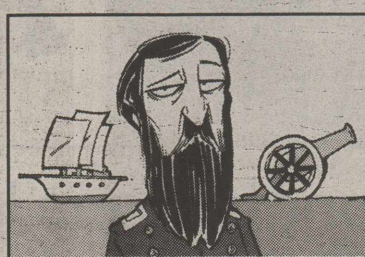
The women of the area will enjoy playing Bunko again the second Friday of the month, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Come and play, bring a snack. We would love to have you.

Mike McDaniel recently had surgery and is doing much better.

Bill and Donna Gillenwaters went to Buffalo, Fort Supply and Woodward meeting with relatives. Donna has recently had a MRI done and is having sciatic nerve problems.

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If people will not speak up for other people's rights, there will come a day when they will lose their own.

—Tony Lawrence



The only person in American history to be both an Admiral (Rear Admiral) in the Navy and a General (Major General) in the Army was Samuel Powhatan Carter, who was born in Elizabethton, Tenn., in 1819.

## From the desk of Chief Powell



On Saturday, YOUR Police Department participated in the 20 year celebration of Lollipop here in Stratford.

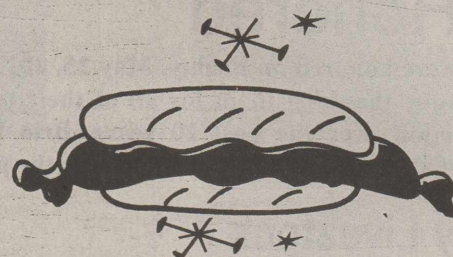
The turn-out was excellent and so was the weather (except for the wind.) A bike trail was in place for the Kids to ride through and once they completed the course; officers were on-hand to talk about bicycle safety, give out safety information packets, and of course, Stratford Police Department stickers. I was asked to D.J. the event and I had a blast the entire time. The Naugle's were busier than we were, setting up games, Bouncy houses, etc. Hot dogs were served at no cost to the participants and all in all it was an awesome day in Stratford for the children and adults alike. Thanks for the invite we were so glad to be a part! What weather we had for Memorial Day!! We hope everyone enjoyed their day off and remembered our past and present soldiers. I preach every day about public perception. Nobody really knows what the next person is doing unless you are there with them. We may not know exactly what each soldier's job function is or Was, one this is for sure AMERICA IS SAFE BECAUSE OF THEM!! Thanks to each of you from YOUR Stratford Police Department.

One final congrats to our seniors who graduated last week. May your future be all that you dream of and more!!

Have a great week, Stratford & as always it is a pleasure serving this community!!

Chief Joe Powell

## Stratford Grain Co.'s Annual Pre-Harvest Free Hot Dog Feed



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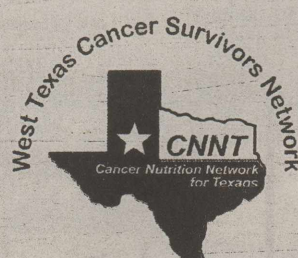
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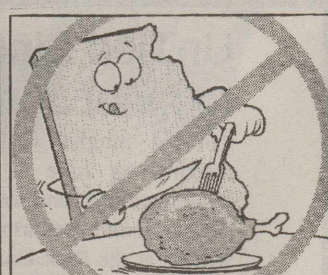


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In Gainesville, Ga.—the self-proclaimed "Chicken Capital of the World"—it is illegal to eat chicken with a fork.

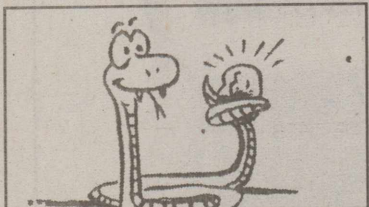
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The ancient Greeks believed the mineral jasper could draw the poison from snake bites.



The smallest horse is the Fallabella, which grows only 30 inches high.

## Engagement Announced

Ernest and Melissa Maiwald of Stafford, VA formally of Stratford, TX are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Shannon Maiwald to Roy Allen son of Matt and Sheryl New of Dumas, TX and Ted Allen of Stratford, TX. Shannon will graduate from Brooke Point High School, Stafford, VA in June. She is employed with the Universal Cheerleading Association. Roy is a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps stationed at New River, NC and is a graduate of Stratford High School. They will be married August 18, 2012 in Myrtle Beach, SC.



### \$1,000 prize offered in poetry contest

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered to the last poet standing in a contest sponsored by Rainbow Poets. Poems of 21 lines or fewer on any subject and in any style will be judged by the contest director Dr Michael Thomas. "We love encouraging poetry, the Cinderella of the Arts," he says. "We trust this contest will result in many happy surprises!"

The contest is free to enter and open to everyone. Fifty prizes totaling more than \$5,000 will be awarded. Send one poem only by June 18 deadline to: Free Poetry Contest, PO Box 761, Medford, Oregon 97501. Or enter at [www.rainbowpoets.com](http://www.rainbowpoets.com). Those sending entries should include their name and address on the same page as the poem. A winners list will be sent to all entrants.



### Rifle Shooters Place Second at District

The Sherman County 4-H Shooting Sports Club attended the District Rifle competition May 4-5 and performed up to their usual expectations. The Junior Teams got things started off Friday night by finishing 3th overall. The Junior Team of Charlie Harbour, Slate Anderton, Dempsey Collums, and Hannah Sims did a fine job for their first time out. Sherman Co. also had a partial second squad made up of Justin Duran and Nicholas Payne.

On Saturday the Intermediate Team of Bret Barnard, Abby Ely, Karl Punch, and Luis Mendoza finished in 4th place. Kory Punch also shot as an Intermediate Individual on Friday morning. In the Senior group, Garrett Ely, Mary Ann Spurlock, Connor Lowry, and Trenton Stone were the second place team overall. Garrett won the Shoot Out that was held after the match for the top 12 highest scoring individuals at the match.

The Senior Team of Garret, Mary Ann, Connor, and Trenton will be traveling to the 2012 State Roundup Indoor Rifle Match to be held in Levelland this year with the move of State 4-H Round Up to Lubbock on June 11-15. We wish them the best of luck this year.

## Stratford Hospital District

"Proudly serving the medical needs of Stratford and Sherman County."

### Stratford Family Medical Clinic

Mon. - Thurs. 8 AM - 5 PM, Fri. 8 AM - 3 PM  
396-5583 Tommy Brian, ANP

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366-5505 Angie Hipp, RPh

### Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility

396-5568 Karl Punch, LNFA

### Stratford EMS

9-1-1 or 396-2844 Jimmy Lanning, Director

The Stratford Hospital District operates on a non-discriminatory basis, giving equal treatment and access to services without regard to sex, race, religion, age or ethnicity

## Attention to all subscribers!!

### Rate changed

The Stratford Star is no longer be sending out notices when your paper is due. Check the label on the paper and see what month your subscription expires. **I will be putting "Stars" on the current month** If you have a Star on your label it means that your sub expires that month. If you are not sure the amount you owe if you live out of the area call 753-7373 and double check. Locally is \$33.00 and out of the area \$40.00. If you are paying for someone else's sub, you will be billed for that person. The Stratford Star, PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084  
Thanks-Marty

### Baxter Black to be in Amarillo June 16th

Baxter Black described by the New York Times as "...probably the nation's most successful living poet,"...thinks it's an exaggeration.

He will share his poetry and his talents at the 2nd annual BLUEBONNETS AND BOOTS benefiting ASCA on June 16 at 7:30 pm at the Amarillo Senior Center, 1220 S. Polk.

Baxter Black can shoe a horse, string a bob wire fence and bang out a Bob Wills classic on his flat top guitar. Cowboy poet, ex-veterinarian and sorry team roper, he has more hair around his lip than on his head. Raised in New Mexico, spent his workin' life in the mountain west tormenting cows, now he travels the country tormenting cowboys.

Since 1982, Baxter Black has been rhyming his way into the national spotlight, and now stands as the best-selling cowboy poet in the world. He's written several books (including one rodeo novel and its sequel), recorded over a dozen audio and video tapes, CDs and DVDs, and has achieved notoriety as a syndicated columnist and radio commentator. From the Tonight Show and PBS to NPR and the NFR, Baxter's wacko verse has been seen and heard by millions. His works are prominently displayed in both big city libraries and small town feed stores.

Baxter lives in Benson, Arizona, between the Gila River and the Gila monster, the Mexican border and the Border Patrol and between the horse and the cow--where the action is. Everything about Baxter is cowboy; his cartoonish mustache, his personality and his poetry. He hasn't changed a thing about his subject matter or his delivery. He makes a living shining a spotlight on the flaws and foibles of everyday cowboy life, the day-to-day ups and downs of people who live with livestock and work the land. He demonstrates that it is the truth in his humor that makes it funny. Driven by a left hand sense of humor Black evokes laughter just by being there.

He still doesn't own a television or a cell phone, and his idea of a modern convenience is Velcro chaps.

This former large animal veterinarian can be followed nationwide through his column, National Public Radio, public appearances, television and also through his books, cd's, videos and website, [www.baxterblack.com](http://www.baxterblack.com).

So, in a nut shell (where some believe he may have evolved) there is considerably more to Baxter than just an entertainer. He is the real thing. Because, as he says, "It's hard to be what you aren't" Baxter's philosophy is simple enough - in spite of all the computerized, digitized, high-tech innovations now available to mankind, there will always be a need for someone who can "think up stuff".

For more information about tickets or sponsorships, contact Jelaine Workman at 374-5500.

## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

**First Assembly of God**  
Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**First Christian Church**  
Pastor Gary Smith  
5th & Main  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)  
No Sunday evening Worship Service

**First United Methodist**  
Rev. David Terry  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Junior High UMY 5:00 p.m.  
Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
6th & Pearl  
Rectory 366-5687  
Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.  
Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon  
Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
Pastor Jason Stone  
702 N. 3rd  
Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m.  
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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Stratford INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION CONCERNING HIGH STAKES, STANDARDIZED TESTING  
OF TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF Sherman §

WHEREAS, the over reliance on standardized, high stakes testing as the only assessment of learning that really matters in the state and federal accountability systems is strangling our public schools and undermining any chance that educators have to transform a traditional system of schooling into a broad range of learning experiences that better prepares our students to live successfully and be competitive on a global stage; and

WHEREAS, we commend Robert Scott, Commissioner of Education, for his concern about the overemphasis on high stakes testing that has become "a perversion of its original intent" and for his continuing support of high standards and local accountability; and

WHEREAS, we believe our state's future prosperity relies on a high-quality education system that prepares students for college and careers, and without such a system Texas' economic competitiveness and ability to attract new business will falter; and

WHEREAS, the real work of designing more engaging student learning experiences requires changes in the culture and structure of the systems in which teachers and students work; and

WHEREAS, what occurs in our classrooms every day should be student-centered and result in students learning at a deep and meaningful level, as opposed to the superficial level of learning that results from the current over-emphasis on that which can be easily tested by standardized tests; and

WHEREAS, we believe in the tenets set out in *Creating a New Vision for Public Education in Texas* (TASA, 2008) and our goal is to transform this district in accordance with those tenets; and

WHEREAS, our vision is for all students to be engaged in more meaningful learning activities that cultivate their unique individual talents, to provide for student choice in work that is designed to respect how they learn best, and to embrace the concept that students can be both consumers and creators of knowledge; and

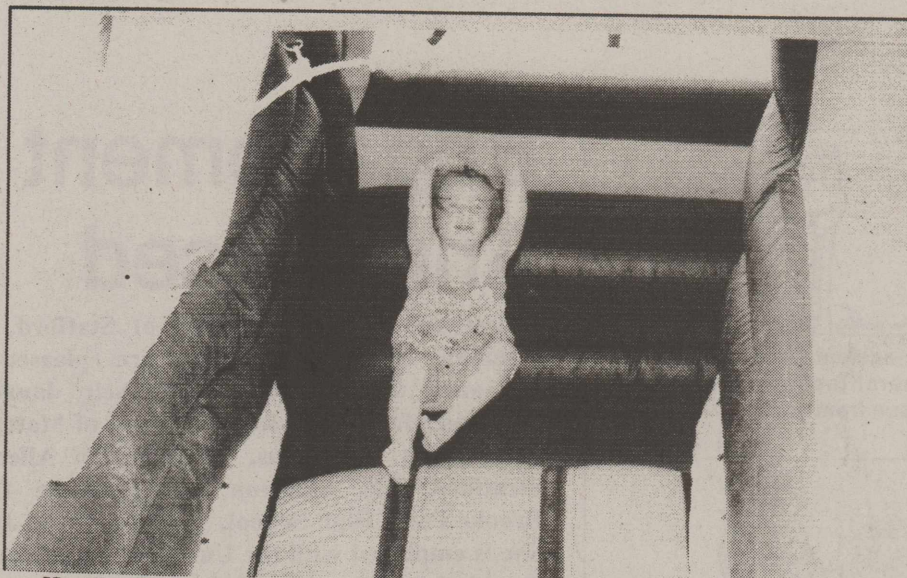
WHEREAS, only by developing new capacities and conditions in districts and schools, and the communities in which they are embedded, will we ensure that all learning spaces foster and celebrate innovation, creativity, problem solving, collaboration, communication and critical thinking; and

WHEREAS, these are the very skills that business leaders desire in a rising workforce and the very attitudes that are essential to the survival of our democracy; and

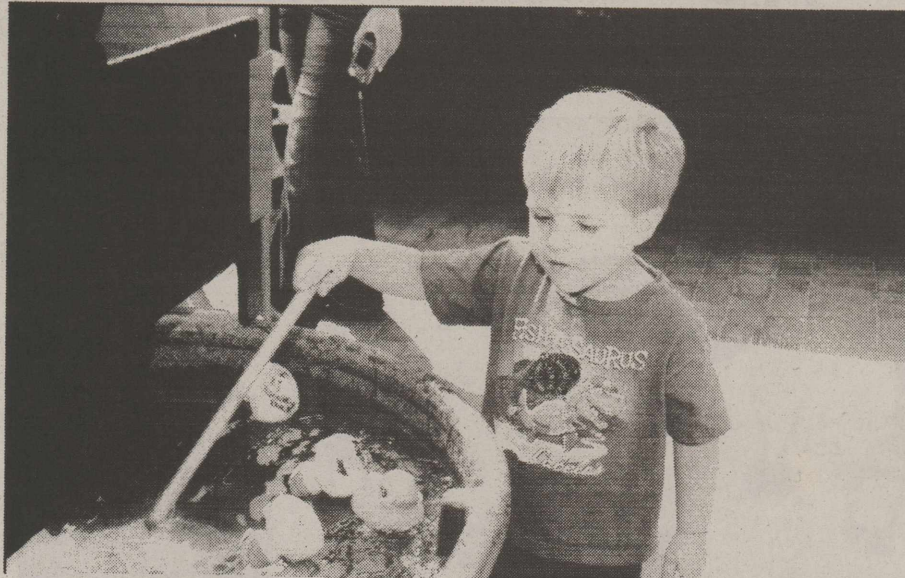
WHEREAS, imposing relentless test preparation and boring memorization of facts to enhance test performance is doing little more than stealing the love of learning from our students and assuring that we fall short of our goals; and

WHEREAS, we do not oppose accountability in public schools and we point with pride to the performance of our students, but believe that the system of the past will not prepare our students to lead in the future and neither will the standardized tests that so dominate their instructional time and block our ability to make progress toward a world-class education system of student-centered schools and future-ready students; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Stratford ISD Board of Trustees calls on the Texas Legislature to reexamine the public school accountability system in Texas and to develop a system that encompasses multiple assessments, reflects greater validity, uses more cost efficient sampling techniques and other external evaluation arrangements, and more accurately reflects what students know, appreciate and can do in terms of the rigorous standards essential to their success, enhances the role of teachers as designers, guides to instruction and leaders, and nurtures the sense of inquiry and love of learning in all students.



Haskell Chumley couldn't get enough of the big slide at Lollipop Junction festivities on Saturday, May 26. Over 120 kids enjoyed all the games, fun, music and food!



Enjoying the duck pond at Lollipop Junction's 20-year celebration is Hunter Lee.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 10th day of May, 2012.

By: [Signature]  
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# Business Directory

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## Summer Food Service Program

Texhoma ISD is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the Texhoma ISD Elementary School at 4th & Denver Street in Texhoma, TX at the following times:

**May 29, 2012-- June 19, 2012**  
**Breakfast 8 am - 9 am**  
**Lunch 11 a.m. — 12 pm**

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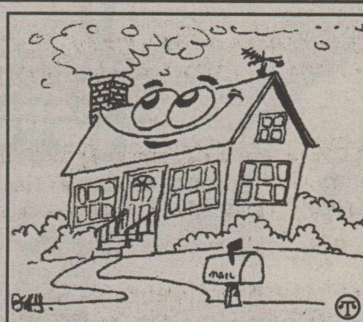
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"In addition to improved patient care quality, nurses reap personal benefits by pursuing higher education because it boosts career options," says Dr. Tracey Wilen-Daugenti, Apollo Research Institute's vice president and managing director. To learn more, visit <http://apolloresearchinstitute.org>.

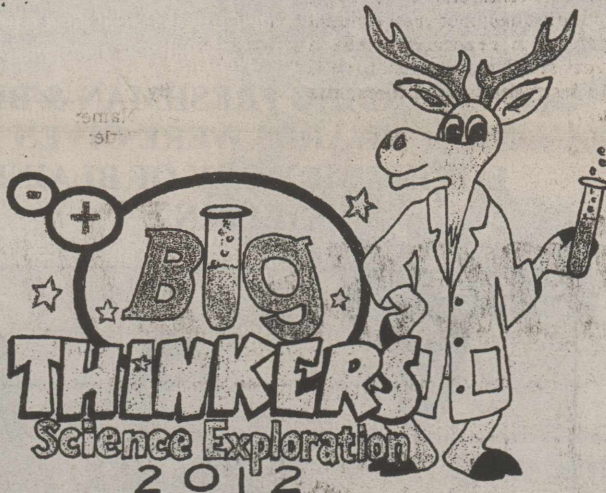
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Syngenta researchers have contributed to Golden Rice, which is genetically engineered to contain carotenoids. It's expected to contribute significantly to an effective, inexpensive and simple solu-



tion to vitamin A deficiency.

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Summer is a key time for professional development programs that are designed to help teachers meet the ever-changing demands of the classroom. For example, ASCD—a leading provider of professional development programs—hosts events for teachers each summer. To learn more, visit [www.ascd.org](http://www.ascd.org).

## Join Elkburt Einstein for the Imagination Station's...



Who: Students Going Into 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades  
When: Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>  
Where: Imagination Station Time: 9am - 11:30 am  
Cost: \$25  
Activities: Fun, Dissection, Experiments, Picnic, Rocket Building/Launching  
\*\*Activity Limited to 20 Participants

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ YSmall 6-8 YMed 10-12 YLarge 14-16

Please return bottom portion and payment (payable to Imagination Station) to Heather Braden (1216 Olive St) by Friday, June 1, 2012.

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**Mary Allen Elementary**  
501 N Shirley Ave  
Stratford, TX 79084

May 31, 2012 — June 29, 2012  
Breakfast — 8:00am — 8:30 am  
Lunch — 11:30 am — 12:00 pm

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Speak the truth, but leave immediately after.  
—Slovenian Proverb  
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## COOKING IDEAS

(NAPS)—For great spring recipes, try Duncan Hines Comstock or Wilderness Pie Fillings. These fillings deliver fresh delectable flavor to a variety of tasty desserts, such as Lemon Raspberry Cream Roll and Cherry Vanilla Ribbon Pie. For recipes, visit [www.piefilling.com](http://www.piefilling.com).



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Dairy foods supply most of the calcium that families need, as well as provide important protein, vitamins and minerals. The National Frozen & Refrigerated Foods Association is celebrating June Dairy Month with a \$10,000 Mammoth Money Sweepstakes. For information, visit [www.EasyHomeMeals.com](http://www.EasyHomeMeals.com) and [www.facebook.com/EasyHomeMeals](http://www.facebook.com/EasyHomeMeals).



In spite of its clumsy appearance, the hippopotamus is an excellent swimmer and can run as fast as a human being.

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Regardless of how you feel inside, always try to look like a winner. Even if you are behind, a sustained look of control and confidence can give you a mental edge that results in victory.  
—Arthur Ashe  
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Don't throw away the old bucket until you know whether the new one holds water.  
—Swedish Proverb  
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## Children's Fishing Tournament

Lake Fryer  
Ochiltree County, Texas

Saturday, June 2, 2012

The Wolf Creek Improvement Board will be hosting a Children's Fishing Tournament at Lake Fryer on Saturday, June 2, 2012.

Registration will begin at 8:00 AM at the Pavilion located east of the Lobo Restaurant. There will be a \$1.00/contestant registration fee with all proceeds dedicated for improvements to the lake. A limited number of fishing poles and t-shirts will be provided. **However, last year we had more contestants than fishing poles so anyone who has a fishing pole is encouraged to bring theirs as backup!!**

Saturday is a free fishing day for all ages and no permits will be needed.

The tournament ends at 12 Noon with prizes awarded at 1 PM.

Prizes will be awarded in three age groups:  
\*\*\*\*\* Age Groups \*\*\*\*\*

Ages 3-6  
Ages 7-10  
Ages 11-14

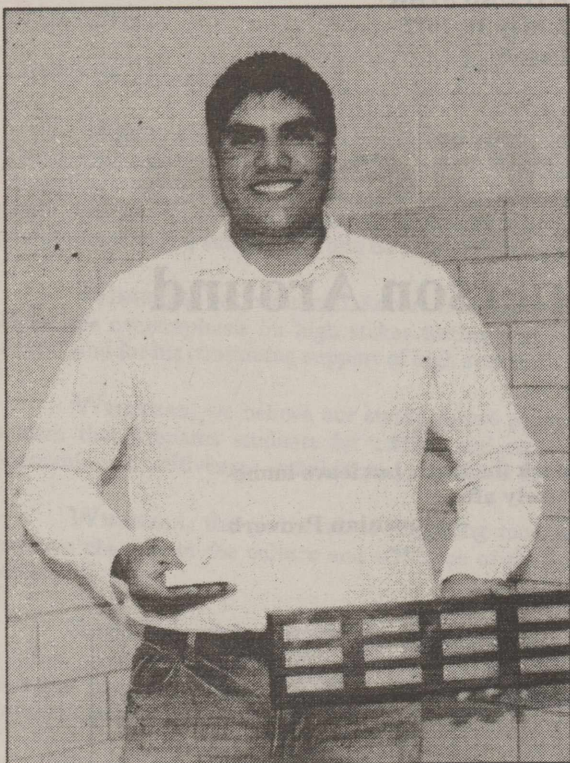
Additional "All Ages" prizes will be awarded for Largest Fish, Smallest Fish, Ugliest Fish, First Turtle, Most Unusual Thing Found in the Park, and the Contestant Who Traveled the Furthest.

For further information please contact Kay Allison at 806-228-5338 or Jan Hickey at 806-435-3249





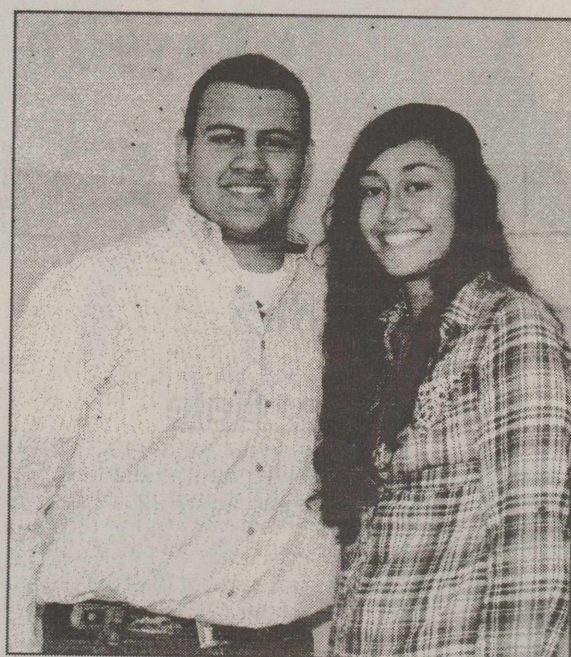
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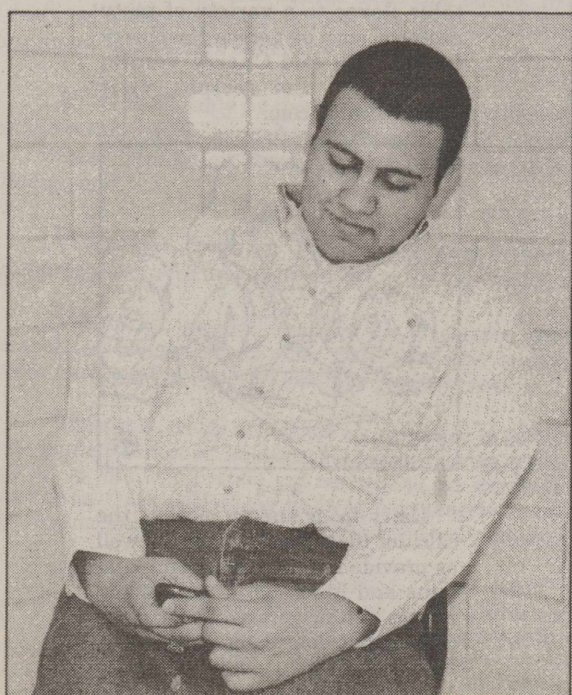
John Philip Sousa Award  
Derek Vasquez



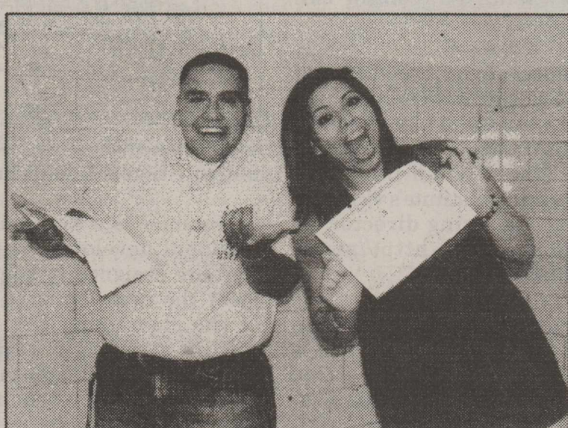
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Gabriel Tarango and Lidia Mendoza



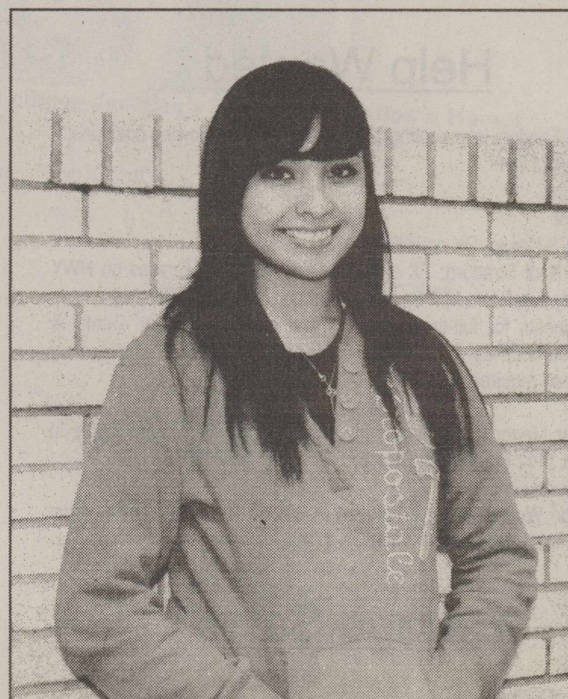
Band Beau & Sweetheart  
Gabriel Tarango & Lidia Mendoza



Laziest Senior  
Gabriel Tarango



Biggest Goof-Off Boy & Girl  
Carlos Trejo & Alexa Peregrino

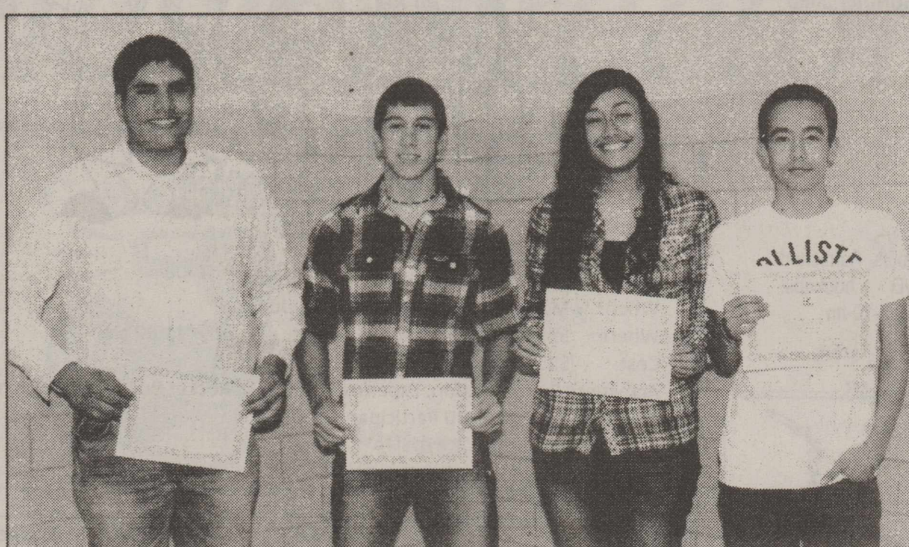


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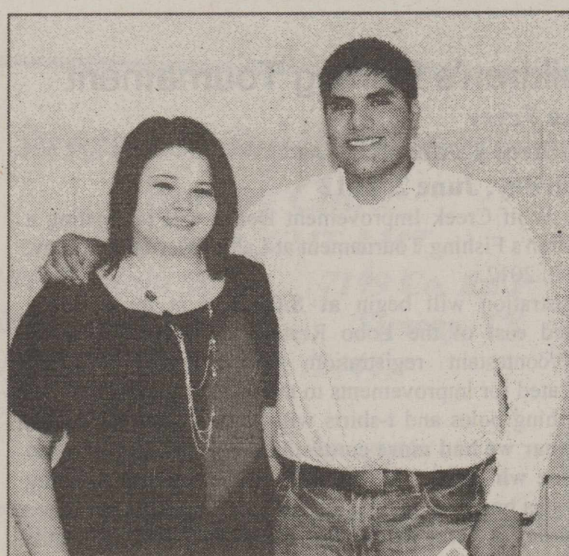
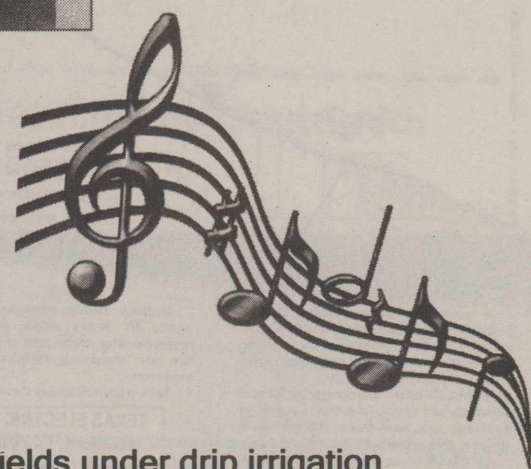
Erich Taylor Outstanding Leadership Award  
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Outstanding Brass, Percussion, Woodwind and Marcher  
Derek Vasquez, Colten Rendon, Lidia Mendoza and Daniel Acosta



## May 14, 2012



Outstanding Girl & Boy Musician  
Tori McGinnis & Derek Vasquez



### Reduced tillage doesn't mean reduced cotton yields under drip irrigation AgriLife Research study shows no yield impact, greater economic returns

Writer: Kay Ledbetter, 806-677-5608

VERNON — Loss of production may be one concern cotton producers have on the Rolling Plains when considering switching to reduced- or no-tillage systems, said Dr. Paul DeLaune, Texas AgriLife Research environmental soil scientist in Vernon.

Not only will cotton growers not lose production with subsurface drip irrigation, their economics will improve, according to DeLaune's latest research article that will appear in the July-August issue of Agronomy Journal. DeLaune's study on cotton production as affected by irrigation level and transitioning tillage systems was designed to identify water management strategies that conserve and protect water resources within semiarid environments.

"We found that tillage has no impact on yields, the net returns are greater and, because we can deficit irrigate, we can save energy and water," he said.

The three-year study included five irrigation regimes, from 0 percent to 133 percent of evapotranspiration replacement, and evaluated four tillage systems — conventional till, reduced till, no-till and no-fill with a terminated cover crop, he said. Treatments were replicated three times in a randomized complete block design. The results showed lint yields were not affected by tillage or the interaction of tillage and evapotranspiration replacement, DeLaune said. The greatest lint yields and net returns were achieved at 100 percent evapotranspiration replacement. Optimum lint yields and net returns were achieved at 104.5 percent evapotranspiration and 102 percent evapotranspiration, respectively.

However, he said the models showed that producers could irrigate at 83 percent evapotranspiration and maintain optimum yields. The net returns were significantly higher for no-till systems compared with conventional till because of reduced labor and inputs.

"We concluded the adoption of conservation tillage systems should not negatively affect lint yield or net returns in deficit-irrigated subsurface drip irrigation cotton systems within the Rolling Plains, particularly during the transition from intensively tilled systems to conservation tilled systems."

While only 16 percent of planted cotton is irrigated in the Rolling Plains, irrigation accounts for 41 percent of the harvested cotton, DeLaune said. In such environments, it is important to determine management practices that conserve or best use water resources.