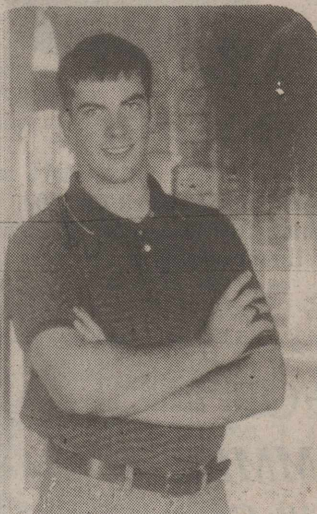




Kim Crippen, Sherman County Judge signed a proclamation declaring April 28 through May, 2002 national observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week. Shown with Crippen are Scott Buckles, Sherman County SWCD board member and Steve Pemberton, chairman of the district.

Adam Named US National Award Winner



Adam Reed

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Adam Reed from Stratford, TX has been named a United States National Award Winner in Science.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Adam is the son of Ricky & D'Lynn Reed from Stratford, TX.

Stratford High, was nominated for this national award by Mrs. Paula Everett, a teacher at the school.

Adam Reed, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Chamber Banquet Held April 15th



Hill Named Citizen of Year

Mary Hill was named Citizen of the Year at the Annual Stratford Chamber of Commerce Banquet Held Monday, April 15th. Presenting Mary with her honor was last years recipient, Mayrene Aduddell.

The Nation Recognizes Soil & Water Stewardship Week, April 28-May 5

The Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has announced they will join in the national observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week to take place on April 28 through May 5, 2002, according to an announcement by Steve Pemberton, chairman of the district.

The theme of this year's observance is "The Gift of Trees". This focus is especially appropriate as our need for Stewardship is vital if we are to maintain the productive capabilities of our basic natural resources. Together we must work for the good of all to utilize, conserve and properly manage those resources in our care. Participation in Soil and Water Stewardship Week activities offers and opportunity to reflect on the nation's renewable resource problems and consider actions to resolve them or reduce their impact.

The Sherman Co. SWCD was organized in 1964 for the purpose of offering farmers, ranchers, and the local community a voluntary conservation technical assistance program through which individuals could seek and request conservation assistance to meet the capabilities and needs of their land.

"Basically it is the district's responsibility to provide technical assistance when requested relative to proper soil use and treatment, erosion control practices, solve drainage problems and assist farmers and ranchers with crop, range pastureland and wildlife management along with using trees and/or forest resources to assist in conservation," said Steve Pemberton.

Trees have long been an important conservation tool on farms and ranches. Trees and shrubs are planted as windbreaks and shelterbelts around farmsteads, livestock facilities and crop fields. Conservation districts are currently promoting the establishment of buffer strips along rivers and streams to improve water quality and wildlife habitat.

The National Association of Conservation Districts has sponsored Soil and Water Stewardship Week in the United States since 1955, in cooperation with the nation's nearly 3,000 soil and water conservation districts. Informative material on the Soil and Water Stewardship Week theme is distributed each year through local conservation districts to clergyman, lay leader, civic and educational organizations and to individuals interested in participating in the celebration.

Informative and materials for the 2002 observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week can be obtained in the area from the district office, 396-5517 ext. 101.

Imagination Station Meeting April 28th

Imagination Station, Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 p.m. Come and Bring a Friend for Punch and Cookies.

Summer Baseball Season Kick Off Fundraiser May 10

There will be a summer baseball season Kick off Fundraiser at Pendleton Park on Friday, May 10th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Burgers hot off the grill, chips and ice cold cokes \$5.00. Homemade Ice cream \$1.00

Players come meet your team and coaches!

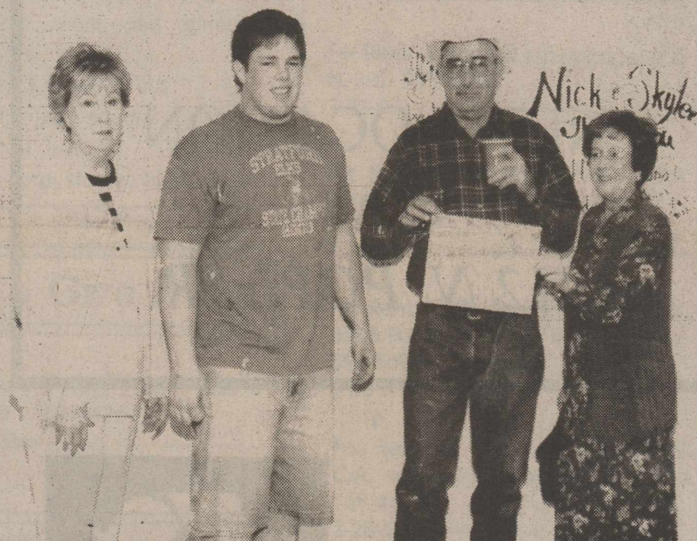
The entire community is invited! Come out and help us raise money for new uniforms and equipment! We need your support!!!

NOTICE COUNTY EXHIBIT BUILDING UPDATES

The Sherman County Commissioners Court completed renovations to the County Exhibit BUILDING earlier this year. Users of the facility will find changes in the heating and air conditioning systems that will provide a more pleasant environment.

To help maintain this improved facility, rental fees have been increased and there are changes in the rental agreement. The fee increase and new guidelines will be effective May 1, 2002.

For an updated rental agreement and fee schedule, interested persons may come by the Sherman County Judges Office or the Sherman County Extension Office anytime Monday through Friday during regular business hours. Members of the Sherman County Commissioners Court appreciates residents support of this renovation.



Martha Mitts (far right) was the winner of the second pair of 2002 West Texas A&M University Season Football Tickets. Nell Summerour, left, was the first winner. Also shown are Wes Kimball who presented the tickets and Melvin Mitts. Unable to attend the fund-raiser on Sunday were Nick Ashley and Sklyer Walden due to Regional Golf Meet

Martha Mitts Wins Pair of WT Season Football Tickets

Martha Mitts was the second winner of a pair of 2002 West Texas A&M University season football tickets! The drawing was held this past Sunday at the Mexican Pile On Dinner hosted by Wes Kimball, Sklyer Walden and Nick Ashley. More than 200 people enjoyed lunch on a beautiful spring day and a great fan of Stratford football, Martha Mitts, won the season ticket drawing!

Sklyer, Nick, and Wes will be playing for the "Texas Cowboys" in

the 2002 Down Under Bowl in Sydney, Australia this June. They will first travel to Houston on June 24 to join their team members for practice and depart for Australia on June 26th. Their first two games are scheduled for July 1st and July 4th. They have received their team roster and are looking forward to playing with young men from all over the state of Texas. Nick, Wes and Sklyer appreciate the community of Stratford for helping make this opportunity a reality with their continued and tremendous support!

Organizational Meeting-Stratford Jamboree

Stratford Jamboree will hold an organizational meeting on Wednesday, May 1st at 7 a.m. at Headquarters Restaurant. The Jamboree will be held on August 9, 10 and 11 this year. Please come and help plan the best one yet.

Meeting-April 29 Regarding Curriculum & Graduation Requirements

A meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria on April 29 regarding curriculum and graduation requirements for students who will be freshmen or sophomores next year.

I plan to meet with your children in the afternoon on April 29 and will give you the outlines and explanations at this meeting. In addition to graduation requirements that are of great interest to you, we will also offer our view regarding college preparedness, TAKS EXIT EXAMS (TAAS II), and an explanation of elective offerings.

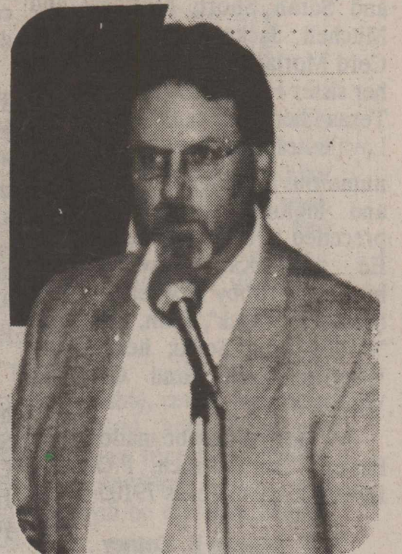
A man is known by the company his mind keeps.
-Thomas Baily Aldrich

Nothing is so common-place as to wish to be remarkable.
-Oliver Wendell Holmes

Zimmers Presented Flag

Representative David Swinford, presented Elizabeth and Bill Zimmer with a flag that had flown over the State Capital Building. They had received a Special "Family Land Heritage" Award earlier this spring in Austin.

Shown at right is Dave Browne, 2002 Chamber President, who welcome everyone and introduced the guests.



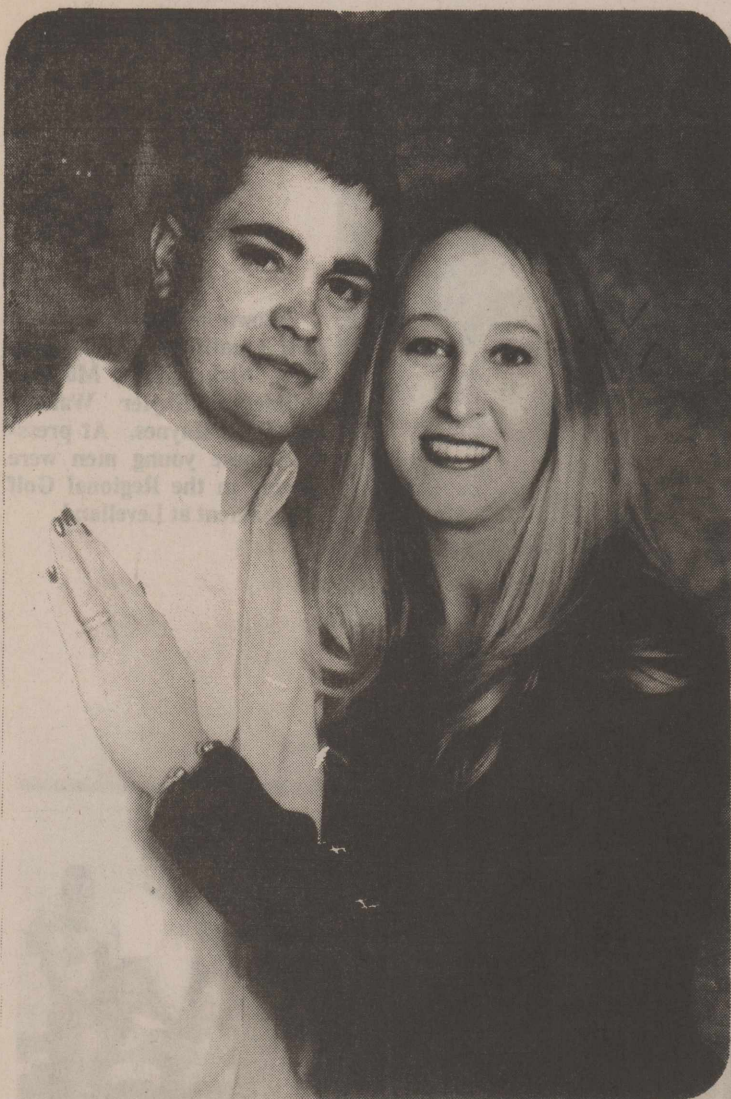
Chamber Story

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Joe Thompson, grandfather, of Trisha Teig, Stratford's DAR Good Citizen, pictured left, attended the reception of the DAR held last Sunday at the XIT Museum. Also pictured was Terri Teig, mother, standing next to Thompson, Trisha, DAR Good Citizen and John Teig Father. Story on page 4.

Sincerely,
Steve Haynes
High School Principal



Marsha Wright was named Outstanding Clubwoman/Volunteer, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, Top of Texas District, at the Spring Convention in Canyon on April 13.



Wayne and Terry Smith of Stratford announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Marie to Dr. Michael Todd Shanks of Abilene, Texas. Dr. Shanks is the son of Howard and Mary Shanks of Capitan, New Mexico. Erin graduated in 1999 from Abilene Christian University with a degree in interdisciplinary studies and teaches middle school language arts for the Carrollton/Farmers Branch ISD in Dallas. Dr. Shanks graduated in 1992 from Abilene Christian University with a degree in biology and in 1997 from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn. He practices optometry in Abilene. The wedding will take place at the First Christian Church in Stratford on August 3, 2002.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wight of Stratford, TX would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Keri Lynn Wight, to Nathaniel Ryan Walden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Walden of Stratford, TX. The couple have planned a July 20, 2002 wedding at the First United Methodist Church in Stratford, Texas. The bride-elect is a graduate of Stratford High School and attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. She currently attends Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, OK where she will graduate May 2003 with a degree in elementary education. The prospective groom graduated from Stratford High School and attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX. He currently attends OPSU in Goodwell, OK where he will graduate December 2002 with a degree in Ag Business & Agronomy.

Wright Named Outstanding Club Woman

Marsha Wright, GFWC/Prospectus Study Club President, was named Outstanding Club Woman/Volunteer at Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Top of Texas District Spring Convention. She was honored for all the events she worked on from Jan. 1, 2001 to Dec. 31, 2001.

Marsha was awarded a plaque reading "TFWC Top of Texas District Honors Marsha Wright Outstanding Clubwoman/Volunteer, 2001-2002".

The convention was held April 13, First United Methodist Church, at Canyon. Bobbe Mitchell, TFWC President-Elect, installed new officers for the 2002-2004 administration. Lyndi Shadbolt, Canyon, is the new district President; Betty Unlaub, Dumas, is President-Elect; Margaret Reed is Parliamentarian.

A tour of Panhandle-Plains Historical museum concluded the afternoon.

Local members attending were Pat Hartman, Kathryn Bassett, Liz Sanders, Oline Caraway, Margaret Reed, Marylou McDaniel.

The Club received all firsts for Outstanding Club Program, Outstanding Federation Program, Communications, FundRaising, Yearbook, Texas Heritage-Historical Places, Public Affairs-Special Projects, International Affairs-Special Projects, Home Life-Women's Health, Home Life-Special Projects, Education-Literacy/Mentoring, Education-Special Projects, Arts & Crafts, Arts-Special Projects.

Kerrick News By Marylou McDaniel

Births

Randy and Lisa Irlbeck, Irving, are the parents of Peter Raphael, born April 17 at Fort Worth. He weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz.

Welcoming the little boy are Mary 4, Ann 3, and Gilbert 1 1/2.

Ted and Joyce Irlbeck, Kerrick, are paternal grandparents. Maternal grandparents are Charles & Pat Pelletier of Fort Worth.

Pat Boren went to Fredericksburg with Elaine & Leo Horne for a Gun Show. While there she and Elaine enjoyed seeing Rocky Top Mountain and a seed farm.

Saturday she and Bill attended an estate sale in Dalhart.

Minnie Reeder was a longtime member of Stratford Grain Bowling Team. The team attended WIBC International tournaments from east to west coasts. Funeral service for Minnie was held Monday afternoon.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters hosted supper and canasta Saturday night for Frankie & Bud Shields, Paul Aduddell, Jo June McDaniel.

Annette Hampton and Piper Bennett were in Amarillo last week. Going by the hospital, they saw the new baby boy, Brady, of Colby & Jessica Wheeler and the former Serena Heiskell who was in CCU.

What an exciting time for 120 family and friends of Alisha Dyess and Danny Gardner as they flew to New Orleans last weekend to attend their wedding! Alisha is a daughter of Bill and Glenda Dyess of Springfield, VA.

The couple from Dallas selected the historic Board of Trade of New Orleans for their April 20, 7 p.m. wedding.

Those attending from Stratford flew in Thursday and returned home Sunday night. Going were Sandy & Ellen Tillery, Kendra Mungia, Sue Hudson, Henry & Doreen Harrison, Ann Wells, and Trisha Schoonover, Kerrick.

Alisha's exchange student family from Belgium flew over and many relatives from Mississippi and Alabama attended.

Jacob Ethan Wiley was born April 9, 2002 at 4:42 p.m. at Penrose Birthing Center at Colorado Springs, CO. Jacob weighed 5 lbs. 13 oz and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Parents are Garret and Leah Wiley of Colorado Springs, CO.

Maternal Grandparents are John Bolf of Stratford and Ann Bryson of Dalhart, Texas.

Paternal Grandparents: Jeff & Barbara Wiley of Colorado Springs.

Ethan is now doing well at home at 3015 Woodland Hills Drive, Apt. 207, Colorado Springs, CO 80918.

Entertainment at the luncheon was provided by Cowboy Poets, Allen and Diane Thompson of Channing.

Throw your dreams into space like a kite, and you do not know what it will bring back, a new life, a new friend, a new love, a new country.

—Anais Nin

A powerful video by ABCNews correspondent John Stossel was shown. It is an excellent video for young and old. Stossel is the reporter who dies the "Give Me A break" series on ABC.

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Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
No Sunday Evening Worship
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

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

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Church of Christ

Mike Talley
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

James Washburn
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Ralph Mireles
702 N. 3rd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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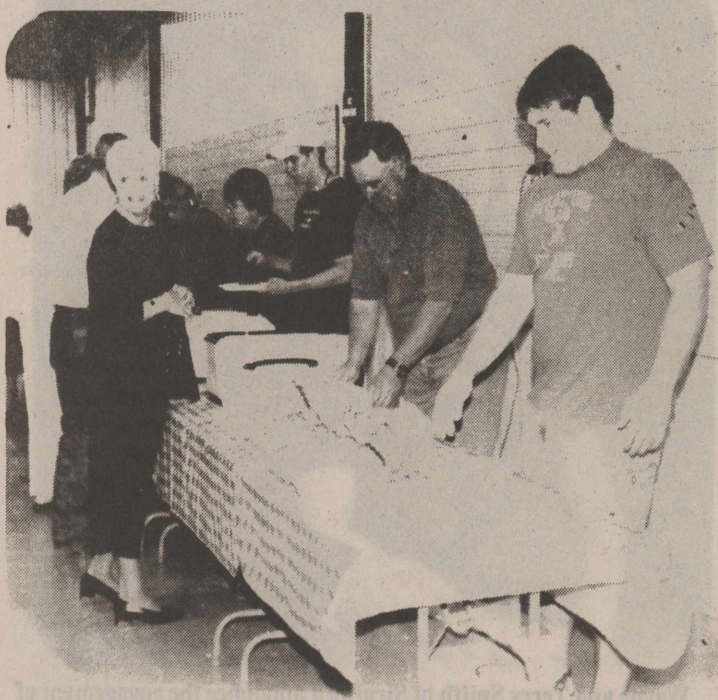
A casual review of the jackets on popular tape and CD albums reveals two things. Sex and violence are two of the main dishes on the menu. Concern has been voiced in the media and by government officials over explicit sex in the lyrics of popular rock and rap. And believe it or not, there are religious overtones. "Madonna" is a good example. She extols the pleasures of lust on CD's and in videos. And she bares all on the slick printed page: "Madonna" in the Nudel More concern should be registered over this "pop parn." Why? It's portrayed as wholesome. A professor I recently heard says Madonna is probably the best example of someone reading contemporary culture and taking advantage of it. This is a scary proposition. The pun intended. Millions of young adults are being propositioned and seduced by sex and pleasure. When this gospel is so well packaged, the pleasure seekers of today are beguiled. They can't comprehend the morning after. And they refuse to accept the big morning after at the end of life. This same professor suggests Christians need to take a lesson from Madonna. Not that we need to use her tactics. But we do need to understand our society as well as she does. And we need to present the Good News of Christ just as persuasively.

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Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
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Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

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Shown at left: A large crowd enjoyed the Mexican Pile-On Fund-raiser for Wes Kimball, Nick Ashley, and Skyler Walden on Sunday, April 21st. Shown serving from right, Wes Kimball, Philip Walden, Jaret Pemberton, Nancy Kimball, and Nan Ashley.



Shown at left: Regional Golf Qualifiers (l-r): Josh King, Nick Ashley, Matthew Taliaferro, Skyler Walden, and Tyler Haynes. At press-time these young men were playing in the Regional Golf Tournament at Levelland.



Shown at right: Regional Track Qualifiers: Kneeling (l-r), Carly Mathews, Heather Ashley, Alisha Sladek, Amie Witcher, Amber Larance, Brittany Hudson, Lindsay Stein, and Deidre Tarver. Standing (l-r) Jason Ashley, Chance Crowl, Carlos Jacquez, Isaac Chabolla, Skyler Walden, Adam Reed, Adam Bell, Dylan Everett, and Tony Ruiz. These athletes will be competing at the Regional Track Meet in Levelland this week-end. Good Luck!

Honor Roll

Stratford Junior High 5th Six Weeks "A" Honor Roll

5th grade- Brooke Barnard, Stephanie Bell, Sinead Everett, Chandra Hawkins, Clayton Johnson, Deborah Molina, Jennie Spurlock, Carrie Tanton.

6th grade-Jordan Confer, Kristen Crabtree, Ashley Duschl, Michael Frizzell, Samantha Hart, Craig Kautz, Hailey Long, Michael Reinart, Austin Riffe, Kelsey Stein, Ivy Valenzuela, Chelsi West.

7th grade-Candie Bell, Brant Cummings, Tiffini Drake, Rhia Everett, Ryan Ewers, Evan Haile, Shadley Hawkins, Daniel Hays, Landan Luna, Alex Marquez, Merilee McDaniel, Crystal Peregrino, Krista Reta, Eric Riffe, Steven Rueda, Juliana Taliaferro, Harrison Walden, Lisa Walls.

8th grade-Maira Argomaniz, Allison Baskin, Brady Bell, Case Crabtree, Brandon Davis, Jerold Frizzell, Staci Hays, Cricket Hudgens, Josh Lanning, Gina Mattocks, Yadira Ortega, Katelyn Reed, Robert Seawright, Walter Spurlock, Jordan Taylor, Chelsi Thiessen, Marcela Velazquez, Kody Willard, Cheyenne Ziemann.

Mary Allen Elementary Honor Roll for 5th Six Weeks

Mary Allen Elementary Honor Roll for the 5th Six Weeks is as follows: 3rd Grade - Lindsy Confer, Megan Crabtree, Rowdy Lerman, Kimberly Melton, Kimberly Ricks, Esmeralda Sausameda, America Terrazas, Tyler Wright, Heidi Brooks, Brianda Chavoya, Kyle Horsford, Michael Ortega, Byron Saloga, Maria Velazquez, Matthew Chaffee, Bryce Cummings, Christopher Hart, Taylor Melton, Miranda Olivias, Rubi Rueda. 4th Grade - Lyndsi Thiessen, Shelby McDaniel, Jennie Witcher, Channing Ziemann, Sunny Russell, Jonathan Knight, Valerie Kelling, Luke Haile, Janeth Reyes, Eric Burton, Nicholas Sema, Kelsi Dennis.

Study Club News

April 24 is celebrated by members of General Federation of Women's Clubs all over the world as Federation Day. Founded in 1890, GFWC-one of the world's oldest non-partisan, nondenominational women's volunteer service organizations-s well into its second century of volunteer service in communities throughout the United States and the world.

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club was organized October 7, 1955 and federated in 1956. They chose club colors of red and white and the red rose as the club flower. Helen Taylor was the Charter President.

"Unity in Diversity" is the national motto. The national emblem may be seen on the sign on the end of Brown's Meat Locker. The red rose is the flower and song is "America, The Beautiful".

The local club gives many hours to the community and has 33 projects. Some of the projects are High School Scholarships, Old Timer Reunion, SCOT Thanksgiving, project Christmas Card, Coldwater Manor Birthday, Book Fair and the new city park playground equipment, plus 26 others.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- April 24-28 "Prelude To A Kiss" WTAMU Branding Iron Theatre 806-651-2798
- April 26 "Zarzuela" Amarillo Opera Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- April 27 Amarillo Youth Choirs Spring Concert Southwest Baptist Church 806-372-1100
- April 28 WTAMU Symphonic Band Concert Amarillo Civic Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
- May 2,3,4 Greater Southwest Music Festival Amarillo Civic Center 806-373-5093
- May 4 Amarillo Chamber Music -Pepe Romero, Guitarist Amarillo Chamber Music Society 806-368-0191
- May 14 The Canadian Brass Amarillo Symphony 806-376-8782
- May 9-25 "The Will Rogers Follies" Musical Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- May 17 "George Lopez" Comedian Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- May 19 Plus One Concert -Zoe Girl, Natalie Grant, Phat Chance Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096

Teig Named DAR Citizen

Trisha Suzanne Teig is the DAR student from Stratford. She is the daughter of John and Terri Teig of Sunray.

A student at Stratford High School she is involved in many school activities.

High School Activities, Trisha has been involved in include: Varsity Track I, Freshman Basketball I, JV Basketball II, Varsity Basketball Mgr III, IV, Band I-IV, Band Council Secretary IV, All Region Band III, Pep Club I-IV, Pep Club VP III, Pep Club Senior Rep. IV, UIL Prose Regional Qualifier I-III, UIL Ready Writing III, Speech Team I-IV, Gifted and Talented I-IV, Class Secretary/Treasurer I-III, Student Council Secretary II, III, Student Council President IV, One Act Play I-IV, OAP All-Star Cast II, III, National Honors Society III, IV and Yearbook Staff IV.

"I am in numerous leadership positions in my school and community. As student council president, I have attempted to involve the student body in more service projects. Right now I'm working on a Christmas project that everyone will be able to take part in. I am also a Vacation Bible School volunteer and a Sunday school teacher for K-2nd. I realize that I am a role model for these young children and I try to have a good and effective influence on them. I am also the youth representative on the Administrative Board at my church and I have participated in many different service projects through my youth groups including: The Angel Tree Project, The Shoe Box Drive, and raising money for playground equipment. I was a member of the "Drama Queens" in speech class last year and we entertained children at the local daycare and read to the elderly at the nursing home. I sincerely hope that all my efforts have made a difference in my wonderful community."

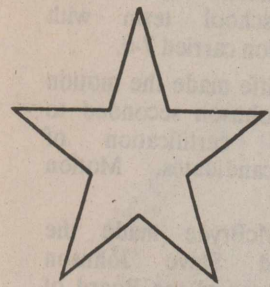
She said, "My future is still a hazy blur as I attempt to accomplish my dreams. However, I have narrowed down my choices of colleges, to either McMurry University in Abilene, or Texas A & M University in College Station. I am planning on majoring in Personal Relations, but I am not quite sure what job that will lead me to. I am also extremely interested in history and anthropology. I am an actress at heart and I love drama. Unfortunately, I know that no matter how much I wish it, I probably won't be the next Julia Roberts

However, I still plan to pursue my love of acting in college. After college, I hope to find a job that I will enjoy and that will work with my specialized degree."

Extracurricular Activities she has been involved in include: 4-H member 9 years, Younger Texans 4-H Club Secretary 1999-2000, 4-H Council President 2001-2002, Christian Youth Fellowship, Baptist Church Youth, First United Methodist Youth, Youth Rep. Church Administrative Board, K-2nd Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School volunteer, Farm hand for John Teig summer 1999, Stratford Feed yard grounds personnel summer 2000 and Au pair for Karen Riffe summer 2001.

"I believe that all the qualities of a DAR Good Citizen are important. These traits are ones you hope to find in everyone. Dependability is a necessary element because people won't trust you with important stuff if you aren't responsible enough to get it done. I exhibit this quality by making sure all aspects of a project are completed. I am also a loyal friend who can always be depended on to do whatever is needed. Service is wonderful because you get back as much as you put into it. I have always enjoyed participating in community service projects because it makes me feel good to know I've done something for someone else. Helping serve the homeless Christmas Dinner at Faith City Missions and repairing a church on a mission trip are just a few of the numerous service projects I have been lucky enough to be a part of. Leadership was a built in characteristic for me. I've been called bossy since I was two. I have fulfilled my leadership roles by being Student Council president, 4-H Council president, and being in charge of many different school and community projects. Patriotism holds a special place in my heart. I love my country, my community, and my family and friends more than words can say. Every year our student council puts on a Veterans Day Program. I feel that this program is one of the most important projects we do. I'm so glad we can honor these men who have fought to keep our country free. My heart bursts with pride when I think of our country's resilience against all obstacles and I thank God that I am blessed to live in a country and in a community such as ours."

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Cards of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone that had a hand in gathering information on the honored families at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Being a descendant of Anton Zimmer makes me very proud being a member of one of the founding families of Sherman County. Thank you for the great evening and banquet.
Andrea Zimmer Woolley

Stratford Chamber of Commerce and residents of Stratford...Thank you for allowing me to be your citizen of the year for 2001. Though I do not feel deserving of this honor, I do appreciate it very much. It has been very exciting, a terrific surprise, and something that I will remember fondly, always. (Or at least as long as the memory lasts!)
Thanks again,
Mary Hill

We would like to thank the community for their overwhelming support of our Mexican Pile On Dinner this past Sunday. We especially want to thank Stratford Grain for donating the meat and the Sherman County Judge & Commissioners Court for the use of the County Barn. To everyone who helped serve, donated desserts, paper goods, roasting cookers and helped us in so many ways we THANK YOU! The success of our dinner comes from the goodness of this community and we appreciate everyone who came and supported us with their donations.
Thank you
Wes Kimball
Skyler Walden
Nick Ashley

We would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers during the loss of our beloved Tom Thompson. A special thanks to Johnny & Karen Pulliam, Maria Keener, & Marian Williams, First State Bank & the beloved staff of Coldwater Manor.
Mable Thompson
Randy Aro &
Jessica Watson
Matt, Joy & Kandie Aro

Thousands of geniuses live and die undiscovered—either by themselves, or by others.
—Mark Twain

Houses for Sale

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

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For Sale: 3 Bdrm, 2 bath brick home, double car garage, fenced in backyard, across from City Park. 702 N. 7th. Call 396-2425, 396-2845, 396-5841, or 396-1050 for more information. 6-14-1fn

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House for Sale: 604 S. Fulton, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1716 living, brick/steel siding, central heat/air, a/c new, vinyl windows, fireplace, large fenced backyard, new ceramic cook-top, built-in oven and microwave, dishwasher, pantry, ice maker hook-up, utility room, carpet, new vinyl flooring, attic storage w/stairs, covered patio, 2 storage sheds, 2 car garage, electric door openers. Phone 254-772-6584. 1-10-1fn

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House for Sale: 3 Bdrm, 1 bath, single car garage, new carpet, fireplace, large fenced backyard, central air/heat, 611 N. Maple. Call 366-2207. 4-4-1fn

House for Rent/Sale: 204 S. Pearl, 2 bdrm, 1 bath, utility room, Central Heat/Air. Large fenced backyard. Deposit & referenced required. 806-244-5486. 4-4-1fn

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For Rent: 2 Bdrm, 1 car garage, 605 N. 3rd. 935-6702. 3-28-1fn

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County 4-H Parent/Leaders Meeting April 29

The quarterly business meeting of the Sherman County 4-H Parent/Leaders Association will be Monday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Texhoma Elementary School Cafeteria.

Items of business to be discussed will include Evaluation of Winter Projects, Stock Show Concession, & Buyers Appreciation Banquet; Update on Spring/Summer 4-H Projects; Summer Camping Opportunities; Recognition Awards; Plans for End of Year Activities; and Report from 4-H Scholarship Task Force.

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 or to coordinate travel to the meeting, contact Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 366-2122.

To Give Away

To Give Away. Barn cats - will deliver. 769-4426. 4-18-2xc

Help Wanted

Immediate opening for reliable mechanic in Stratford area. Must provide own tools. Apply at: Innovative Staffing Solutions 402-B Tanglewood Rd. Dalhart, Texas 79022 Toll Free: (877) 379-1434. 10-18-1fn

Help Wanted: Sunray Co-op in Conlen is in need of full-time elevator help. Excellent pay & benefits. If interested call 384-2164. 4-11-3xc

Accepting applications for position in County Judges Office. Computer experience is required. Applications/Resumes must be received by May 8, 2002. EOE. 4-25-2xc



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Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Stratford is accepting proposals for: Collection Station Attendant.

Proposals will be accepted until 12:00 p.m., May 9, 2002. Any proposals received after 12:00 p.m. May 9, 2002 will not be accepted. Proposals may be mailed to the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 188, Stratford, TX 79084; Faxed to the City at (806) 366-2254 or delivered to City Hall at 520 N. Third in Stratford, TX.

Specifications may be obtained at City Hall. Proposals will be opened at the regular scheduled council meeting May 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. The City of Stratford reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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NOTICE OF DIRECTOR'S ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of Stratford Hospital District, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 2002 for voting in a directors' election, to fill 3 Directors' positions.

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

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Coldwater Manor (Stratford Hospital District Administration Office) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning on April 17, 2002 and ending on April 30, 2002.

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

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 2002.

Issued this the 15th day of February, 2002.

Margaret Reed
Signature of Presiding Officer
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AVISO DE ELECCION DE DIRECTORES

A los votantes registrados del Texas Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4th de Mayo de 2002 para votar en la Eleccion para 3 directores

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

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Coldwater Manor (Stratford Hospital District Administration Office) entre las 9 de la manana ya las 4 de la tarde empezando el 17th de Abril, 2002 y terminando el 30th de Abril, 2002.

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

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el April 26, 2002.

Emitada este dia 15 Febrero, 2002.

Margaret Reed
Firma del Oficial que Preside

To punish me for my contempt for authority, Fate made me an authority myself.
—Albert Einstein

NOTICE OF CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

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

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Amarillo Contract 0041-01-036 for MISCELLANEOUS AND REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACH in HARTLEY County, etc. will be opened on May 08, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 6244.

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

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

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

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NOTICE COUNTY EXHIBIT BUILDING UPDATES

The Sherman County Commissioners Court completed renovations to the County Exhibit BUILDING earlier this year. Users of the facility will find changes in the heating and air conditioning systems that will provide a more pleasant environment.

To help maintain this improved facility, rental fees have been increased and there are changes in the rental agreement. The fee increase and new guidelines will be effective May 1, 2002.

For an updated rental agreement and fee schedule, interested persons may come by the Sherman County Judges Office or the Sherman County Extension Office anytime Monday through Friday during regular business hours. Members of the Sherman County Commissioners Court appreciates residents support of this renovation.

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A member of a circus band is called a Windjammer.

Chamber
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The Stratford Chamber of Commerce celebrated its annual Banquet Monday, April 15th. The theme was "Pioneer Families of Sherman County". The program began with recognition of 34 original families who came to Sherman County during the 1900's and who still have descendants living here now. The program progressed in 10 year increments and everyone present had the chance to be recognized in the decade they moved to Stratford and the area Teri Teig did an excellent job with this activity.

Dave Browne, 2002 Chamber President, led the welcome and introduction of guests. Guests included Representatives of the Liberal, Guymon and Dumas Chambers of Commerce. Rep and Mrs. David Swinford and Jennifer Salisar-of Rep. Teel Bivins' office were also present.

Walt Berry presented the General Board review of Activities from 2001. Carol Zimmer gave the Women's Division review for 2001.

Mayrene Aduddell, 2000 Citizen of the Year winner, presented the 2001 Citizen of the Year award to Mary Hill. Mary has been a silent and willing worker for the Stratford community for many years. Mary also designed the program cover for this banquet. Congratulations to Mary and her family. Rep. David Swinford presented a flag which had been flown over the state capital building to Mary.

Rep. David Swinford informed the banquet group of a special state award that was earned by Bill and Mark Zimmer. Those men had received a "Family Land Heritage" award earlier this spring in Austin. This program is under the Texas Department of Agriculture. This award honors farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for 100 years or more. The Zimmers were recognized for land originally purchased by M.H. Brown. Flags were presented to Bill and Elizabeth Zimmer who received the flag for Mark, who was unable to attend. Mr. Swinford encouraged other local families to apply for this honor. Application can be obtained at the Chamber office. Applications for 2002 honorees will be accepted April-October 2002.

A highlight to the silent auction was several items donated to us by our Sister City-Streaky Bay, Australia. Our "sisters" sent 4 T-Shirts with scenes of Streaky Bay and the animal life. A hand knitted cap, and a wonderful blue plaid wool shirt/coat. Other items included in the Auction were: Grain, Dog Treats, Gift Certificates, Plants, Silver, Food Items, Shadow Box with Centennial Belt Buckles, Animal Feeds, Tools, Camera, Jewelry, Metal Works, Home Decorations, Clothing, Cosmetics and cologne, Meat, Kitchen Appliances, home-Made Candy, Hand Painted China & Pictures, and other items too numerous to mention. Thanks to

all the merchants and individuals for their donations. Thank you to all the persons who made their bids and made the auction a big success.

Thank you to the Dept: Museum and to Ann Wells & Gaynelle Riffe for the "Picture Tree" documenting the history of Stratford and Sherman County. It was very interesting to see pictures from the early years. Panoramic pictures of the town are still available for the history buff and can be obtained through Selma & Bill Pendleton or Gaynelle Riffe.

Thank you to everyone who had a part in the success of our annual banquet. Stratford is a great place to live and work. The next Chamber event will be the Memorial Day program at the cemetery.

Citizen-Mary Hill

Mary Hill is the daughter of Joe and Judie Taylor who settled in the Murdock (Kerrick) Community in 1918. She had 4 brothers and 3 sisters; Walker, Jim, Virgie, Geneva, Ray, Winnie, Joe Pete and then Mary Francis the baby. Mary was born in Stratford, younger years in the Murdock Community and graduated from Stratford High School. She attended Panhandle State College and returned to Kerrick to teach in the grade school while her fiance, R.J. Hill was in the Army.

Mary married Roy J. Hill in 1948 and they lived in Goodwell and Texhoma before moving to Stratford in 1957. Three boys completed the family, Kevin, Kirby (deceased) and Dudley Keith. (God, Grass and Grit II)

Mary Hill is a great person to have on the community team. She is steady, dependable and is always ready to pinch hit. She goes quietly about the business of making the community better.

Mary is an artist and is so willing to share her wonderful talent. She has taught children and adult art classes. She has designed and painted backdrops for proms and the Study Club musicals. She has designed the art work for many, many fair books (some at the last minute). She is an advisor and encourager to the artist in the Tri-Corner Art Association and for the SCOT ceramics. She worked with Anna and Grady Mulligan in the Tip Top Hobby Shop for several years.

Mary and R.J. are both very active in the Methodist Church. Mary has taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School. She sings in the Choir. She has been chairman for the Courtesy Dinners for many years and now helps when called upon. In fact, Mary is called upon to substitute in many areas of the Church because she is dependable and will say Yes!!

Mary has always supported the Chamber of Commerce. She makes ice cream for the 4th of July and donates paintings for the silent auctions and items from Stratford for area Chamber events. She has designed several program covers and brochures. Mary cheerfully shares her time and talents.

Mary Francis Taylor Hill has been a special citizen in Stratford for many years and continues to say YES to the community.

SISD Board Minutes

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, April 11, 2002, at 8:00 p.m. in the Mary Allen Elementary Library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, President, Ricky Reed, Max Christian, Ronna Riffe, Ted Allen, Steve Johnson, Garek McBryde, Jim Taliaferro, Superintendent.

Guests present were: Dinah Horsford, Mary Pat Williams, Mike Fitzwater, Steve Haynes and Jennifer DeAnda.

Mary Pat Williams led the invocation.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the district's monthly recognition. It was as follows:

1. The following Elks and Lady Elks made the Academic All-District list: Nick Ashley, Adam Bell, Tyler Haynes, Skyler Walden, Erin Ashley, Heather Ashley, Ashley Brown, Candra Holland, Amber Larence, Carly Mathews, Amie Witcher.

All-District honors went to the following: Skyler Walden - District MVP, Adam Bell - 1st Team, Cass Melton - 1st Team, Michael McAlister - 2nd Team, Jason Ashley - Honorable Mention, Carly Mathews - District MVP, Jessica Young - 1st Team, Ashley Brown - 1st Team, Candra Holland, Honorable Mention, Heather Ashley - Honorable Mention.

All-Region honors went to the following: Skyler Walden - 1st Team, Carly Mathews - 1st Team, Jessica Young - 2nd Team.

All-State honors went to the following: Skyler Walden - 2nd Team.

The following were selected to the Globe-News Super Team: Class 1A Skyler Walden, All Classes - 2nd Team Skyler Walden.

The following were selected to play in the Golden Spread All-Star Game: Skyler Walden, Jessica Young, Ashley Brown, and Carly Mathews.

2. Stratford High School won the 2002 UIL District Academic meet held on March 20-21 at Amarillo College. They scored a total of 287 points with Gruver placing 2nd with 183 points and Wheeler placing 3rd with 156 points. The following students have qualified for the Regional competition in Levelland on April 19:

Accounting - 1st Place Team, 1st - Adam Bell, 3rd - Candra Holland, 6th - Lora Wilhelm, Skyler Walden, Coach: Tami King.

Number Sense - 1st Place Team, 1st - Matthew Taliaferro, Tyler Haynes, Josh King, Coach: Larry Norris.

Mathematics - 1st Place Team, 1st - Adam Bell, 4th - Michael McAlister, Ashley Brown, Carly Mathews, Coach: Dusty Stewart.

Spelling and Vocabulary - 1st Place Team, 1st - Briah McClellan, 2nd - Matthew Taliaferro, Amber Larence, Heather Seiler, Coach: Judy Stoy.

Current Issues - 3rd - Wes Kimball, Coach: Linda Young.

Ready Writing - 2nd - Amie Witcher, Coach: Jennifer Wells.

Prose Interpretation - 1st - Chance Lowery, 2nd - Trisha Teig, 3rd - Sarah Talley, Coach: Terri Teig.

Poetry Interpretation - 1st - Audrey Navarrete, 2nd - Tiffany Duke, 3rd - Alicia Renzelman, Coach: Terri Teig.

Informative Speaking - 3rd - Ashton Robinson, Coach: Terri Teig.

Persuasive Speaking - 3rd - Marca Ewers, Coach: Terri Teig.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate - 1st - Marca Ewers, 4th - Bill Walker, Coach: Terri Teig.

Other students and teams placing at the District meet were: Literary Criticism - 2nd Place Team, Jarred Nusz, Tiffany Duke, Alicia Adams, Robin Daniels, Coach: Judy Stoy.

Computer Application - 4th - Stephanie Washburn, 6th - Adam Reed, Coach: Tami King.

Current Issues - 3rd Place Team - Wes Kimball, Jarred Nusz, Michael McAlister, Craig Reinart, Coach: Linda Young.

Feature Writing - 6th, Coach: Linda Young.

At the One Act Play competition, Trisha Teig and Chance Lowery were named to the west zone All-Star Cast. Tiffany Duke received honorable mention recognition.

3. Junior High cheerleader tryouts were held Thursday, April 4th. The following will be cheerleaders for the 2002-2003 school year: Darcy Rosales, Kelsey Stein, Kristen Crabtree, Ivy Valenzuela, Jordan Confer, Merilee McDaniel, LaRissa Luna, Lillian Valenzuela, Krista Reta, Candie Bell.

4. The Boys Golf team placed 2nd at the District Golf Meet and will advance to the Regional meet. Team members are Tyler Haynes, Josh King, Matthew Taliaferro, Nick Ashley and Skyler Walden.

5. The District track meet was held Friday, April 5 at Dumas. The following advanced to the Area meet: Deidre Tarver - discus, Carly Mathews, Alisha Sladek - 800 M, Brittany Hudson, Heather Ashley, Amber Larence, Amie Witcher - 400 M Relay, Amber Larence - 100 M, Amie Witcher - 200 M, Amie Witcher, Brittany Hudson, Alisha Sladek, Heather Ashley - 800 Relay, Alisha Sladek, Amber Larence, Heather Ashley, Carly Mathews - 1600 M Relay, Dylan Everett - Shot Put, Adam Reed, Skyler Walden - Discus, Adam Bell, Isaac Chabolla, Chance Crowl, Jason Ashley - 400 M Relay, Isaac Chabolla - 400 M, Jason Ashley, Carson Buckles - 110 M Hurdles, Adam Bell - 300 Hurdles, Isaac Chabolla, Jason Ashley, Carlos Jacquez, Tony Ruiz - 1600 Relay.

The Area track meet was held Thursday, April 11 at Dumas. The following qualified for the Regional Meet in Levelland on April 26-27th. Amber Larence - 100 M, Amie Witcher - 200 M, Carly Mathews - 800 M, Amie Witcher, Alisha Sladek, Brittany Hudson, Heather Ashley - 800 M Relay, Alisha Sladek, Amber

Larence, Carly Mathews, Heather Ashley - 1600 M Relay, Deidre Tarver - Discus, Isaac Chabolla - 400 M, Jason Ashley, Adam Bell - 300 M Hurdles, Adam Bell, Isaac Chabolla, Chance Crowl, Jason Ashley - 400 M Relay, Isaac Chabolla, Carlos Jacquez, Jason Ashley, Tony Ruiz - 1600 M Relay, Adam Reed, Dylan Everett - Shot Put, Skyler Walden - Discus.

6. The Band competed in the UIL Concert and Sight-reading contest on Tuesday, April 9 at Boys Ranch. They received all 1's and won their 31st consecutive sweepstakes.

Mrs. Williams gave the elementary report. She passed out the weekly bulletin. The math TAAS test will be on Tuesday, April 16th and the reading TAAS test will be on Wednesday, April 17th for all 3rd and 4th graders. The 1st grade went on a field trip to Sesame Street Live. She briefly explained the ESL program to the Board. We currently have 42 students participating in the program. Jennifer DeAnda is the ESL teacher.

Mr. Fitzwater gave the middle school report. He reported that the Junior High competed well at the District track meet in Vega on Saturday. Cheerleader elections were held on Thursday, April 4th. The 8th prom will be on Friday, April 12 in the cafeteria. Junior High students will take the TAAS test the week of April 16-19.

Mr. Haynes gave the high school report. He commended the students and staff on their accomplishments in the UIL Academic meet, band contest and sports events. The end of the 5th six weeks will be Friday, April 12th. Pre-registration for next year will be soon. Cheerleader elections will be next week and Student Council elections will be at the end of the month. The high school prom will be Saturday, April 13th. Mrs. Reed's and Coach Davis's classes will be going on an educational field trip to the Neonatal Unit of the hospital.

At 8:19 p.m., the Board of Trustees then adjourned into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.07. At 8:39 p.m., the Board of Trustees reconvened to open session.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the superintendent's report. 85.32% of the revenue has been collected, 60.17% of the expenditures have been spent and tax collections are at 95.56%. District enrollment is at 620. The transportation report was given. Transportation operation cost for the month of March was .33/mile. He gave the investment report. SEE ATTACHMENT

Ricky Reed made the motion and Ted Allen seconded to accept the consent agenda. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Jennifer DeAnda, vice-chairman of the District Improvement Council presented the District Plan for the 2002-2003 school year. She explained the changes and additions made to the plan. She answered questions from the Board. Mr. Taliaferro explained that all Title I funds are used for salaries and summer school supplies. Garek McBryde made the motion and Ronna Riffe seconded to accept the District Plan for the 2002-2003 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

President Joe Reinart read a letter of resignation from Larry Norris to the Board. Ricky Reed made the motion and Max

Christian seconded to accept the resignation effective the end of the 2001-2002 school term with regrets. Motion carried 7-0.

Ronna Riffe made the motion and Steve Johnson seconded to accept the certification of unopposed candidates. Motion carried 7-0.

Garek McBryde made the motion and Steve Johnson seconded to cancel the Board of Trustee election since the candidates are unopposed. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board took a 10-minute recess.

Mr. Taliaferro passed out the 2003 Sherman County Appraisal District budget. Ted Allen, member of the Appraisal District Board went over the budget and explained items to the board. Discussion was held. Ricky Reed made the motion and Max Christian seconded to accept the 2003 Sherman County Appraisal District budget. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Taliaferro went over the proposal received for ADA renovations to the staff bathrooms. Mr. Jerry Yerby submitted the only bid in the amount of \$23,500. Joe Reinart made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to accept Jerry Yerby's bid of \$23,500. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held on extra-curricular stipends for the 2002-2003 school year. Ricky Reed made the motion and Ronna Riffe seconded to approve the extra-curricular stipends. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held on possible capital projects.

There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

First Ag Credit Earns Top Rating

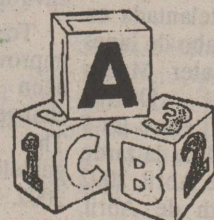
San Antonio, Texas-First Ag Credit, FCS received the Pacesetter Award recently for achieving the highest possible rating in 2001 by the Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT). The association was honored at the Tenth Farm Credit District Annual Stockholders Meeting and it was the third year that First Ag Credit has won the Pacesetter Award. The award recognizes outstanding performance by the ag lender in the areas of growth and financial operations.

"We are proud to have received this award as it commensurate our dedication to financing agriculture and rural America," said Terry Dane, CEO. "With difficult times in agriculture, this award is truly an honor."

First Ag Credit, with more than \$750 million in loans outstanding to ag producers, rural residents and agribusinesses, operates in 113 counties in Texas with 40 conveniently-located offices.

The magic of children is their ability to cloud our memories so that when we look back we recall only the golden moments, the sweet laughter and the sentimental tears, and none of the awful trials.
-Russell Baker

Judge men not by their opinions, but by what their opinions have made of them.
-George Christoph Lichtenberg



Early Childhood Screening

Sponsored by Stratford ISD

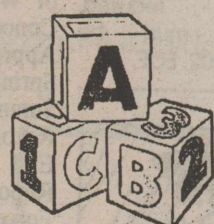
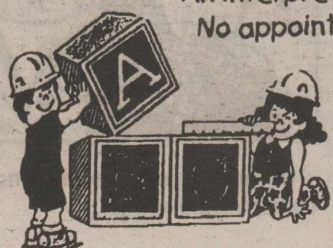
What: Developmental screening for children birth to Three years old

Where: SISD Special Education Office-located in Stratford Junior High School

When: Wednesday, May 8th
9:00a.m.-12:00p.m

Areas to be screened- communication, self-help, motor, and cognitive or thinking skills.

An interpreter will be available. No appointment is necessary



La Seleccion Temprana de la Ninez

Patrocinado por Stratford ISD

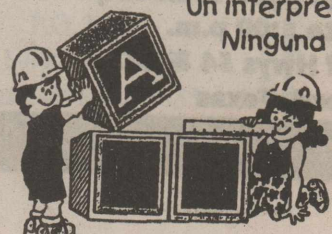
QUE: la seleccion de developmental para el nacimiento de Ninos de tres de edad

Donde: Stratford -Oficina de Educacion Especial Localizado en la Escuela Secundaria de Stratford

Cuando: Miercoles 8th de mayo
9:00-12:00 de la manana

Las areas para ser seleccionadas- las Habilidades de comunicacion, para ser-las habilidades de ayuda, las habilidades motrices y habilidades pensadoras.

Un interprete estara disponible Ninguna cita is necesaria



END OF GAME NOTICE

Time's Up On These Ten!

JUMBO BUCKS Game #260 (#2) *Overall Odds are 1 in 4.53	BREAK THE BANK Game #228 (#2) *Overall Odds are 1 in 4.94	TEXAS BBQ BUCKS Game #241 (#1) *Overall Odds are 1 in 4.90
BIG BUCKS Game #245 (#1) *Overall Odds are 1 in 4.55	MONSTER MONEY Game #249 (#2) *Overall Odds are 1 in 4.76	MONSTER MONEY Game #263 (#1) *Overall Odds are 1 in 4.90
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These games will close on May 31, 2002. You have until November 27, 2002 to redeem any winning tickets for these games.

\$50,000 FORTUNE
Game #705 (#5)
*Overall Odds are 1 in 2.99

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