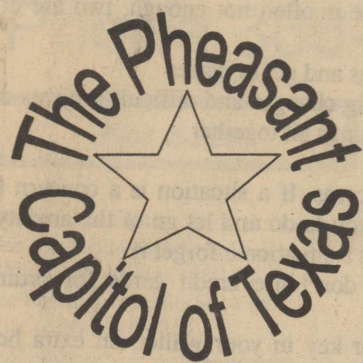




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Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

World Day of Prayer March 5th

The First United Methodist Church will host a Ladies' Salad Luncheon for World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 5 from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to bring a salad and enjoy this time of fellowship and prayer.

Early Voting

Early voting started on Monday, February 23, 2004 and will last through March 5, 2004. You can do this at the County Clerks office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. This is for Democrats and Republicans.

School Board Election To Be Held May 15th

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 15, 2004. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so from February 14 through March 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. You may apply at the Superintendent's Office, 503 N. 8th Street, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

School will be closed for Spring Break March 12 through 15, 2004 and candidate applications may be filed at The Sherman County Public Library with Sandy Baskin. Hours are as follows: Monday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday-Closed, Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

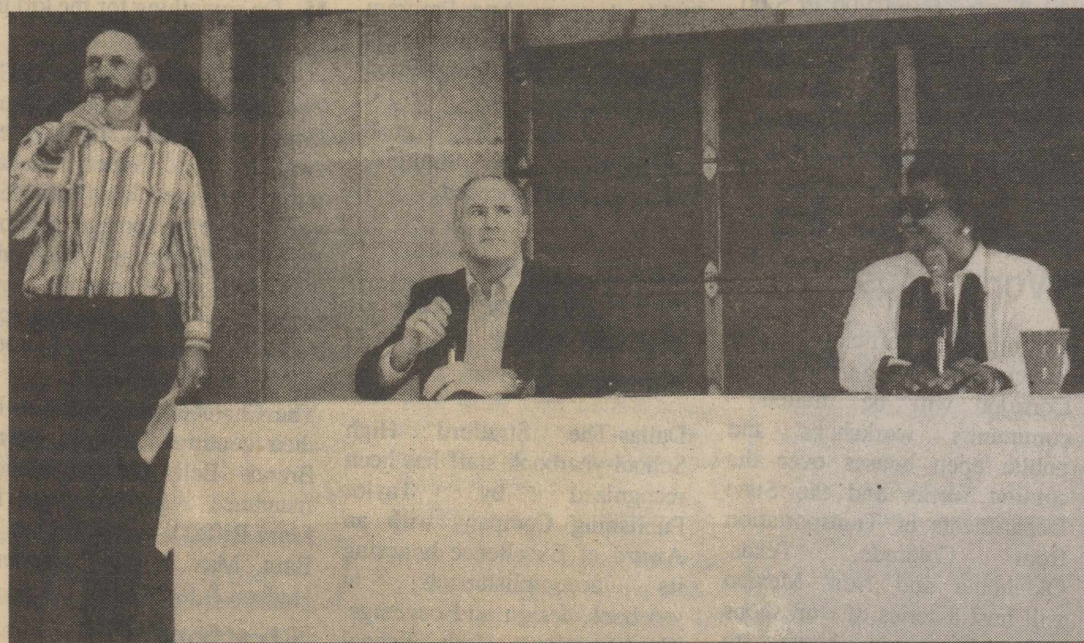
Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 and continue through May 11, 2004. Early voting will be conducted in the Administrative Office Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.

Board members whose term will expire are Steve Johnson and Ted Allen. Holdover members are Joe Reinart, Ricky Reed, Gareed McBryde, Patti Vincent and Brent Spurlock.

Volunteer Fire Dept. Planning Huge Garage Sale March 27th

Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept. is planning a huge garage sale on March 27th for the purpose of raising funds to help finish the inside of Stratford's new fire station. We want to make it huge but we need your help. If you have any garage sale items you would like to donate we would love to have them. We will even pick up your items. If you have a donation call either 366-5330 or 366-2291 or contact any fireman.

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IT'S PROM TIME
PLEASE COME HELP
START DECORATIONS
TUESDAY, MARCH 2ND
AT 7:00 P.M.
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Bring tape, scissors, paint
brushes, etc.



Steve Baskin, far left, President of Panhandle Alliance introduced State Senate candidate, Kel Seliger and Dr. Elaine King-Miller on Thursday, February 26, at the Candidates Forum.

Panhandle Alliance, Inc. Hosts Candidates Forum

Written by Steve Baskin

Stratford, TX (Feb 26, 2004)- State Senator Kel Seliger, who is running for re-election for District 31, said he opposes exporting groundwater from the Texas Panhandle by Mesa Water and Rio Nuevo.

Seliger, R-Amarillo, made his comments during a Candidates' Forum sponsored by Panhandle Alliance, Inc., a citizens' group that promotes clean air, land, and water; quality of life; and sustainable development in the Texas Panhandle.

State Senate candidate, Dr. Elaine King-Miller, D-Amarillo, the other participant in the forum, stated that she also opposes water exports.

Seliger also stated that he is opposed to a "one size fits all plan" and "favors local control" of groundwater regulations.

King-Miller stated that she believes we need to move

NOTICE

The Stratford Cemetery Board is again appealing to those family and friends who have loved ones buried at the Stratford Cemetery without permanent markers. If you have a loved one, relative, or friend who's grave is not marked, one can be purchased for a very nominal fee. The stone is a foot square inlaid with granite that reads the decedents name, date of birth and date of death. The stone is attractive and very dignified. Cost of the stone is \$45 plus the cost of the permit from the City. Permits must be purchased prior to delivery and installation of the stone at the cemetery. If you are interested in purchasing a stone, please contact any member of the Stratford Cemetery Board.

Members of the Stratford Cemetery Board are: Becky Asher, Ann Johnson, George Harding, Linda Spurlock, and Wayne Smith.

Hudson to Present Program at Scot Hall

Sue Hudson will present a program at Scot Hall on Tuesday, March 9th at 2 p.m. The program will be on Clothing for those that need assistance.

"more aggressively" toward long-term solutions for water problems and also favors study of other potential sources for water (desalinization and alternative sources).

Panhandle Alliance urges all candidates for the State Senate

seat to oppose water exportation to other areas of Texas. The Ogallala Aquifer underlying the Panhandle is virtually non-rechargeable and must be conserved for the regions' benefit, especially agriculture. T. Boone Pickens and Mesa Water have proposed exporting large quantities of water from Roberts County.

Seliger won the special runoff election on Feb. 17 to fill the unexpired term of Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo.

Dr. King-Miller has over 20 years experience in education as a teacher, administrator, dean and consultant (including Dep't. of Defense). She has served on

Pheasants Forever To Have Meeting March 4 In Dumas

The Texas Panhandle Chapter of Pheasants Forever will be having a meeting on Thursday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. in Dumas. The meeting place will be the Moore County Extension Agents Annex at 310 E. 1st in Dumas. Members and any who are interested are urged to attend.

Pheasants Forever is a non-profit conservation organization which encourages preservation and enhancement of pheasants and other wildlife populations. For further information contact Ann Wells at 396-2527.

Interested in Ports-to-Plains?

Turner, Collie & Braden, Inc. (TC&B) consulting firm will hold a workshop in Stratford, Tuesday, March 9 at the Imagination Station from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. TC&B is working to help complete the 4 lane divided Ports-to-Plains Corridor from Laredo to Denver and points north, identifying routes and funding. The public is invited to attend this workshop to help Stratford plan for the future. Ports-to-Plains is happening and we have an opportunity to participate in the planning. Tuesday, March 9, Imagination Station 2:30 p.m.

Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Board, the Panhandle Council for the Blind, and the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities.

The forum was held in the Sherman County Barn in Stratford. The candidates were provided a list of questions by Panhandle Alliance and were given equal time to deliver their responses. No questions from the audience were allowed to avoid grandstanding.

Seliger will face Kirk Edwards, R-Odessa, who was unable to participate in the forum due to scheduling conflicts. The general election is on Nov. 2.

Panhandle Alliance, Inc. was founded in 2002 as a nonprofit organization to promote clean air, land, and water; quality of life; and sustainable development for the Texas Panhandle.

2004 Dinner Theater March 18th, 7 p.m.

The Stratford high School One Act Play Cast and Crew invite you to attend the 2004 Dinner Theater. The dinner and play will be on Thursday March 18 at 7:00 pm. The production this year is a historical drama entitled "Ladies of the Tower".

The play is set in the Tower of London and is about some of the women that met their death in this gruesome place. The characters are: Maudie- Whitney Garza, Laurette-Shiloh Dickenson, Anne Boleyn- Maira Argomaniz, Lady Catherine Howard- Jayme Wilhelm, Lady Jane Gray-Evan Haile, Lady Arabella Stuart- Allison Baskin, Lady Rochford- Rhia Everett, Queen Mother Elizabeth-Heather Robertson, and The Unknown Woman- Merilee McDaniel. The crew members are Carlos Jacquez, April Kautz, Staci Hays, and Katelyn Reed. The Understudies are Nora Gomez, Rocio Molina, and LaRissa Luna. The play is directed by Terri Teig.

Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 10 and under. Tickets will be available from OAP members and at the school business office. The money raised from the dinner theater goes toward scholarships for students to attend local speech and theater camps. For more information, call Terri Teig 727-4412.

City Council Minutes

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session Monday, January 12, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding with the following council members present: Wanda Riffe, Bryan Mungia, George Harding, Nancy Kimball and BA Donelson.

Also present were: Wayland Brown, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Secretary; Lee Moore and Van Josselet with Gaskill, Pharis, Pharis; Kathy Rendon and Jarrett Atkinson with PRPC.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. George Harding motioned to approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2003 regular meeting and the December 26, 2003 special meeting. Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Lee Moore and Van Josselet with Gaskill, Pharis, Pharis gave the audit results for the 2002-2003 fiscal year for the City of Stratford. Overall report was good. Council then thanked Lee and Van.

Mr. Jay Peebles from Dalhart was not present; however, a letter was read concerning the construction of Storage Buildings on the North side of the City. A zoning change will have to be made prior to any construction. LaRita Butler will start the process to do a zoning change in this area. Item will then be placed on next month's agenda.

The police department is requesting approval from the council regarding the placement of a monthly police report in the local paper. BA motioned that any further changes be approved by future management, motion died due to lack of second.

George Harding motioned to hire Sean Hardman as the new City Administrator. Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

George Harding motioned to

approve the compensation package for the new Administrator, Wanda Riffe seconded, all in favor, motion carried. The compensation package is on file at City Hall located at 518 N. Third, Stratford, Texas

Jarrett Atkinson with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) was present to present the council a print out of the work performed by PRPC related to the hiring of an Administrator.

BA Donelson motioned to approve the expense of the budgeted funds for Sherman County Library (\$1,500), Wanda Riffe seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

BA Donelson motioned to table the possible amendment to the Cemetery Ordinance, Nancy Kimball seconded all in favor, motion carried.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the first (1st) reading of the Ordinance prohibiting engaging in an acceleration contest or exhibition in a motor vehicle, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor motion carried.

Sales Tax Corporation members were discussed. Item tabled for further information to be gathered.

BA Donelson motioned to approve the bills; Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor motion carried.

BA Donelson motioned to approve the financial statements; Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor motion carried.

Mayor moved to item 7 on the agenda.

A letter written from Kyle Lewis, City Attorney, was read. Further discussion took place.

George Harding to accept resignation of alderman, BA Donelson; Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor motion carried.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

\$9,000.00 To Be Given Away

High School students who live in the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District are invited to submit an essay in the annual scholarship competition sponsored by the Water District. \$9,000 is given away each year in this competition, in which students submit an essay on "Why is Water Conservation Important?"

Water conservation continues to be an issue of vital importance in Texas, as was demonstrated by the amount of attention given to water issues in this year's political races. Any student in 9th through 12th

grade can submit an essay of between 1000 and 1500 words. The first place winner will receive a \$4,000 scholarship, to be paid out over four years. Second place receives a \$3000 scholarship and third place receives a \$2000 scholarship. Students have the opportunity to enter the competition for four years if they first enter as high school freshmen. Deadline for the submission of entries is April 1, 2004. Application forms and rules are available from high school counselors or at the Water District office at 603 East 1st Street in Dumas

Local Scholarship Opportunities Announced

The following local scholarships are currently available to seniors at Stratford High school:
Prospectus Study Club Scholarship
Tiffany Knight Memorial/Nu Beta Sorority Scholarship
Stratford Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
V.O. Lasley Memorial Scholarship
Stratford Fire Department Scholarship

Phillip Bain Memorial Scholarship

The applications must be submitted to the counselor's office no later than Thursday April the 1st.

Students may also apply for the Earl and Conrad Riffi Memorial Scholarship. The deadline for this application will be Thursday, May the 6th. For more information on these scholarships, please contact Misti McBryde at 366-3322.

Obits

James Minor Elms

Boise City, Ok-James Minor Elms, 84, died Friday, Feb. 27, 2004.

Graveside services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2004 in Boise City Cemetery. Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2004 in Keyes United Methodist church in Keyes United Methodist Church in Keyes with Bea Kilborn, pastor, officiating. Arrangements were by Cimarron Mortuary.

Mr. Elms married Mattie Letha Sanders on June 12, 1943, in Boise City. He was a farmer in Cimarron County and took great pride in his work.

Survivors include two sons, Erwin Elms of Boise City and Mark Elms of Pampa, Texas; a daughter, Shirley Boyd of Turpin; a sister, Dicy Stephenson of Stratford; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Oklahoma City University Music Building Fund or to donor's choice, in care of the mortuary.

XIT Rural Telephone to Host 53rd Annual Membership Meeting

The XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has scheduled its 53rd Annual Membership meeting of its rural landline telephone members for Wednesday, March 10th. The meeting will be held at the Rita Blanca Lake Coliseum. Rural landline members' and invited guests' registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed with a luncheon catered by Bar H Steak House, Dalhart, Texas. The menu will consist of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, and hot rolls. A delicious chocolate cake with fudge sauce will be served for dessert. This year, members and invited guests will again be treated to a sit-down dinner served by XIT's management and employees. Serving will begin at 11:45 a.m.

Patronage Capital Credit checks will be handed out to members as they register. This refund will include the remaining 33% of the 1994 allocation and 55% of the 1995 allocation. The checks will be given to qualifying members upon registration at the annual meeting. Checks can only be given to the actual member or the authorized voting delegate for a business. A member does not have to be present at this meeting to receive this refund. All checks, not given in person, will be mailed shortly after the meeting.

The recipients of the 2004 XIT Rural Telephone Educational Program will be announced. This is the fifth year that XIT has offered this program to five rural members' graduating seniors. The business session will begin at 1:15 p.m. with a welcome to the membership and an introduction of the guests by James Spurlock, President of the XIT Board of Directors. The business meeting will conclude with the election of directors and the drawing of door prizes.

This year, approximately \$3,400 worth of door prizes will be given to attending members. There will be six grand prizes awarded: 1 - \$500 Cash Prize and 5 - \$100 Cash Prizes. There will also be a kids' drawing. This is for members' children or grandchildren who are 12 years or younger. Members are reminded that they must be present to win.

The purpose of the annual meeting is to elect directors for each district - to present for approval the reports for the previous fiscal year, and to transact such other business that might come before the meeting.

According to the bylaws, a written notice will be

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Javier Rodriguez

Local Dairy Queen Manager Recognized

Propelled to success by his crew members local Dairy Queen Manager Javier Rodriguez achieved inter-company recognition and was rewarded with an all-expense paid trip earlier in the week to Austin, Texas to participate in the TDQOC Annual Convention. While there, Javier attended specialized training seminars and evaluated new products.

According to company president and franchise owner, Parrish Chapman, "Javier's success at Dairy Queen isn't all that surprising. He's always put extraordinary effort into the management of 'his' Dairy Queen and attributes his success to his crew and customers. Customers frequently write into our corporate office about their positive experiences in Javier's DQ."

Following the convention Javier and crew have already begun to prepare for the release of numerous new products over the course of the next 3 months. Javier says "We're fixin' to blow the socks off of our DQ customers with all the tasty new Hung'r Busters and yummy ice cream treats on the way!"

Sherman County 4-H Members Compete at San Antonio & San Angelo

Fourteen 4-H Members competed at the San Antonio Livestock Show held February 9-20-2004. Brent Reed walked away the big winner placing his Hamp Barrow 4th and attaining a sale position in the Premium Sale. Other Barrow exhibitors included: Carson Buckles, Haley Buckles, Hunter Buckles, Cody Ewers, Katahrina Pendergrace, Brent Reed, and Danton Sutterfield. Steer exhibitors included: Clayton Johnson, Jordan Johnson, April Kautz and Craig Kautz. Ole Dahl and Justin Edwards each exhibited their Scramble Heifers, and Shiloh Dickenson showed her Breeding Sheep and a Shorthorn Heifer. Jacob Edmond exhibited a barrow at the San Angelo Stock Show on February 25-28, 2004. Congratulations to each of these 4-H Members on a job well done!

Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy.
—Thich Nhat Hanh

Imagination Station News

By Gaynelle Riffe

Board members elected for the 2004-2005 year are: Gaynelle Riffe, President; Jeanie Bell, Vice-President; Kim Crippen, Treasurer; Kim Allen, Secretary; building Chairman, George Harding; Program, Laurie Spurlock; Finance; B.A. Donelson; Others: Gayl Harding, Ann Johnson, Yvonne Pittman, Don Riffe, Terri Teig, Melonee York. Persons interested in helping with the Imagination Station either on the board or as a volunteer for program, please contact any one of the board. We need volunteers to keep the Computer Lab open 4 days a week-Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The computer lab has wireless service and there is a small charge for printing. Phase III of the building project is nearing completion.

Community Workshops

Community officials and leaders along the Ports to Plains Corridor will be invited to community workshops and public open houses over the coming weeks and the State Departments of Transportation from Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico will host a series of workshops and public open houses to engage the public and other interested stakeholders in discussions regarding the creation of a Development and Management Plan for the Ports to Plains Corridor.

The Ports to Plains Corridor-whish runs from the Texas/Mexico border at Laredo through western Texas, the Oklahoma panhandle and northeastern New Mexico to Denver, Colorado-is one of the 43 "High Priority Corridors" designated by federal highway legislation enacted in 1998.

The workshop in Stratford will be held at the Imagination Station, 202 N. Main, on March 9th from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Workshops are also planned for Big Springs, Lamesa, Amarillo, Dumas, Boise City, Ok and Lamar, CO.

The objectives of these workshops are: to explain to community leaders the tasks that will be undertaken in order to produce the Development and Management Plan during the coming year, and to discuss local issues and concerns with community leaders. Mr. Billy Parks P.E., the Deputy Project manager, of TCB will facilitate the workshop discussions. Mr. Mark Mehalko, P.E. of DMJM+Harris leads the consulting team responsible for the creation of the plan. Representatives from the four state Departments of Transportation compose a

Steering Committee overseeing the effort.

For additional information on the Ports to Plains Development and Management plan, please call 1-877-355-0906 or visit the project website at

www.portstoplainscorridor.com

The financing for these projects from Amarillo Area Foundation and the Stratford Area Foundation have been spent plus the funds raised by the former board therefore: Imagination Station is looking for donations, and fund raisers to continue the renovations and pay the utility bills. (\$300.00 per month) A *Whale of a Sale* is slated for October, so during spring cleaning, extra dishes, household items, holiday items & collections no longer interesting and good usable items are welcomed. Call and we will pick them up NOW.

Programs in the future are the Star Lab from Harrington Discovery Center; Lewis and Clark, Week of the Young Child; Summer Arts Program Xcel Energy is a partner in the programs for the Imagination Station.

To continue this great opportunity for Stratford, Volunteer help is needed

Stratford High School Recognized for Yearbook Excellence

Dallas-The Stratford High School yearbook staff has been recognized by Taylor Publishing Company with an Award of Excellence honoring its accomplishments in yearbook design and coverage. The Stratford High School yearbook is featured in the 2004 *Yearbook Yearbook*. Judges selected the Stratford High School yearbook as among the best. The adviser of the book is Tami King.

"Taylor Publishing's Yearbook Yearbook is the premier yearbook-specific design annual," said Cliff Palmberg, Yearbook Yearbook editor. "Across the country, thousands of yearbook advisers, editors and designers use this publication for design ideas. The schools featured are some of the trend-setters of the industry."

Yearbooks published by Taylor for the 2002-2003 school year were evaluated for excellence in one or more of the following areas: cover design, theme development and page design. Taylor Publishing recognizes only the top five percent of yearbook staffs for outstanding yearbook achievement.

"The Award of Excellence is given each year to a small percentage of yearbook staffs nationwide that demonstrate excellence in yearbook creation," said Mike Taylor, marketing manager at Taylor Publishing. "We applaud these staffs for their outstanding work and support their efforts in scholastic journalism."

Taylor Publishing, headquartered in Dallas, Texas, also operates facilities in San Angelo, Texas, El Paso, Texas and Malvern, PA. Taylor is a major publisher of yearbooks nationwide and the industry's

technology leader in digital innovation. Taylor provides training, technical support and printing services to elementary school, middle school, high school and college yearbook staffs.

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.
—Mark Twain

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

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Patsy Harland-827-7568
Michal Meyer-827-7453
Jesse Resendes-769-4454
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Chamber of Commerce

By Patty Tims

15 of 36 CHRISTIAN WAYS TO REDUCE STRESS

1. Pray
2. Go to bed on time
3. Get up on time so you can start the day unrushed
4. Say "No" to projects that won't fit into your time schedule or that will compromise your mental health
5. Delegate tasks to capable others
6. Simplify and uncluttered your life
7. Less is more. (Although one is often not enough, two are often too many)
8. Allow extra time to do things and get to places
9. Pace yourself, Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time; don't lump the hard things all together
10. Take one day at a time
11. Separate worries from concerns. If a situation is a concern find out what God would have you to do and let go of the anxiety. If you can't do anything about a situation...forget it.
12. Live within your budget; don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases
13. Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.
14. K.M.S. (Keep your mouth shut). The single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.
15. Do something for the kid in you everyday.

To be continued.....

BUSINESS CONNECTION 2004

The Chamber office received an email from the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce announcing Business Connection 2004. To be held at the Amarillo Civic Center, Tuesday, May 4, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There are several different ways to participate in this event. If you choose to sponsor a booth, please contact John Teague, Vice President, Business Development and Governmental Affairs, 806-373-7800. Or reserve your own booth to showcase your business, Contact Sylvia Frisbie, Projects Coordinator, Business Development and Governmental Affairs, 806-373-7800.

THANK YOU

The Chamber would like to thank these businesses and families for their continued support by renewing their membership: Kerry & Brenda Bell, KDDD Radio, Allen Insurance Agency, Vincent Insurance, A&I Parts, Elk Pharmacy, North Plains Conservation, Mary Riffe, Wesley & Susie Spurlock, Don & Gaynelle Riffe, Marty Bain, Max & Dicy Stephenson, Jimmy Chesher & family, Sue Hudson & family.

Stratford FFA Competes in Amarillo District Leadership Contest held in Clarendon, TX

Stratford FFA competed in the Amarillo District Leadership Contest held in Clarendon, Texas.

The Jr. Skills team, Landan Luna, Eric Riffe, and Jake Lawrence placed third. The radio broadcast team of Harrison Walden, Scott Hudson and Jeffrey Frizzell placed sixth. Walter Spurlock placed fifth in Senior Creed speaking and LaRissa Luna placed eighth in Jr. Creed speaking. Case Crabtree placed fifth in Job Interview. The Jr. Quiz team Rustin Russell, Bryce Wright, Shiloh Dickenson, and Alex Marquez placed third.

Congratulations on a good job.

Open House at Depot Museum Sunday, March 7

Sherman County Depot Museum will have an Open House on Sunday March 7, 2004 at 2:30 p.m.

"Art from the Ruins is the new exhibit and we would like to invite everyone to come and take a look.

Doug Ricketts desire is to preserve some of the fine old structures and their stories and his delight in the colors and textures of the weather wood barn tin and vintage hardware prompted him to begin incorporating the cast-off materials into his furniture.

Please come on Sunday and take a look at our Open House. See you there!

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March 2004						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Open House - JH & HS 8:30 - 8:00	3 3rd Grade Reading TAKS Test Golf Meet @ Dalhart - 10:00 AM - Girls Only	4 Golf Meet @ Booker - Boys Only Open House - MME - 8:30 - 8:00 PM	5 Canadian Track Meet - JH & HS	
7	8 Golf Meet @ Dalhart - 10:00 AM - Boys Only	9 Globe News Spelling Bee @ Texhoma - 1:00 PM Golf Meet @ Dalhart - 10:00 AM - Girls Only	10	11 OAP Dinner Theater - 7:00 PM	12 Boise City Track Meet - HS Only Spring Break - NO SCHOOL	13 Houston Livestock Show
14	15 Spring Break - NO SCHOOL	16 Golf Meet @ Canadian - 10:30 AM - Boys Only Regular School Board Meeting - 7:00 PM	17 Houston Livestock Show	18 OAP North Zone Contest - WT High School	19 Perryton Track Meet - JH Only	20 Perryton Track Meet - HS Only
21	22	23	24	25 OAP North Zone Contest - WT High School	26	27 Stratford Relays - JH & HS
28 Golf Meet @ Dumas CC - Boys & Girls	29	30 OAP District Contest - Clarendon College	31 HS UIL Academic Meet - Amarillo College			

CHILD FIND.....

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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Anthony Kearns, one of the Irish Tenors, was in concert Sunday in Amarillo. A large crowd enjoyed the program that included Patrick Healy, pianist.

Among those attending were Pat Boren and a house guest, Reps. Stiller of Denver, Jo June McDaniel, Donna Gillenwaters, Rolene Arken, Frankie Shields, Ted, & Joyce Irlbeck, Vicki Gore, Laura Baker, Cynthia Henley, Sisty Vincent, Elaine Horne, Marylou McDaniel.

There were others from Dalhart.

Barbara Schoonover had knee surgery Thursday in Dumas. This was the second one in eight months.

Roy Harris, pastor, Kerrick Community Church, reports that 532 from Cimarron County attended "The Passion of the Christ" at Guymon in the first three days. He recommends it.

It was a lively time at the Hampton's a couple of days last week. Spending time with them were Creed, two and a half and Keegan, one. They are children of Bethany and Wade Calloway of Clarendon.

Kerrick Community will host Coldwater Manor March birthday party on March 9.

Births

Jacob has a new brother. Jackson Tyler Kline leaped into this world February 29, 2004 at 9:55 a.m. in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He weighed 6 lbs, 15.3 ozs and 19.5 inches long.

Proud parents are Jason and Jolina Kline. Grandparents are Orlanda Garoutte of Stratford, TX and Dan and Nancy Kline of Fort Wayne, Indiana and Great-Great Grandmother is Joyce Ann Lasley of Stratford, TX.

Casey Melton & Rob Adams are proud to announce the arrival of Tyler Evan Adams, born Feb. 20, 2004 weighing 9 lbs. ¾ ozs. And was 32 inches long.

Grandparents are Randy and Patty Melton and Cliff & Becky Adams of Stratford.

The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes.

—Winston Churchill

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Engagement Announced

Charles and Janay Ogston proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Ashton Lanay Robinson to William Craig Moore. Craig is the son of Toby Moore and grandson of Ed and Marge Moore. The wedding will take place in Stratford at the First United Methodist Church on June 12. Craig currently attends Oklahoma Panhandle State University and Ashton is a senior at Stratford High. Craig will transfer in the fall and Ashton will be attending the University of North Texas in Denton.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

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| March 5-7 | "The Mikado" Opera
Branding Iron Theatre WTA&MU (806)651-2856 |
| March 13 | Amarillo Symphony, Benedetto Lupo, Piano
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782 |
| March 11-21 | "Over The River and Through The Woods" Comedy
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 |
| March 18*** | "Ladies in the Tower" One Act Dinner Theatre
Mary Allen Cafeterium 7:00 p.m. Reservation 366-3303 |
| March 26,27,28*** | "Blythe Spirit" Comedy
Dalhart Community LaRita Theatre |
| March 26 | "Perfect Circle"
Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-376-3096 |
| March 27 | Don Giovanni Amarillo Opera
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-SING |
| April 1-10 | "Side Man" Drama
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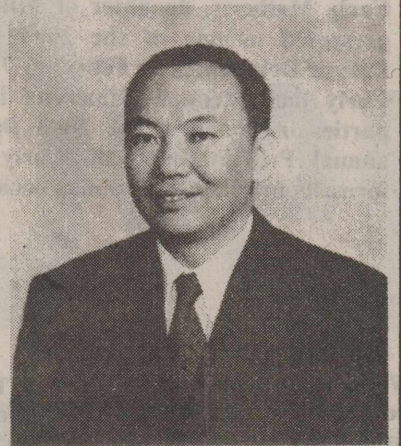
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
No Sunday Evening Worship
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger

520 N. Main

Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
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Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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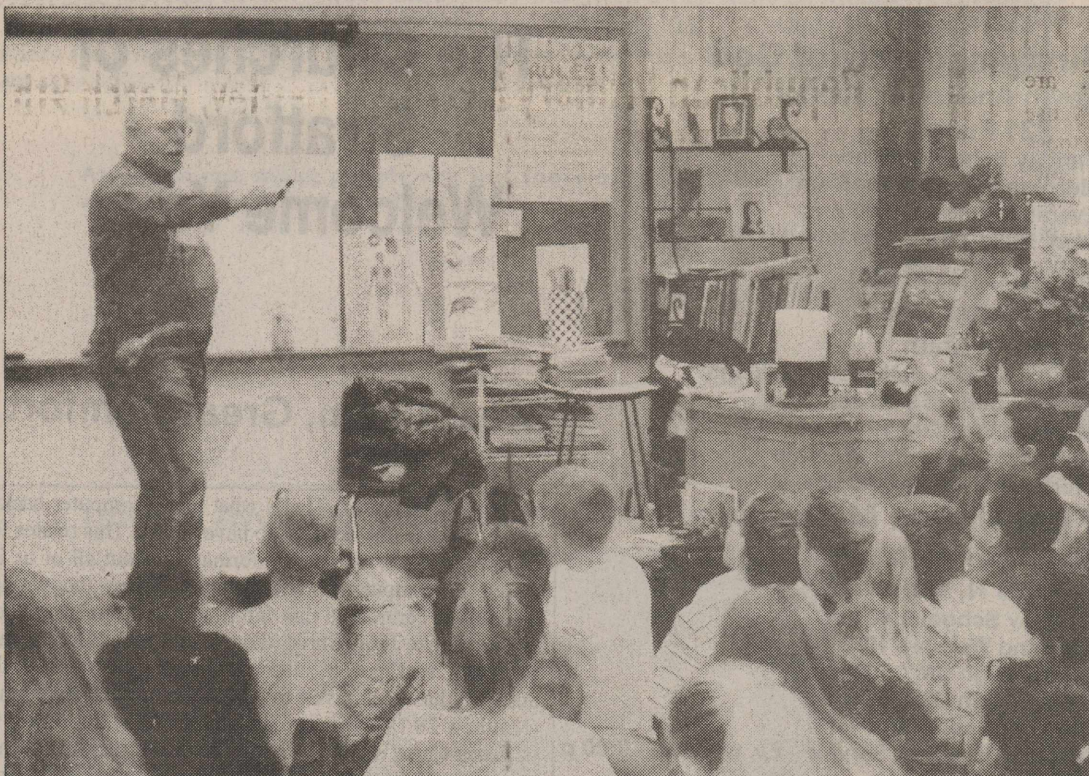


Mathews-2004 Debutante

Carly Mathews, daughter of Mike and Ronda Mathews, was presented as one of the 2004 Dallas Symphony Orchestra League Debutantes on February 7th. Over the past nine months, Carly has attended numerous luncheons, teas and cocktail parties in honor of the 2004 Debutantes. At the eighteenth annual Presentation Ball, Carly took her bow as she was formally introduced to Dallas Society.

When you become a good cook, you become a good craftsman, first. You repeat and repeat and repeat until your hands know how to move without thinking about it.
—Jacques Pepin

The fine arts are five in number, namely: painting, sculpture, poetry, music, and architecture, the principal branch of the latter being pastry.
—Antonin Carême



Bryant Riffe of Texhoma, recently gave a Liquid Nitrogen Demonstration for the 5th & 6th grade Science classes of Tiffany Confer.

YOUR GARDEN

No More Boring Garden Sprayers: Updated Looks, Innovative Features

(NAPS)—Gardening enthusiasts love the results of spraying: lush lawns and pest-free flower beds. But until recently, the job had been awkward and unwieldy as gardeners had to struggle with tangling hoses and general bulk from out-of-date devices that had not changed much since they were developed in the early 1900s.

One manufacturer fulfilled the secret wish of gardeners everywhere when it revolutionized the garden sprayer business in perhaps the most dramatic product redesign the industry has ever seen. In addition to offering cutting-edge technology, this new line of garden sprayers boasts a fresh new look that makes all former sprayers seem positively antiquated.

The product line offers many innovative features and characteristics not currently found on garden sprayers and comes as a direct result of years of research by Chapin, both in the field and in the lab.

"We observed gardeners using spraying equipment in their own homes and saw firsthand some of the challenges they are facing," said Tim Pelozo, product marketing manager. "The people we observed found the old-style sprayers difficult to use and sometimes very confusing."

While studying homeowners at work in their yards, Chapin researchers saw them struggling with sprayers that were clogged, tangled, messy and generally



A new kind of garden sprayer offers convenience, comfort and a modern look.

uncomfortable and bulky. Further research found that consumer concerns included proper handling of chemicals when pouring them into the sprayer, accurately measuring the chemicals and controlling the amount of liquid that comes out of the sprayer.

"We set out to change garden sprayers forever, and we have," said Pelozo. "By listening to gardening enthusiasts and observing them at work, we were able to meet their specific needs by designing features that will result in saving time, less aggravation and peace of mind."

The Spray 'n Go' sprayer features the SureSpray patented anti-clog filter and Total Spray Control™, which includes an integral spray shield that gives gardeners the power to choose which

plants receive the spray and which do not. There is an ergonomically designed spray handle to lessen strain on the hand and lower arm, as well as a nozzle that can be quickly adjusted to two different positions for a cone or stream spray. The nozzle is designed within the concept of Chapin's new Clean 'n Easy™ system to keep chemicals off your hands. The new sprayer also has a large four-inch opening in the translucent bottle for no mess in filling, mixing and cleaning.

In addition to the customer-focused features, Pelozo predicts gardening enthusiasts will be impressed by the sprayers' unique design. "Today's gardeners demand tools that are as good looking as they are functional. So we completely overhauled the entire look," he said. "This is the first time that cutting-edge industrial design concepts have been applied to lawn and garden sprayers."

The new product line will be available throughout the country in top lawn and garden stores as well as regional retailers and local nurseries in time for the 2004 gardening season. The suggested retail prices for the Spray 'n Go models range from \$19.99 to \$29.99 and are available in one- and two-gallon capacities.

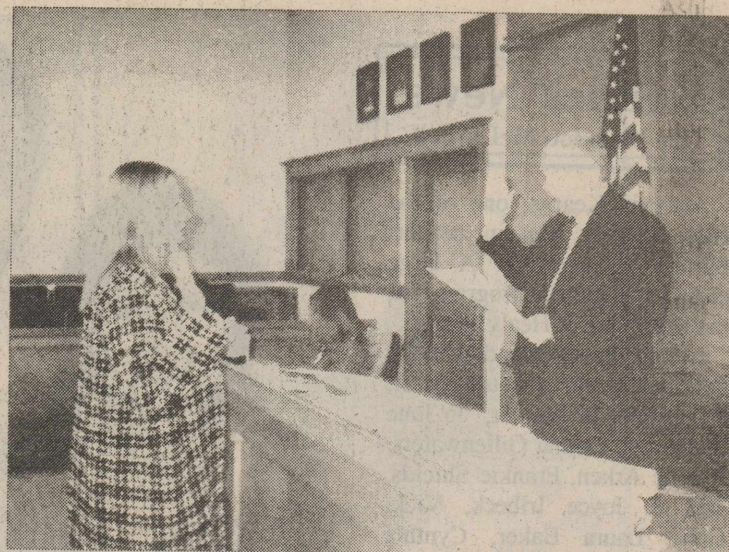
Chapin is a family-owned, New York-based company that has been selling sprayers designed for a multitude of household and industrial uses for over a century.

Swearing-In for New Volunteers

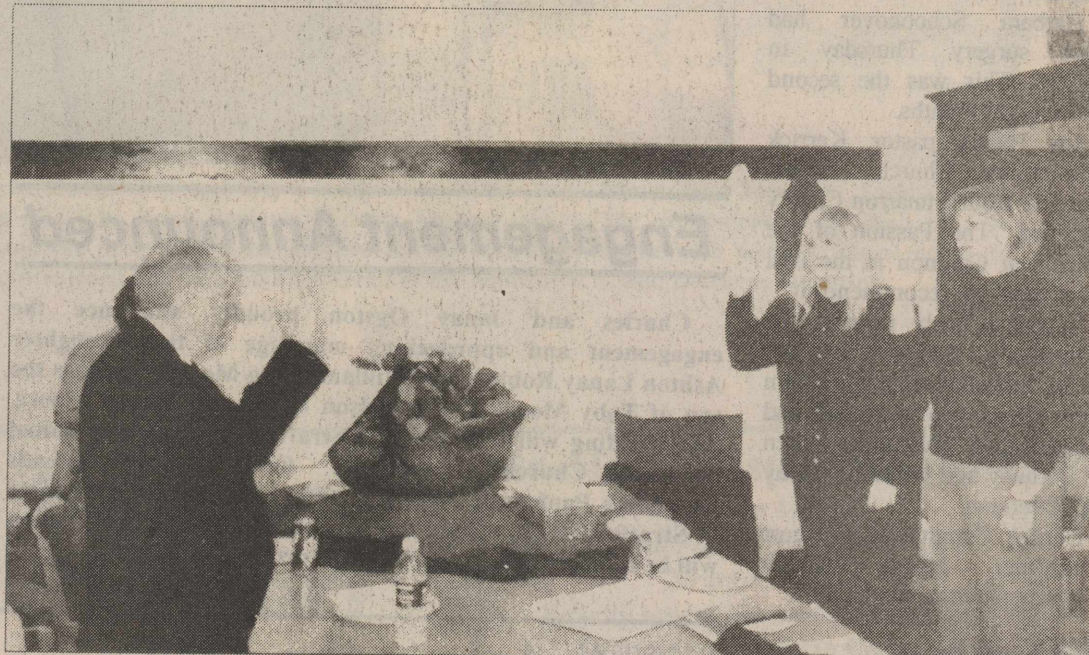
CASA 69, Inc. is pleased to announce the swearing-in of four new volunteers. On February 6, 2004, CASA 69, Inc. had a noon luncheon in the Dallam County Courthouse to honor its new volunteers. Judge Phil Vanderpool, the 69th District Associate Judge, was present to swear in three new volunteers, Angela Poole from Texline, and Pam Vandiver and Ann Bookout from Hartley. Ed Peckham from Dalhart was unable to attend the luncheon but was sworn in the day before by District Judge Ron Enns. Other local CASA volunteers, CASA staff, local attorneys, CPS caseworkers, and family members were present to honor the new volunteers who recently completed thirty hours of New Advocate Training held in Amarillo.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) trains volunteers from all walks of life, ages and ethnic groups to act as court-appointed advocates for abused and neglected children. The Volunteer watches out for what is in the child's best interest. CASA 69, Inc. serves Dallam, Hartley, Moore, and Sherman Counties, and is affiliated with the National and State CASA organizations. With the constant support, guidance and supervision of the professional staff, volunteers serve as the court's eyes and ears to help the judge decide whether a child should stay with the parents, be placed with relatives, or be freed for permanent adoption. CASA volunteers are there when a child needs someone most. In a system overburdened by increasing caseloads, they make perhaps the single greatest difference in the life of a child affected by abuse or neglect.

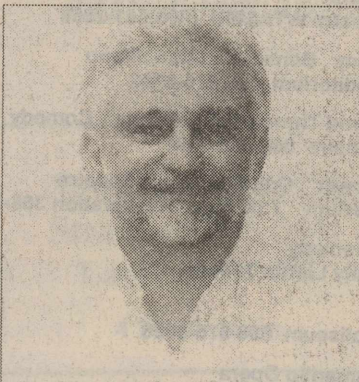
If you would like to become a volunteer to help an abused child, please contact our CASA 69, Inc. office and talk to the Executive Director, Becky Peckham, or the Assistant Executive Director, Ann Bookout. The office is located on the basement level of the Dallam County Courthouse, Room 9396, or you can call the office at 244-2694. CASA 69, Inc. is a United Way Agency.



Angela Poole being sworn in by Judge Vanderpool.



Judge Vanderpool, swearing in Pam Vandiver, and Ann Bookout.



New volunteer Ed Peckham

Books

(NU) - In the words of Dale Carnegie, "You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you." To mark the 40th anniversary of its "We Try Harder" slogan, Avis Rent A Car System is encouraging its employees and customers to serve their communities. Log on to the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network at www.1-800-VOLUNTEER.org for volunteer opportunities. For more information about Avis' 40th anniversary of "We Try Harder," log on to www.wetryharder.com.

Mary Allen Elementary Honor Roll 4th Six weeks 3rd grade

Kaylee Mungia, Alex Chavoya, Reed Schoonover, Zakary Sims, Simsy Valdez, Nicolas Lafuente, Monica Ramos, Itzel Salcido, Christian Confer, Victor Acevedo, Stephanie Jacquez, Tera Imler-Harris, Alex Asher, Elizabeth Reyes, M'Lynn Wells, Haydee Rojas, Meghan Brooks, Zachary Farney, Grayson Gonzalez.

Mary Allen Elementary Honor Roll 4th Six weeks

Jesus Vasquez, Marcos Garza, Tori Rouse, Justin Mungia, Gabriel Tarango, Jared Saloga, Chance Walker, Perla Reta, Ransom Lermom, Matisen hjelvik, Braiden Palmer, Braden Krob, Autumn Witcher.

Stratford Middle School 4th Six weeks "A" honor roll

5th grade-Catheryn Arisano, Heidi B rooks, Matthew Chaffee, Brianda Chavoya, Lindsi Confer, Matthew Correll, Megan Crabtree, Christopher Hart, Jacob Horsford, Kimberly Melton, Tyler Wright.

6th grade-Eric Burton, Kelsi Dennis, Luke Haile, Janeth Reyes, Sunny, Russell, Lyndsi Thiessen, Jennie Witcher, Channing Ziemann

7th Grade-Brooke Barnard, Stephanie Bell, Manuel Chavoya, Sinead Everett, Chandra Hawkins, Clayton Johnson, Miranda Mayeux, Deborah Molina, Margarita Rocha, Becky Rosales, Jennie Spurlock.

8th Grade-Jordan Confer, Kristen Crabtree, Ashley Duschl, Michael Frizzell, Samantha Hart, Craig Kautz, Hailey Long, Whitney Reese, Michael Reinart, Yadira Rojas, Kelsey Stein.

The gentle mind by gentle deeds is known. For a man by nothing is so well betrayed, as by his manners.
—Edmund Spenser

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Grow Sherman County Roundtable Newsletter

Published by Sherman County Development Committee

The ROUNDTABLE sponsored by the Sherman County Development Committee held its quarterly breakfast meeting at the new SCDC office at 300 N. Main on Thursday, February 19, 2004.

Shannon Taliaferro, President of the Stratford Hospital District reported that the Laughter Club training has been a successful undertaking. Many programs have been given and more are scheduled for the near future, and training for more persons to present programs is planned. Coldwater Manor is now a 42-bed facility after the conversion of the old therapy room into an additional two-bed room. The facility is presently fully occupied with a waiting list. The Hospital District is taking the necessary positive steps toward building the addition of an assisted living facility. Application has been made to The Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle for monies to Sherman County in providing assistance to anyone age 60 or older with eye glasses, hearing aids and with transportation to doctor appointments.

Jim Taliaferro, Superintendent of Stratford Independent Schools reports that the District is financially sound, and in good shape as we head into School Finance Legislation. The trustees are working on the physical plant. Mary Allen Elementary School now has new lighting and sound systems installed in the cafeteria. The football field has a new sound system and an off-street parking area is being built. The school is now in year 4 on the bond issue. Enrollment is 637, and static. The first annual Education Foundation meeting was held on February 19 at the High School cafeteria. This group is thinking outside the box to help provide assistance in learning areas that might not otherwise be afforded.

Kim Crippen, Sherman County Judge, reported that Sherman County was awarded a \$6,300.00 grant for Indigent Defense. The county is upgrading Sherman County Courthouse by doing little things. Money is budgeted to install additional new windows on the sides of the courthouse, but even knowing that the money has been budgeted and that the new windows now installed have made a tremendous improvement in the aesthetics of the building, Sherman County is being frugal by keeping level on monies and striving to keep from using monies held in reserve. Judge Crippen commented that the county is grateful for the positive attitude now exhibited between the county and the city of Stratford. She accepted the positive verbal thank you given from the city representatives and others present for the counties help to the city on roads, allies and the last sewer plant.

Sean Hardman, Stratford City Manager, was introduced as the incoming city manager replacing Wayland Brown, retiring city manager. Mr. Hardman expressed his and his family's gratefulness for the opportunity to be living in Stratford, and their first impressions of "a community that cares". He offered a verbal thank you to Sherman County for its help on placing the asphalt gravel on allies and streets in the city. The engineering report is back on the East Sewer Plant and the city is waiting for funding. The Main Street Project is still viable and outstanding issues are being resolved. It is election time again; there will be four seats to be filled on the City Council at the May 2nd election. The city has paid off the purchase of the back-hoe; the water tower will be paid in the near future. The city is now one third through its budget year, and is working under budget. The new Fire Station is almost completed and he encouraged the group to speak with Fire Chief Eddie Williams about taking a tour of the new facility and to visit the recycling center located at the city fill area.

The cemetery board has reported that the Veterans Memorial is nearing completion with pavers soon to be laid, and trees with irrigation lines planned and hopefully completed by Memorial Day. Some progress has been made on nuisance property; the city will continue to follow the plan in place. The city is working on the codification of the city ordinance books. Eric Werner representing the Stratford Chamber of Commerce reported that the chamber is enjoying their new office on Main Street and its accessibility to the public. It is in the middle of the budget process, and there are good results on a month to month comparison. A membership campaign is being planned so that they can become more self supporting. 2003 was a good year for the chamber with the Chamber of Commerce sponsoring the annual chamber banquet, the annual Fourth of July celebration, so-sponsoring the Ranch Rodeo, and the Angel Tree project. The chamber is sending representatives to attend functions held by chambers of commerce in area cities. The sponsored pheasant hunt was a success. The challenge to find real estate continues as fewer landowners are willing to offer their property for hunting. No incidents were reported to the chamber by landowners who did offer their property for the hunt this year. The chamber continues to need volunteers for their sponsored functions. Upcoming events are the annual banquet and a photo contest.

Steve Hays reported that the SCDC is enjoying their new office space. Remodeling with paint and fixtures is planned and the SCDC is looking forward to offering the community a meeting space for functions. The SCDC is working on projects of a fast food franchise, and a Bed & Breakfast. The annual meeting is being scheduled for the period of late March or early April. Good news and bad news on the highways with the approval of plans on US 287, but no funding. The GENERAL STORE is presently making improvements, and THRIFWAY has updates scheduled in the near future. B.A. Donelson and Lorie Vincent of High Ground of Texas and other panhandle area persons have just returned from the World Ag Expo in California. B. A. Donelson reported that he has a list of dairy prospects. Landowners willing to sell their land to a dairy must remember that it cost \$5,000.00 and takes six months to get their land permitted for a dairy. Interested property owners need to be proactive and know that their land should be located on or near a highway. The progress time is sensitive to land and money.

Lorie Vincent of High Ground of Texas reported a great trip to California for the World Agriculture Expo. Thirteen members representing small communities from our area were in attendance. This is the largest agricultural show in the world, and is presented for agricultural based communities. Texas hosted the Texas Tailgate Party with 50 sponsors. High Ground of Texas is presently updating their marketing materials. They are working on a feasibility study) with Texas Tech on Beef Added Value. High Ground continues in its support of the area beef industry. High Ground is now in its 16th year. It was reorganized six years ago and it now has people calling them for information about the area.

Computers

(NU) - More and more shoppers now choose to avoid brick and mortar stores in favor of their virtual counterparts. The Internet makes shopping a breeze, but along with convenience, online shopping brings hackers, spam and virus activity. It's vital to protect yourself when surfing or shopping online. For tips on how to avoid spam and viruses, visit www.mcafee.com.

Pet Of The Week



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

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

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

First Baptist Youth Needs Your Help

First Baptist Youth group has taken on a yearlong project to help Faith City Mission in Amarillo, Texas. One item this mission is short of and desperately in need of, are paper bags. Each day they use paper bags to take food to those in need and are now currently having to buy them at \$200 a month. First Baptist Youth would like to begin collecting your bags over the next year to take to this mission. Please call Marsha Wright at 366-2482 or Carolyn Tarver at 396-5810 if you would like for a youth to come pick up your bags. Also, you can begin bringing them to The Allen-Tarver Agency where we will store them for delivery each week. Please spread the word about this worthwhile project.



CAJUN CAESAR WRAP

1/2 cup fat-free Caesar salad dressing
4 10-inch fat-free flour tortillas (plain or colored)
4 curly leaf lettuce leaves
8 slices (4 ounces) sliced Jarlsberg or Jarlsberg Lite cheese
2 cooked chicken breast cutlets, diced (about 2 cups)—or use leftover chicken
1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning or more, to taste
1 cup shredded (packaged) coleslaw
1 cup chopped tomato
2 tablespoons finely diced red onion
Spread 2 tablespoons dressing on each tortilla. Top each with a lettuce leaf and 2 slices Jarlsberg. Toss chicken with Cajun seasoning. Divide evenly among tortillas along with coleslaw, tomato and onion. Roll up. To serve, cut each rolled wrap in half diagonally. Serves 4.

Do not be too moral. You may cheat yourself out of much life. So aim above morality. Be not simply good; be good for something.

—Henry David Thoreau

One More Time!

Republican Primary: Tuesday, March 9th

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Please Mark Your Calendar: This is the vote that counts the most!

Thank you for your support in the recent special election. With your help, we won 56% and 18 of 26 counties. But the election battle is not over yet! Your support in the Republican Primary is now needed to determine who will hold this State Senate seat from 2005-2009.

This is the third time in the past three months I've asked for your support. I would be honored to earn your vote one more time.

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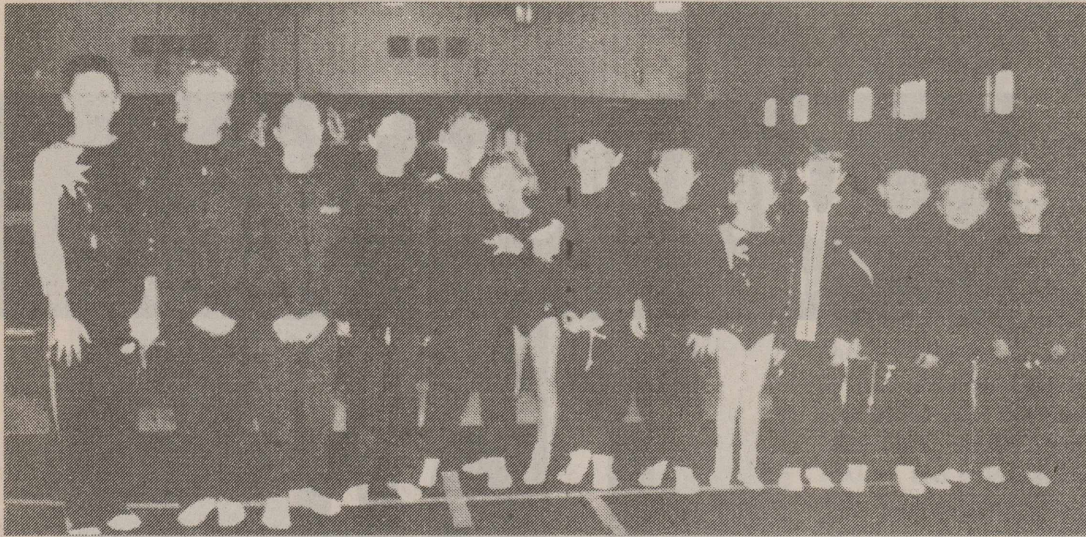
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Republican

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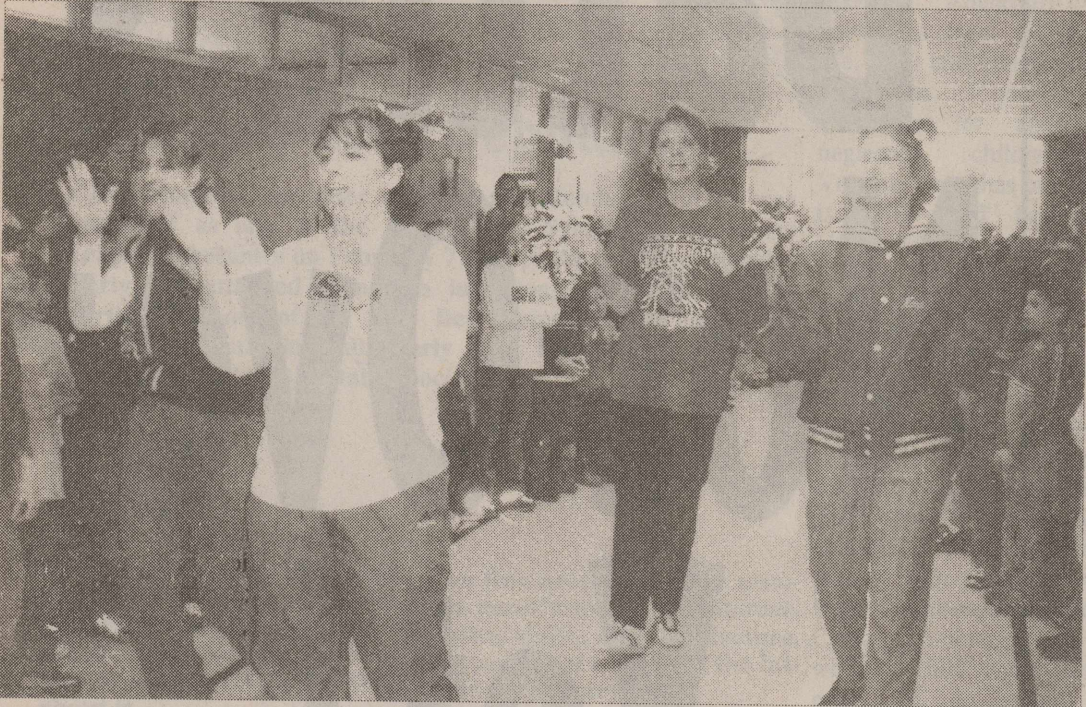
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Gymnasts Compete

Kelly's Gymnastics competed in Chickasha, OK on February 7th. From l to r: Kelsey Taylor (Sunray), Shandy Edenborough (Goodwell), Jessica Lomax (Texhoma), Courtney Ivey (Dumas), Meghan Brooks (Stratford), Rachel Jameson (Guymon), Cydne Hitchings (Keyes), Kelsey Ivey (Dumas), Aubrie Jameson (Guymon), Bailey Cook (Goodwell), Gage Brooks (Stratford), Kenley Edenborough (Goodwell), and Allie James (Stratford). The kids won four team trophies.



TAKS Pep Rally Held

The fourth grade class at Mary Allen Elementary was given a Pep Rally on Monday, February 23rd to fire them up for TAKS test on Wednesday, February 24th. Leading the cheers were cheerleaders from left, Mrs. Daina Rouse, Mrs. Shanda Davis, Mrs. Desine Garza, and Mrs. Kaci McBryde.

An onion can make people cry, but there has never been a vegetable invented to make them laugh.

—Will Rogers

health hints

Tips On Avoiding The Flu And Common Cold

(NAPS)—As far as most people are concerned, getting the flu or common cold is nothing to sneeze at. In a recent survey the flu and common cold ranked highest on a list of germ concerns for 2004.

The survey, conducted by Opinion Research Corporation for Kimberly-Clark Professional, found that 66 percent of people feared the flu most and 14 percent worried about getting the common cold.

Fortunately, there are ways to help protect against colds and the flu. Here are some suggestions from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other sources:

- **Avoid close contact.** Try to avoid people who are sick. It's that simple.

- **Remember your mother's advice**—wash your hands. Frequent hand washing with soap and water will help protect you from germs. Wash hands for 15-20 seconds. Alcohol-based gels or hand rubs may also be used. Six in 10 people in the survey agreed—choosing frequent hand washing as the most important way to reduce the spread of germs.

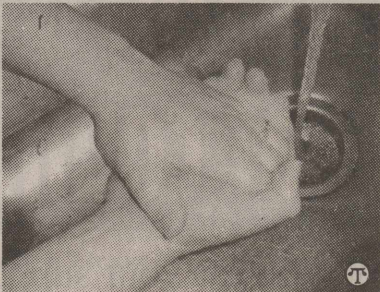
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.** Illnesses can be spread when someone touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose or mouth.

- **Wash up after touching surfaces touched by others.** Some viruses and bacteria can live from 20 minutes to two hours or more on surfaces like telephones, doorknobs and desks. In fact, telephones led the list of germ-harboring office surfaces in another Kimberly-Clark survey. Doorknobs, door handles and the restroom followed.

- **Use a towel to turn off faucets and grab bathroom door handles after hand washing.** That way you won't be touching potentially contaminated surfaces with clean hands.

Here are some "respiratory etiquette" tips from the CDC for keeping your germs to yourself:

- **Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you**



Remember your mother's advice. Frequent hand washing with soap and water—or with alcohol-based waterless hand cleaners—will help protect you from flu and cold germs.

cough or sneeze. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

- **After you use a tissue, throw it out.** The germs will go with it.

- **If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.** That way you won't spread germs when you touch things with your hands.

- **Clean your hands after coughing or sneezing.** Use soap and water or clean with an alcohol-based waterless hand cleanser. Forty-two percent of workers in the survey selected this as the one thing they would most like colleagues to do if they came to work sick.

- **Ask for a mask at the doctor's office if you have a respiratory illness.**

- **Lastly, if you can, stay home when you're sick.** If you stay away from work or errands when you are sick, you will help prevent others from catching your illness. This was the top choice among workers according to the Kimberly-Clark survey. After this, workers chose an arsenal of germ-fighting products including: waterless hand sanitizers for every desk, germ-killing paper towels and facial tissue, and antimicrobial soap.

Sometimes despite everyone's best efforts, illness still strikes. If it does, get plenty of rest and drink lots of fluids. Isn't that what Mom would say?



LeRayne Donelson presenting a bouquet to Opera Star, Mary Jane Johnson. Laura Street, Executive of Globe News Performing Arts Theatre, shares the excitement of building the new Theatre and the programs to be planned for the entire panhandle with persons interested in the Arts from Stratford and Texhoma gathered at the home of B.A. and LeRayne Donelson.

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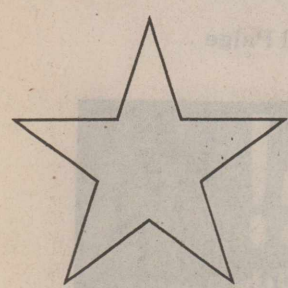
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10-23-tfn

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Houses For Sale

Pretty brick home, 602 N. Maple, red tile roof, 2378 Sq. Ft. plus 650 in Garage. 2 or 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. \$80,000. Call 396-5946.
7-31-tfn

Nice 2-bedroom, 1-bath home with basement, nice front porch, storm windows and priced at \$30,000. Call Goforth and Assoc., Realtors (806) 355-3306.
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Our mother's home at 712 N. Maple, 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, fireplace, central heat and air, 1 car garage, 2 metal storage sheds, chain linked fence, family room, close to school, built in oven and range, vinyl siding and new roof. For more info, call Marty 806-366-2053.
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Food

(NU) - In the midst of cold winter weather, little hits the spot like a bowl of hot soup. But for people who follow a controlled carbohydrate lifestyle, soup can present a problem. To stay on track with their controlled carbohydrate goals, some people shy away from soups at lunch and dinner in favor of salads. Salads are a sound choice, but people like to know they have options. Try the low carbohydrate soup recipes, on www.atkins.com.

Home

(NU) - Today's bathroom should be a place to relax after a long day, put on your face for the day, and take care of a multitude of grooming and hygiene needs. But what design should you choose for your bathroom? Available at The Home Depot, one popular English country design option is the Leighton ensemble from Kohler Co., which delivers the traditional styling that most homeowners prefer. For more information, go to www.kohler.com.

Health

(NU) - We all know that fat makes foods taste good and helps you feel full. However, if you eat too much fat, you may increase your risk of heart disease. Heart-healthy advice used to tell you to eat a diet that is moderate in fat and is low in (unhealthy) saturated fats. Then researchers confirmed that trans fats could be just as harmful as the saturated fats. For more information or to ask questions about trans fats, visit www.tasteyoulove.com.

Legal Notices

for the next two-year period will be selected at the March 8, 2004 meeting of the Commissioners' Court. Applications must include a general description of depository services to be provided, service charges, interest rates to be paid on deposits and on time deposits of 30, 60, 90, 120, 180 and 365 days and the interest rate to be charged to the county on short-term loans. The Public Funds Collateral Act (Article 2529d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) governs the type, level substitution, possession, release, and method of valuation of the security necessary to secure the deposit of public funds.

Kim Crippen
Sherman County Judge.

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NOTICE

On February 10, 2004, Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP (Valor) filed its Second Amended Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and incurred costs associated with Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented from February 1, 1996 through December 31, 2002 between Valor's Texas telephone exchanges and, in many instances, the exchanges of other local telephone companies. The Second Amended Application was filed pursuant to the Commission's Substantive Rule § 26.221 titled "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges."

ELCS expands the local calling scope of a telephone exchange to include one or more additional telephone exchanges if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. Costs and lost revenues associated with Valor's surcharge application are those not recovered through existing ELCS fees.

In the Second Amended Application, Valor proposes to implement monthly ELCS surcharges for five years beginning on the date the Commission issues a final order on Valor's request. The Commission can establish an ELCS surcharge for any duration. ELCS surcharges apply in addition to monthly ELCS fees.

Valor proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per residential line: \$.86 in Year 1, \$.85 in Year 2, \$.03 in Year 3, \$.02 in Year 4, \$.01 in Year 5. Valor proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per business line: \$1.72 in Year 1, \$1.70 in Year 2, \$.06 in Year 3, \$.04 in Year 4, \$.02 in Year 5.

Valor is currently billing interim ELCS surcharges approved by the Commission, including an interim ELCS surcharge of \$.65 per month per residential line and an interim ELCS surcharge of \$1.30 per month per business line. If rates below the level of the interim surcharges are ultimately approved by the Commission, Valor may be required by the Commission

to refund all or part of the interim surcharges.

If Valor's Second Amended Application is approved, the net annual effect on Valor's Year 1 revenues will be zero since the requested surcharges are designed to replace lost revenues and to reimburse Valor for increases in costs associated with the provision of ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs Valor seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$3,867,372 in Year 1, 3,791,870 in Year 2, \$133,831 in Year 3, \$89,220 in Year 4, and \$44,610 in Year 5.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call Valor at 1-877-520-5220.

The Commission assigned Docket No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, and no later than April 21, 2004, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

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AVISO

El 10 de Febrero de 2004, VALOR Telecomunicaciones de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service - ELCS) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La Segunda Enmendación de Aplicación se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la Segunda Enmendación de Aplicación, VALOR

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HEALTH TRENDS

Five Tips to Keep Your Heart Healthy

By Dr. Decker Weiss
For News USA

(NU) - An apple a day keeps the doctor away, or so they say. But what keeps the heart surgeon away?

Wouldn't you like to find out? Taking care of your heart is one of the most important things you can do to maintain good health, yet you probably don't think about it as much as you should.

Here are a few tips to help you keep your heart strong:

• **Be active.** Just like your other muscles, your heart needs a workout, too. Make sure to do some physical activity, such as jogging or walking, every day.

• **Listen to your body.** Be aware of changes in your body and don't be so quick to dismiss them as nuisances. For instance, recent research indicates that inflammation in your gums, joints or digestive system could potentially be signaling something more serious and may impact your heart health.

• **Do your best to reduce stress.** While it is impossible to avoid negative stress altogether, the way you respond to stressful situations has an impact on your health. Stress raises your heart rate and blood pressure and stimulates your nervous system, causing your body to release stress hormones. High levels of these stress hormones can be damaging to your heart and blood vessels.

• **Watch your blood pressure.** It is important to maintain healthy blood pressure levels. Check your

blood pressure and speak with your doctor about any increases or problems.

• **Keep cholesterol levels normal.** Fish oil can help maintain healthy cholesterol levels already within normal limits. Look for a good fish oil supplement high in healthy omega-3 fatty acids. You should also consider a garlic supplement. Garlic supplements, like Garlinase 4000, help maintain healthy cholesterol levels without giving you garlic breath.

• **Shore up your diet.** A poor diet can impact your overall health, but more specifically, not getting enough of some key nutrients can impact your heart health. That's why it's important to make sure that you are taking the right mix of supplements to support optimal heart health.

Unfortunately, some supplements may interfere with prescriptions you may be taking, which is why Enzymatic Therapy has developed the Whole Heart Multivitamin specifically formulated for safe use with prescription medications.

The Whole Heart Multivitamin also delivers concentrated levels of key nutrients for exceptional heart health such as vitamins A, B, C and E, homocystine lowering B vitamins and heart-healthy antioxidants.

Enzymatic Therapy makes it simple for you to take good care of your heart and takes the worry out of taking supplements while you are on medication.

Dr. Decker Weiss is a member of the Enzymatic Therapy Scientific Advisory Board and an expert in natural integrative cardiology.

Guest Commentary

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propone implementar un cargo mensual por cinco años commensando el dia

que la Comicion sumete el orden final, por la solicitud de Valor. La Comission puede establecer sobrecargos ELCS for cualquier duracion. Sobrecargos ELCS see aplicaran arriba de los cargos mensuales ELCS.

Valor hace proposito de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada linea residencial: \$.86 en Año 1; \$.85 en Año 2; \$.03 en Año 3; \$.02 en Año 4; y \$.01 en Año 5. Valor hace proposito de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada linea comercial: \$1.72 en Año 1, \$1.70 en Año 2; \$.06 en Año 3; \$.04 en Año 4, y \$.02 en Año 5.

Corrientemente, Valor esta cobrando sobrecargos ELCS interines aprobados por la Comision, incluyendo un interin sobrecargo de \$.65 por mes por cada linea residencial, y un interin sobrecargo de \$1.30 por mes por cada linea comercial. Si tasas bajo de los sobrecargos interines serán ultimamente aprobadas por la Comision, es posible que Valor estará disponible a reembolsar todo o parte de los cargos interines.

Si la Segunda Enmendacion de Aplicacion de Valor esta aprobada, el efecto neta anual de tasas para Valor en Año 1 serán cero, desde que los sobrecargos solicitados son apuntados a reemplazar tasas y a reembolsar a Valor por los gastos aumentados y asociados con la provision de ELCS. El estimado total de tasas perdidas y cargos aumentados que Valor trata de recuperár sobre este

procedimiento es \$3,867,372 en Año 1; \$3,791,870 en Año 2; \$133,831 en Año 3; \$89,220 en Año 4, y \$44,610 en Año 5.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propositados, o si necesita más informacion, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

La Comision de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comision de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del dia 21 de Abril, 2004, fecha límite de la intervencion. Para intervenir o para más informacion, escriba a La Comision de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más informacion llamando a La Comision de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-3477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comision al (512) 936-7136.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary in the Estate of William W. Allen, deceased were issued on February 3, 2004, in Cause No. 080, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: Catherine A. Allen. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Catherine A. Allen
Box 827
Stratford, Texas 79084

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 23rd day of February 2004.

Hunter & Oelke, P.C.
By: Kimberly L. Allen
Attorney for the Estate
State Bar No.: 12199270

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mailed from the business office not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the meeting. This notice was mailed to all active members of the Cooperative on February 20th.

A quorum must be present in order for the business meeting to convene. Based upon the total number of the Cooperative's members, fifty members or two percent of the members present, whichever is larger, constitutes a quorum.

The officers and board members are: James Spurlock, President; Glenn Olson, Vice President; Gary Finch, Secretary-Treasurer; James R. Wilson, E.H. Little, J.W. McClellan, Jr., Kenneth Stanley, T.F. Baskin, III and Walter E. Lasley.

On February 3rd, the Nominating Committee consisting of Valerie Diller,

Carl French, Ed Lathem, Nick Olson, A.E. Pronger, Jr. and Wallace Bridwell met at the headquarters of XIT Telephone in Dalhart to submit nominations for three directorships. Nick Olson was selected as chairman of the Nominating Committee. Nominations for the following districts were: District I, Dallam County - J.W. McClellan; District II, Hartley County - Kenneth Stanley, and District III, Sherman County - James Spurlock. Members vote only for nominees from the district in which they reside or the district in which they have telephone service. All members must be present at the annual meeting to vote since no proxy voting is permitted. Either a husband or wife is eligible to vote at the annual meeting, but only one vote is allowed per membership.

XIT Rural Telephone needs constant input from its membership in order to provide the best possible service at the lowest price. This promises to be a special meeting! So, XIT rural landline members, mark your calendars and plan to attend your 53rd Annual Meeting Celebration and take an active part in the decision making of your Cooperative.

Health

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

Health

(NU) - Today, Parkinson's disease afflicts more than 1.5 million Americans. Parkinson's patients take many medications to improve their condition. Unfortunately, one major problem caused by the medications is known as xerostomia or dry mouth. To prevent dry mouth, you might want to use some of the many oral care products from Laclede Inc., made especially for dry mouth. For more information on dry mouth, visit www.laclede.com or call 1-800-922-5856.

Card of Thanks

The Stratford ISD Education Foundation would like to express our thanks for the banquet that was held at the Stratford High School Cafeteria. Lanette Pickens, Mary Hernandez, Kathy Riffe, Margaret Reed and Dianna Hayes provided a wonderful meal and decorating was done by Kathy Riffe, Joyce McBryde, Dinah Horsford, Margaret Reed, Dianna Hayes and Cindy Russell. Brad Reed and members of the Stratford HS Student Council did a wonderful job setting up and serving the meal. A special thanks to Belinda Hamilton, Ronda Mathews, the square dancers from the 4th grade. Evan Haile for her reading and Bill Walker for the Star Spangled Banner, accompanied by Jim Taliaferro. Thank you to Lorenza Guerra and Lois Husmann for their custodial work. Our appreciation also to Joe Taylor and Marty Robertson for taking pictures of the event. Thanks to the following merchants for their support: Elk Pharmacy, Walter Lasley & Sons, Thriftway and Stratford Feedyard. Without the help of all these people this banquet would not have been possible and we appreciate it so much. Stratford is a special place with wonderful people that are willing to pitch in and help whenever they are needed. IT REALLY DOES TAKE A VILLAGE!! Thanks to all

Dear Friends,
Thank you for all the kind, loving, helpful deeds during these sad days. Daddy loved this little town, he did his best to be a good neighbor, and citizen. He loved his church family. Daddy was so proud of our schools and the progress of learning offered to the children. Thank you for all the Memorials to SCOT and Coldwater Manor and food and flowers. Thank you, MariHoward and everyone in the combined choir, your effort and talent was so appreciated. Thank you Methodist Ladies for the noon meal and working around us so the family could gather before the funeral. Mark you became such a good friend to Daddy, it helped us. The nurses and aids of Coldwater Manor we're always so wonderful. God has truly blessed us!

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Never let your head hang down. Never give up and sit down and grieve. Find another way. And don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines.

—Satchel Paige

One More Time!

Republican Primary: Tuesday, March 9th

The Battle's Not Over Yet!

★ Republican Primary Election: Tuesday, March 9th ★

Please Mark Your Calendar: This is the vote that counts the most!

Thank you for your support in the recent special election. With your help, we won 56% and 18 of 26 counties. But the election battle is not over yet! Your support in the Republican Primary is now needed to determine who will hold this State Senate seat from 2005-2009.

This is the third time in the past three months I've asked for your support. I would be honored to earn your vote one more time.

Re-elect

Kel Seliger

Republican

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