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NOTICE

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The City of Stratford will be accepting Trash at the Landfill during the following dates and time:

August 15-May 31
 Monday-Friday-3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday-8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Sunday-12:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 June 1-August 14
 Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday-8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Sunday-12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Closed on Federal holidays and extreme weather. The gate will be unlocked and there will be an attendant on Duty to show you where to dump trash.

Collection stations by law can only accept residential trash. Commercial or farm trash cannot be accepted. Utility customers are allowed one free pick-up size load per month-but must have their most recent utility receipt with them. There is no charge for tree limbs or grass clippings. The tree limb and grass clippings area is open 24 hours per day-seven days per week. Please do not dump anything but limbs and clippings in these areas. It is a violation of the law, and the City employees have to spend valuable time picking up trash and hauling it to the proper place your help in abiding by the rules will be appreciated.

If you need more information on this article call 366-2827 or 366-5581.

Ken Forthman
 Public Utilities Director

Pantry Meeting

There will be a Pantry meeting on Tuesday, April 24th at 7 p.m. at the XIT Building. Volunteers need come and meet with us.

Help-Volunteers Needed To Help Set Up Playground Equipment

Help! Playground equipment is here for the Pendleton Park and GFWC/Prospectus Study Club needs help! Strong men and helpful women are needed to install the equipment on Wednesday, April 25, beginning at 8 a.m.

Lunch will be provided. Call LaRita at City Hall (366-4481) or Laurie (366-2772) to volunteer.

Employers-have you an employee to loan for the day?

Addresses Needed

Please contact Carolyn Tarver at 806-396-5810 if you have any of the following addresses from the class of 1971.

Denise Meil, Nicky Morgan, Doug Thompson, June Brown, Deon Coffman, Ronnie Robbins, Linda Shertler, Derynda Thompson, Rodney Williams, Terry McDaniel, Shirley Hawkins, Pate, Ann Henry, Deborah Garner, Kim Matthews, Wanda Weiss, Nicky Sanchez, Dana Quin Craig, Kyle Cummings, Linda Garner, Bob Newburn, Bobby Arnold, Denton Harryman, Shirley Downs, Rob Hager, Elizabeth Short, Tina Massey, Steve Gaylord, Tim Tanner, Judy Gupton.

Cutting-a lawn in a different direction each time you mow helps grass to grow upright.

City Of Stratford To Hold Election May 5th

City of Stratford will hold election on May 5, 2001.

Two year terms expiring are Ken Forthman, Blake Confer, and Randy Williams. One-year term expiring is Marcus Lavake.

As of March 21, 5 p.m. those filing for the two year term are Dwayne Plunk, Blake Confer, George Harding, Carol Zimmer, Joan Palmer, & Joe Zak.

Those filing for the one-year term are Dusky Woods & Marcus Lavake.

Coming Soon Broom Sale

Coming Soon-Lions Club Broom Sale on Friday, May 4th at First State Bank Parking Lot.

Summer Baseball

It's time to begin planning the 2001 baseball season. There will be a meeting to organize the season on Wednesday, April 18th at 5:30 at the Methodist Church. Please plan to attend or call Ronna Riffe at 366-2180 if you can't attend but are interested in helping or coaching a team. Registration forms will go out during the first week of April and must be turned back in no later than Wednesday, May 2.



May 5
 Tour of the County sites: Coldwater Town and Cemetery; Judge J.D. Rawlings rock house at the Coldwater Ranch; Spurlock Community Church; Whaley Cemetery; Pronger Bros. Ranch. We will leave Stratford Depot Museum at 9:00 a.m. returning about 4:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and a lawn chair.

May 12
 Happy Birthday Party Stratford! Sherman County Court House 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Reenactment of the moving of the County records, Entertainment and birthday cake.

May 12-13
 United Methodist Church will be celebrating their centennial and the Church of Christ Church will be celebrating a time of reunion.

4-H Parents Meeting April 30

All Sherman County 4-H Parents and Volunteer Leaders are asked to attend the April 30th Association meeting. The meeting will be held at the Texhoma FFA Building at 8:00 p.m. Several business items will be discussed and important decisions made at the meeting.

Everyone's attendance is requested.

Aggie Muster To Be Held

Aggie Muster will be held Saturday, April 21st at the Bar H Steakhouse in Dalhart, TX at 6:30 p.m.



Way of the Cross On Good Friday

Friday, April 13th the St. Joseph Church Catholic Church hosted the "Way of the Cross. Shown above are some of the citizens who went on this two hour walk ending at the Stratford Cemetery.



Kara Brownlee



Janet Witcher

SHS Valedictorian & Salutatorian- Announced

Stratford High School is proud to announce the valedictorian and salutatorian for the class of 2001. The valedictorian is Kara Brownlee. Her four year weighted grade point average is 101.57. She is the daughter of Mike and Brenda Brownlee. Kara plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in business. Kara's activities and other accomplishments include the following.

Throughout her high school career she has competed in basketball, track, cross country, and golf. She was the co-captain of her basketball team this year. She has also been involved as a varsity cheerleader for the past two years. She is a member of the Gifted and Talented program and the National Honor Society. She has been involved in all UIL Academic meets and has qualified for Regionals in Mathematics, Number Sense, and Accounting. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church and also a member of the First Christian Church Youth Fellowship. She has been named Academic All-District Basketball, Academic All-State Basketball, and All-District First Team Basketball. She is our Lion's Club Sweetheart for this year.

Janet Witcher is recognized as the salutatorian for this year's graduating class. Her cumulative average is 100.19. She is the daughter of Jeff and Anna Witcher. Her college plans include attending Brigham Young University to major in music and accounting. Janet's activities and honors while in high school are listed below.

St. Jude's Trail Ride

Everyone is invited to the St. Jude's Trail Ride on April 21, 2001. We will meet at the county barn at 10:00 a.m. and travel to the Freeman Ranch N. of Goodwell, OK.

Everyone needs to bring a sack lunch with them. Donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital will be taken the day of the ride. Any amount donated will be appreciated very much.

Horses need a current coggins and health papers. Children 14 years old and younger need a riding adult with them. No alcohol or smoking is allowed on the ranch.

We want to thank Mr. Jack Freeman for allowing us to enjoy his ranch again this year.

For more information contact coordinator Terri Kelling at 727-4648.

The sealed cylindrical can was developed by Peter Durand in 1810. The graham cracker was invented by Sylvester Graham in 1829.



Rent-A-Firefighter

Shown above are Ronda Mathews and Donita Robertson- Lady Bachelors of Stratford. They will be available on May 5th to be auctioned off. Rent-A-Firefighter- The hamburger and hot dog cookout will be held on May 5th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the First State Bank Parking lot. This is to help benefit Carly Mathews, who is going to the Parkroyal "Down Under" International Games. Fire fighters may be "bought" at auction to the highest bidder for four hours labor.

Husker Power Performance Clinic Coming In June

The Husker Power Performance Clinics will be coming to Stratford on Friday & Saturday June 1-2, 2001 at Stratford Gym.

Improve your speed, power, acceleration and agility with the premier strength and conditioning program in the country!

Cost is \$50.00 each participant. Forms may be picked up at Stratford Gym, Coach Thiessen or Coach Horsford. They must be returned no later than May 1, 2001 to Bill Mires at Stratford Gym or Coaches Thiessen and Horsford.

Husker Power Performance Clinics are the culmination of 30 years of scientific research from the strength and conditioning staff at the University of Nebraska, presented in a hands on method that will provide your school or group with the tools needed to reach the top in athletic performance.

The certified clinic will come prepared to educate and demonstrate all areas of development that will improve the athletes abilities to excel on the playing field or court.

There will be three types of clinics: a One-hour Presentation, Half-day clinic with Demonstrations and a full-day clinic with Demonstrations.

They will start with a morning session with speed, acceleration, and agility development. A performance nutrition presentation will accompany lunch. The afternoon session will begin with the 10 principles of performance presentation, followed with strength and explosive power development. The day ends with feedback and a round table discussion.

Lunch 'N Learn

The Lunch 'N Learn Extension Education Club will meet on Thursday, April 19 at 12 noon in the educational room of the County Extension Office.

The program will be "Coins for Friendship-by Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent.

Lunch will be served at a cost of \$4.00 per person. So that adequate arrangements can be made, members are asked to call the County Extension Office at 366-2122 by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 18th.

Obits

Merce F. DeAnda

Merce F. DeAnda, age 55 died April 14, 2001 in Amarillo.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 18, 2001 at First Baptist Church in Stratford with Billy Rammage, pastor in Clayton, NM officiating.

Mrs. DeAnda was born in Edcouch, TX. She had lived in Stratford for 8 years prior to moving to Canyon 4 years ago. Mrs. DeAnda worked as a homemaker. She was a Baptist. She married Silvano DeAnda on April 16, 1966 in Boise City, OK.

She is survived by her husband Silvano DeAnda of the home; 2 sons, Arturo DeAnda and Frank DeAnda both of Stratford; 3 daughters, Barbie Robertson of Elkhart, KS, Amy DeAnda of Midland and Angie DeAnda of Canyon. Brother, Raymond Flores of Phoenix, AZ; 7 sisters, Alice Castaneda of Avondale, AZ, Susie Flores of Tolleson, AZ, Tonie Flores of Cashion, AZ, Mary Flores of Tempe, AZ, Carmen Flores of Bakersfield, CA, Dominga "Sunday" Flores of Cashion, AZ; Lupe Linton of Phoenix, AZ. Granddaughter, Jessica Harlan.



The Stratford Chamber of Commerce proudly announces its commission of a commemorative centennial belt buckle. These buckles will be a limited collector's edition with a maximum number available of 350 pieces. The buckles will be offered in the following two finishes:

*2-tone pewter with brass accents-50 available with numbers of 1-50 of 350 price \$50.00 each

*Fine Pewter-300 available with numbers of 51-350 of 350 price \$20.00

Orders are currently being taken for either buckle through the Chamber office. A portion of the pewter buckles will be ready for sale at the May 5, 2001, County Tour: and the balance (2-tone & pewter) will be available at the May 12, 2001, birthday party located at the Courthouse. As always, buckles will be available for sale at the Chamber office

located in the City Hall.

The Buckles are products of the Siskiyou Buckle Company of Ashland Oregon. This company has produced products for many different area celebrations (Boise City, Hugoton, KS; and others). Make plans now to celebrate with Stratford during the Centennial. These buckles would make great fits for family and friends, especially those who have moved away. The buckles will be available at the Centennial celebrations in May, the Ex-student reunion, July 4th celebration, Jamboree in September, and the Pheasant hunt in December. A second buckle is already under consideration to establish a collector's series.

For questions, please contact Paula at the Chamber office 366-2260, or come by the office in the City Hall. The Chamber appreciates the support of the Community.

April is "Keep Stratford Beautiful" Month

Once again it is time for us to do our annual spring-cleaning. And once again the City of Stratford will be promoting Community Clean up, with removal of unwanted items around town from your property.

Throughout the month of April the City will come and pick up anything that you have decided you don't want any more. All you have to do is call or stop by City Hall and get your name on the list and tell them what you have and presto it is gone.

Some of the items that can and will be removed include, but are not limited to: Appliances, toilets, sinks, tree branches, equipment or automobiles, just to name a few.

From more information or if you have any questions please contact City Hall at 366-5581, the Sherman County Development Committee at 366-2897 or Stratford Chamber of Commerce at 366-2260. Thank you for your help and participation.



The average American works until just after May 1 to pay his or her taxes.

Scot News

By Jack Gore

Activities this week, Dance Practice Monday 7 p.m.

Thursday, 19th Birthday party 2 p.m.

Thursday, 19th Bingo 7 p.m.

Friday, 20th, Leave for Las Vegas, NM at 3 p.m. Spend the night, sightseeing Saturday and return Saturday evening.

Next week will be board meeting Tuesday 24th at 10 a.m.

Thursday, the 26th Noon luncheon

Saturday the 28th Dance at 8 till 11 p.m.

Everyone invited to come and dance.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

April 21-23 28-30	"Oklahoma" Musical Guymon Community Theatre 580-338-0019
April 21	Amarillo Symphony Bravo Nights Vocal (Golden Nail) Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
April 27	Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra First Baptist Church 806-376-8782
May 3-5	Greater Southwest Music Festival Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-373-5093
May 3-6, 11-13 17-19	"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 (Musical)
May 11-12	Palo Duro Canyon Pops Amarillo Symphony Palo Duro Canyon 806-376-8782
June 22-24	"Ain't Misbehavin" Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
June 7-- Aug 19	"TEXAS" Musical Drama Palo Duro Canyon 806-655-2181
June 16	Kristin Chenoweth Special Event Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991

MAKE A CHANGE VOTE GEORGE HARDING

City Council

May 5th

Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. For By George Harding, P.O. BX. 1325,
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Check Out The Library

By Sandy Baskin

Fans of Jan Karon will be pleased to know that one of the new arrivals at the library this week includes her sixth book to Mitford Years Series, *A Common Life*, the wedding story of Father Tim Kavanagh and Cynthia Coppersmith. All of the beloved Mitford characters will be the pews: Dooley Barlowe, Miss Sadie and Louella, Emma Newland, the mayor, in short, everybody who's anybody in the little town with a big heart.

One other new arrival is *Seabiscuit: An American Legend* by Laura Hillenbrand, the breathtakingly true story of how three men (Charles Howard, Red Pollard, and Tom Smith) and a great racehorse captivated the world during the cruellest years of the Depression. Harry Potter fans will enjoy the latest editions to go along with the series.

Fans of Harry Potter will enjoy *Quidditch Through the Ages* and *Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them* by J.K. Rowling. These are just two of the textbooks from Hogwarts School Library.

Don't forget that volunteers are still needed for the summer reading project at the library. Call Sandy at 366-2200 for more information.

The word rhythm comes from the Greek word *rhythmos*, meaning measured motion.

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To Report Suspected Child Abuse, Call

Kathie Altman - 366-5611
Arlene Baker - 366-5318
Joyce Dodson - 366-5608
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Blake Confer - Incumbent
Stratford City Council

Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for by P.O. BX. 1191, Stratford, TX 79084

AUCTION

Ted Collier

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The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

Sherman County Appraisal District
402 N. Third, Abstract Building
Stratford, Texas 79084

(806) 366-5566

Notice of Public Hearing on Budget

SHERMAN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

The Sherman County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2002 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on May 18, 2001 at 7:00 a.m.

At the Sherman County Appraisal District Office.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ 236,642.00
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ 9,729.00
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	4 (full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	4 (full-time equivalent)



A shower honoring T.D. Baskin and Jamie Denise Edins was given Friday, April 13th in the home of Verlie Norris. Shown above left to right, Megan Baskin, T.D. and Jamie, Sandy Baskin, Allison Baskin, Hillary Baskin and Mattie Baskin.

Mother's Day Tips

(NAPS)—A little bit of creativity, packaged with a lot of care, seems to be the trend this year for Mother's Day. A hand-assembled "relaxation kit" is one example of a great gift for mothers.

Creative Cook's Kitchen suggests combining handy accessories with make-it-yourself beauty regimens, such as a face mask, for a spectacular basket. The items, all created from household ingredients, are easy to assemble and make an impressive presentation.

Mother's Day Relaxation Kit

Honey-Oatmeal Facial Mask:
¾ cup rolled oats, finely processed
5 tablespoons honey
Small jar

Chamomile-Almond Facial Mask:
½ cup boiling water
1 tablespoon dried chamomile flowers
2 tablespoons bran
2 tablespoons finely chopped almonds
1 teaspoon honey
Small jar

Basket:

Cucumber, cellophane or plastic bag, ribbon, handled basket, shredded craft paper, terry cloth hand towels, soap, nail brush, hair clip, cotton swabs, emery boards, jar of honey-oatmeal mask, jar of chamomile-almond mask, cup filled with herbal tea bags, hand cream, scented candles, instruction card.

Making the Honey-Oatmeal Facial Mask

1. In a medium bowl, combine oats and honey to form a paste.
2. Transfer the mixture to a small jar.

Making the Chamomile-Almond Facial Mask

1. In another bowl, pour boiling water over chamomile flowers; let stand for 30 minutes. Strain the mixture through a sieve set over a bowl.

Hand-assembled "relaxation kits" are catching on as thoughtful gifts for busy Moms (whose isn't?) this year. The facial mask recipes can be found at www.creativecookskitchen.com.

2. Transfer 3 tablespoons of strained liquid to a small bowl. Add bran, almonds and honey; mix well. Transfer to a small jar.

Assembling the Basket

1. Cut cucumber in ½-inch slices. Pack slices in cellophane bag; tie with ribbon.
2. Line the basket with shredded craft paper. Roll 1 hand towel; place in a corner of the basket. Tuck soap and nail brush into the towel; attach the hair clip. Bundle cotton swabs and emery boards; tie each with ribbon and add to basket. Arrange the other items in the basket.

3. Write the instructions for using the facial masks on a note card: "Enjoy each for 10 minutes, then rinse with warm water." Include the recipes for both masks. Punch a hole in the card and use ribbon to attach the card to the basket.

To make the holiday even more of a relaxing respite, consider including a gift voucher for a massage with the basket, taking Mom out to lunch or making her favorite dish for dinner.

Creative Cook's Kitchen produces expertly written, easy-to-follow recipes. To obtain a free 10-day trial, call 1-800-566-4554 or visit www.creativecookskitchen.com.

Births

Malcolm and Buffy (Ellison) Boger of Vernon are the proud parents of a daughter, Shaylee Renee, who was born Tuesday, April 3, 2001 in Wichita Falls. She weighed 6 pounds and 3 ounces and was 20 ¾ inches in length.

Grandparents are Butch Ellison and the late Nina Ellison of Stratford and Willene Boger of Argyle. Great-grandparents are Alice Ellison and Grace Kyle Trainham, both of Stratford and David Glass of Sterling City.

Kreed Johnson Kotara was born April 10, 2001. He is welcomed by his big sister, Landry. His parents are Lane and Tom Kotara of Lubbock. Kreed weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 and a half inches long.

Grandparents are Pat Johnson of Stratford and Jerry Johnson of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kotara of Panhandle. Great grandparents are Billie Johnson of Plainview and Irene Kotara of Groom.

Kendall and Cinda Bonds would like to announce the arrival of their new daughter, Darcy Grace, born April 7. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are George and Kathy Bonds and great-grandmother, Orlena Sneed. Maternal grandparents are Bobby and Judy Massey of Kemp, Texas and great-grandmother, Hazel Massey. Kendall and Cinda currently live in Evansville, IN.

Modesty and unselfishness—these are virtues which men praise—and pass by.

—André Maurois

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- America's Job Bank at www.ajb.org.
- TIAA-CREF at www.tiaa-cref.org/iras.
- Interhome, Inc. at www.interhome.com.
- La-Z-Boy: www.lazyboy.com.
- Fleischmann's Yeast: www.breadworld.com.
- Crane Products Ltd.: www.water-fall.cc.
- Progressive Insurance: progressive.com.
- Cool Careers Web site at www.coolcareers.org.
- Mrs. T's Pierogies: www.pierogies.com.



Keeping Stratford Beautiful

Seven more trees were planted Saturday, April 14th at the new baseball park by Gaynelle Riffe and Stratford Grain Co. employees, Leo Vera and Joe Rangel. Stratford Grain employees also repaired the basketball goal, and the merry go round at the South Chestnut Park (Please discourage your 200 pound plus children from misusing equipment).



Cheryl Galla brought the children over from Lollipop Junction so they could take a tour of the new business Let's Make Arrangements last week. Julie Young of Let's Make Arrangements showed the children around the new business.

True friendship is like sound health; the value of it is seldom known until it is lost.

—Charles Caleb Colton

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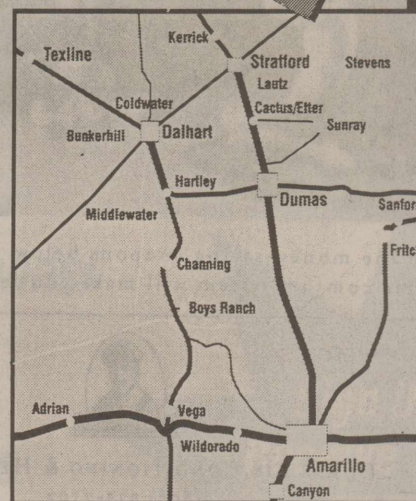
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The following towns and communities will be listed in the directory. Approximately 30,000 copies will be distributed to the area.

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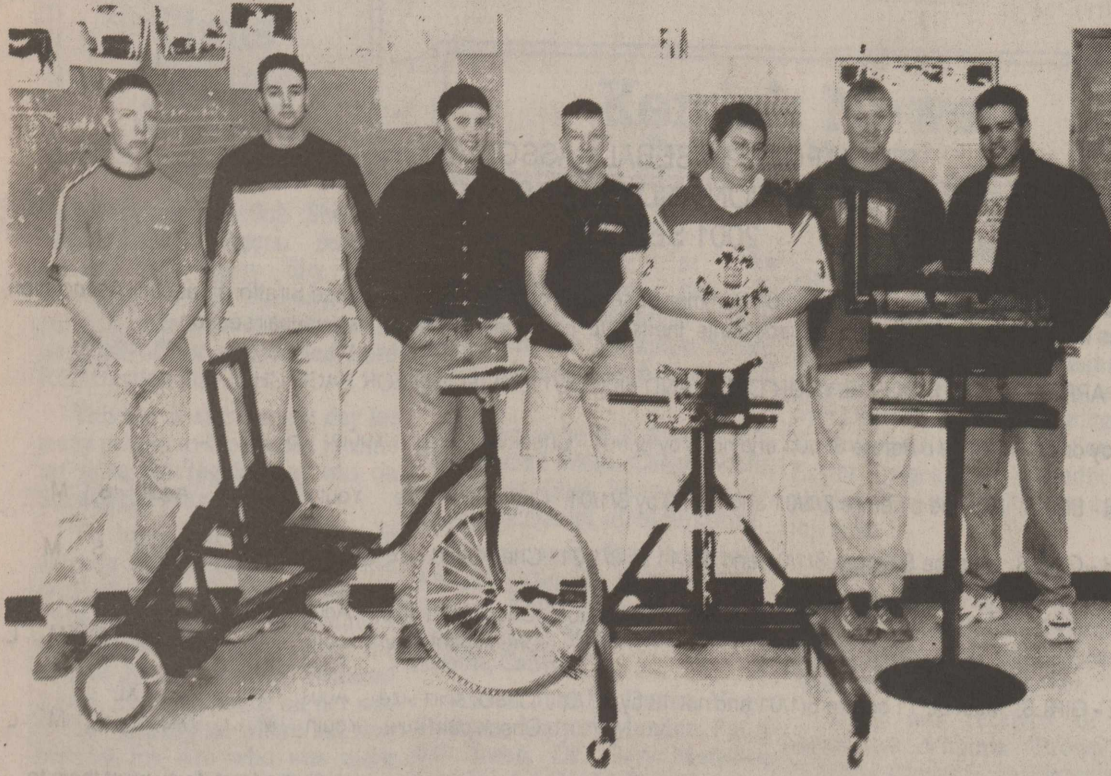
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Honor Rolls



When cooking, adding caraway seeds to cabbage water will reduce the odors.

3rd grade- Mary Allen
Elementary Honor Roll 5th six weeks.
Roy Allen, Eric Burton, Luke Haile, Valerie Kelling, Jonathan Knight, David Luna Shelby McDaniel, Luis Ortega, Janeth Reyes, Sunny Russell, Lyndi Thiessen, Chrystal Thompson, Jennie Witcher, Channing Ziemann.

4th grade- Stephanie Bell,
Brady Booth, Anne Brooks, Manuel Chavoya, James Daniels, Connor Esparza, Sinead Everett, Chandra Hawkins, Clayton Johnson, Justin Lanning, Jayton Lawrence, Chandler Lutes, Deborah Molina, Angel Resendes, Margarita Rocha Zubia, Becky Rosales, Jennie Spurlock.

A Honor Roll 5th Six Weeks

5th Grade - Kristen Crabtree, Samantha Hart, Kelsey Stein; 6th Grade - Brant Cummings, Eric Riffe, Juliana Taliaferro, Harrison Walden; 7th Grade - Maira Argomaniz, Allison Baskin, Brady Bell, Haley Buckles, Josh Lanning, Gina Mattocks, Yadira Ortega, Katelyn Reed, Ramie Stewart, Jordan Taylor, Cheyenne Ziemann; 8th Grade - Tyler Haynes and Josh King.

A-B Honor Roll 5th Six Weeks

5th Grade - Hunter Buckles, Jordan Confer, Ashley Duschl, Michael Frizzel, Yesenia Ibarra, Craig Kautz, Hailey Long, Michael Reinart, Austin Riffe, Thomas Sewell, Chelsie West; 6th Grade - Candie Bell, Janette Carrera, Tiffni Drake, Rhiannon Everett, Ryan Ewers, Victor Garay, Evan Haile, Shadley Hawkins, David Marquez, Merilee McDaniel, Daniel Nusz, Crystal Peregrino, Krista Reta, Steven Rueda, Bryce Wright; 7th Grade - Sandra Barraza, Caleb Brown, Case Crabtree, Brandon Davis, Jerold Frizzell, Juan Garay, Yessenia Jacquez, Heather Robertson, Emily Shafer, Walter Spurlock, Francis Tenorio, Chelsi Thiessen, Connor Vincent, Kody Willard; 8th Grade - Manuel Barajas, Kyla Bell, Ashley Brooks, Cory Brooks, Jesse Daniels, Ashley Duke, Adam Gomez, Brittany Hudson, April Kautz, Whitney Kautz, Tiffany Knight, Mark Miller, Rocio Molina, Craig Reinart, Ashley Renzelman, Kayla Robertson, Travis Soto, Lindsay Stein, Jayme Wilhelm, Amy Woods.



Most fruit trees require anywhere from five to eight years from planting to first harvest.



Never argue at the dinner table, for the one who is not hungry always gets the best of the argument.
—Richard Whitley

The state of Delaware takes its name from Lord De La Warr, the first governor of the colony.

All civilization has from time to time become a thin crust over a volcano of revolution.
—Havelock Ellis

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Graduate Students To Receive Distinguished Honor At Luncheon

Lubbock-Five women graduate students were honored for their achievements at the University Quarterly Club luncheon on Monday, April 16 at the Matador Room in the University Center. During the luncheon, each student received a Paul Whitfield Horn Fellowship.

Liz Watts, chair for the Paul Whitfield Horn Fellowship Committee, said committee members focused on a variety of aspects of each student. Committee members evaluated students based on their positions in the graduate programs, the students' likeliness of completing their graduate programs in a timely manner, their financial need, academic record, letter of recommendations and professional accomplishments.

"I think the consensus of the committee is that these students were very qualified and well-deserving of this honor," Watts said.

Graduate students receiving the fellowship were: Jeong Rim Lee, a human development and family studies doctoral student from South Korea; Elizabeth Najera, a counseling psychology doctoral student from Lipan; Kimberly Bouldin, a physics doctoral student from Stratford; Talah Arabiyat, an economics doctoral student from Jordan; and Erin Walker, a biology master's student from Albuquerque, NM.

Members of the University Quarterly Club and the University Women's Club annually award the fellowship to deserving women doctoral and master's students at Texas Tech University. Established in 1941, the fellowship is named after the first president of the University.

5th Annual Team Penning Sunday May 6, 2001

Pampa-The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association will be sponsoring its 5th Annual Team Penning on Sunday, May 6, 2001 at the Rodeo Arena in Pampa. Advance entry is not necessary as books will open at 10:00 a.m. and the penning will start at 11:00 a.m. Books will close at the start of each class. Classes and their entry fees are as follows: Open - \$90.00 per team with a 60% payback, Mixed - \$90.00 per team with a 60% payback, Youth - \$30.00 per team with a 50% payback, and Novice - \$60.00 per team with a 50% payback. Youth division teams consist of youth 16 years and under and may include 1 adult rider who may not enter the herd. The Novice division teams consist of riders who are rated Novice by PTPA or beginner/non-rated riders. Each rider is limited to 5 rides and must change 1 rider per team. A practice will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2001 at 11 a.m. at the rodeo arena. More information may be obtained by contacting the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association at (806) 669-0434.

A Pillar of Character-Fairness

One of the first concepts children learn is fairness. Children learn at an early age to say, "That's not fair!" it may be one of the most disliked sentences that parents hear from their children.

From an early age, most everyone probably has strong opinions about what is fair and what isn't. One thing is clear when it comes to fairness: It is often a matter of perception. There is usually more than one fair choice, when making decisions based upon fairness. However, there are some basic practices to be considered when making fair decisions. These include:

- *Treat all people fairly.
- *Listen to others and try to understand what they are feeling & saying.
- *Consider all the facts, including opposing views, before making a decision.
- *Use the same criteria, rules, or standards for everyone.
- *Correct your mistakes.

Ways that youth organizations offer opportunities to teach fairness are:

- *Include all club members in the decision-making process at meetings.
- *Follow guidelines established
- *Allow members to state their views at club meetings, before voting on issues.
- *Judge projects according to project standards.

Parents are best teachers for their children when they model the expected behavior. Questions parents need to ask themselves include:

- *Do I have any biases, prejudices, or stereotypical

opinions?

*Do I hear people out? Do I hear all the story before making a decision?

*Do I apply the same rules or standards to everyone?

*Do I admit my mistakes and try to correct them?

Do as I do, not as I say." These are important words for parents to remember when dealing with their children. Kids will do as you do!

Character Education activities helps members develop the character traits of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Fifth and sixth grade students of Stratford Junior High have been learning about being good citizens through Teen Law conducted by Gerald McDaniel of the Stratford Police Department. An underlying concept of the course is the development of characteristics of desirable personal characteristics. This week students will be sharing with their parents a newsletter developed by Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent for Family and

Consumer Sciences on the pillar of character-fairness.

Character Education is an educational goal of the Sherman County Family Living Committee for 2001. This issue was identified as one of the outreach educational programs in the 2000-2003 Texas Community Focus Forums Action Plan sponsored by the Sherman County Extension Program Council and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. *Texans Building Character* is the state-wide program offering curriculum to help youth develop character traits of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent at 366-2122.

STRATFORD BASEBALL ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION AND RELEASE FORM 2001 SEASON

I would like for my son or daughter to participate in the 2001 Summer Baseball Program. I hereby release Stratford Baseball Association, its officers and coaches from all liability for any injuries, accidents, thefts, etc. during the course of the baseball season.

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX FOR YOUR CHILD AND FILL OUT ONE FORM FOR EACH CHILD.

- T-BALL: Child (boy or girl) must be b before 8/1/01 and not 8 by 8/1/01. Check shirt size Youth S M L
- MACHINE PITCH - BOYS: Must be 8 before 8/1/01 and not 10 by 8/1/01. Check shirt size Youth M L Adult S M
- MACHINE PITCH - GIRLS: Must be 8 before 8/1/01 and not 11 by 8/1/01. Check shirt size Youth M L Adult S M
- LITTLE LEAGUE - BOYS: Must be 10 before 8/1/01 and not 13 by 8/1/01. Check shirt size Adult S M L XL
Check pant size Youth M L Adult S M L
- LITTLE LEAGUE - GIRLS: Must be 11 before 8/1/01 and not 13 by 8/1/01. Check shirt size Adult S M L XL
Check pant size Youth M L Adult S M L

If 2 or more children from the same family will be playing in the same division, you must specify on each child's form if you want them to play on the same team within that division. Please make a note under the box checked. **Absolutely no changes will be made after the draft.**

PARENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO HELP IN THE CONCESSION STAND! Each team will be responsible for running the concession stand at least one night.

In addition, help is needed in the following areas. Please check one.

- Coach
 Umpire
 Field Maintenance
 Official Score Keeper

THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH CHILD IS \$20.00 FOR T-BALL AND MACHINE PITCH AND \$25.00 FOR LITTLE LEAGUE. THIS FORM MUST BE TURNED IN TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE/PLACES BY NO LATER THAN **3:30 ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 2.**

MARY ALLEN OFFICE
MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE
LANCE HORSFORD

FORMS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED! THE REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE FORM. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS!

CHILD'S NAME _____ AGE _____ GRADE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

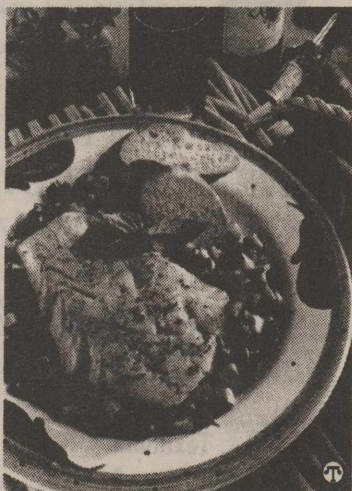
PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ WORK PHONE _____ HOME PHONE _____

ADDRESS (STREET AND BOX #) _____

This year, the fee is \$20.00 for t-ball and machine pitch and \$25.00 for little league and must be turned in with the form by 3:30 on May 2. However, at this year's season kick-off night or your child's first practice, he/she will receive 10 raffle tickets for 1/2 beef to be sold for \$1.00 each. If your child sells all 10 tickets for a total of \$10.00, that money is yours to keep. The drawing for the 1/2 beef will be on the first game night - Tuesday, May 29.

Alaska Cod Mediterranean

- 2 cups diced mushrooms
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1/2 onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon basil, crushed
- 1 medium eggplant, diced (about 2 cups)
- 1 large tomato, diced
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 15 large ripe olives, cut in quarters
- 2 pounds Alaska Cod fillets (or for a different taste, try Alaska Pollock)
- 1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice



In large non-stick skillet, cook mushrooms in 1 tablespoon olive oil over medium-high heat until browned. Add onion, garlic, and basil; cook stirring occasionally, until onion is soft. Add remaining vegetables and olives; season to taste with salt and pepper. Cook, uncovered, over medium heat, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, in separate skillet, heat remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil. Season Alaska Cod with salt and pepper. Sauté cod over medium-high heat, 2 to 3 minutes per side or until fish just flakes when tested with a fork. Stir lemon juice into vegetables and season to taste with salt and pepper. To serve, divide vegetables evenly between serving plates. Top vegetables with portions of Alaska Cod. Yield: 6 servings.

Nutrients per serving (with cod): Calories: 212, Protein: 29 g, Carbohydrates: 8.4 g, Dietary fiber: 2.9, Total fat: 6.9 g, Cholesterol: 55 mg, Sodium: 211 mg, calories from fat: 29%.

The whole of science is nothing more than a refinement of everyday thinking.
—Albert Einstein

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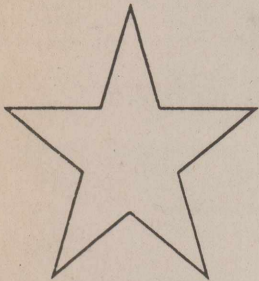


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Need a good job? Stratford Country Club is seeking an employee to work in the Club House on weekends & full-time May 26th. Call 366-5702 for details. 4-19-1xc-----

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Public Notice

NOTICE TO 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: 0904-00-078 for THERMOPLASTIC STRIPING in POTTER County, etc will be opened on May 02, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office. Contract 6059-00-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in SHERMAN County will be received on May 23, 2001 until 9:30 a.m. and opened on May 23, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$150,073.00.

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 in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor, NPO: 3351
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 79110
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. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, April 12, and Thursday, April 19, 2001.

Houses For Sale

I'M MAD...at banks who don't give real estate loans because of bad credit, problems or new employment. I do, call L.D. Kirk, Homeland Mortgages, (254) 947-4475. 4-19-1xc-----

House for Sale: 3 Bedroom Brick House, 1 1/4 bath, attached 2 car garage, central heat/air, 3 lots with 25x30 metal building in large fenced backyard. \$45,000. Financing available. Call Chris - 396-5013. 4-19-4xc-----

Garage Sales

Garage Sale: 1205 Olive Street, Saturday, April 21st, 8-5 p.m. and Sunday, April 22nd - 1-5 p.m. Twin Size Bed, dressers, clothes, etc. 4-19-1xc-----

Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: RESPONDENT- GREETINGS,

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED.
You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation a default judgement may be taken against you.

The petition of Jose and Margarita Morales, Petitioner, was filed District Court of Sherman County, Texas, on the 11 day of April 2001, against Respondent, numbered 4390 and entitled 'IN THE INTEREST OF A CHILD'. Nature of a suit is a request to adopt.

Said child was born on May 31, 1986 in Chihuahua, Mexico.

The court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Stratford, Texas, this April 12, 2001.

M.L. Albert
Clerk of the District Courts
P.O. Box 270
Stratford, Texas 79084

Name and address of Petitioner's attorney: Louis T. Dubuque, P.O. Box 1085, Dumas, TX 79029

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LEGAL NOTICE

In obedience with an order of the Stratford Hospital District Board of Directors, who met on April 12, 2001, notice is hereby given to all registered voters that the election to be held on May 5, 2001, for the purpose of electing two persons to fill the positions of directors is canceled. Each candidate whose name was to appear on the ballot for that election is unopposed.

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Stratford Independent School District Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School district is accepting requests for proposals for Cafeteria Equipment. Equipment specifications may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Office at (806) 366-3302.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. May 10, 2001. Any requests for proposals after this date will not be accepted. The proposals may be mailed to Stratford ISD, P.O. Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, Faxed to 806-366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendent office at 503 N. 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened on May 10, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals. No one will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the secretary or Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

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My father always used to say that, when you die, if you've got five real friends, then you've had a great life.
---Lee Iacocca

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING

Notice is hereby given that the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) is applying for grant funding from the Texas Water Development Board's Research and Planning Fund to be used for the purpose of developing a Scope of Work to revise the Panhandle Water Planning Area (PWA) adopted Regional Water Plan for Region A. The application is being filed with the Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development Board. The PWPG consists of the following counties: Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Hall and Childress.

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission serves as the designated political subdivision for the Panhandle Water planning Group (Region A) and is represented by Gary Pitner, Executive Director, and can be reached by mail at: PO Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105. The Texas Water Development Board may be reached at PO Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231, Attn: Stefan Schuster. Individuals wishing to make comments regarding this notice of intent or the application for funds must file such comments with the Texas Water Development Board, ATTN: Executive Administration, and with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Attn: Gary Pitner, within 30 days of publication or mailing of this notice.

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Public Notice

The Commissioners Court of Sherman County, Texas, will convene in Regular Session on Monday, May 14th, 2001, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Sherman County Courthouse, to select a depository for county funds for March 1, 2001, through February 28, 2003, according to Article 2544, Texas Revised Civil Statutes. Any banking corporation, association, individual banker in the state of Texas, desiring to be selected as County Funds Depository shall make application therefore and said application shall conform to the provisions of articles including Article 2544 through 2558-A. Texas Revised Civil Statutes.

W.C. Fesler
Sherman County Judge

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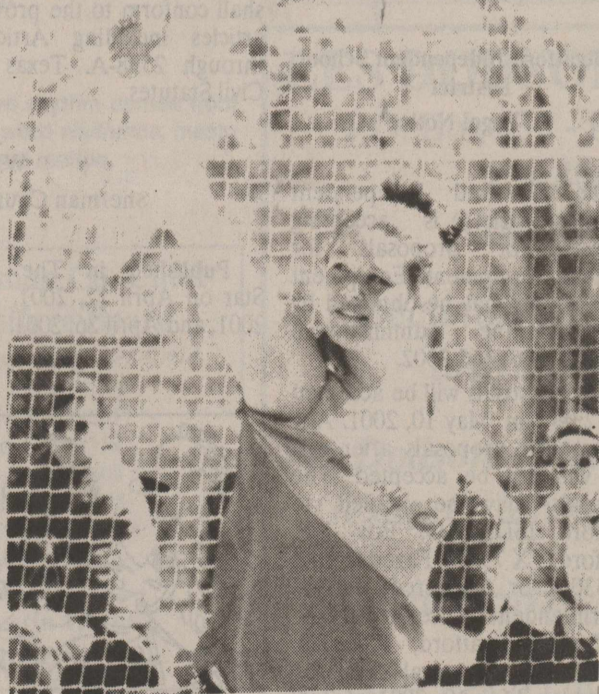


One of the first fire-fighting organizations was established in Rome in 27 B.C.



The Easter bonnet started out as a wreath of flowers or leaves the circle is an expression of the roundness of the sun and its travel through the heavens which brought it back for the return of spring.

Jr. High District Track Shots!



The 7th & 8th grade Lady Elks won the District Track Meet held on April 7, 2001 in Stratford.

7th grade Lady Elks won with 151 points. Individual results were as follows: Shot Put - Maida Fierro - 4th; Long Jump - Yadida Ortega - 2nd, Allison Baskin - 3rd, Ramie Stewart - 6th; Discus - Katelyn Reed - 2nd, Maida Fierro - 3rd; High Jump - Allison Baskin - 1st, Yadida Ortega - 6th; Triple Jump - Ramie Stewart - 4th; 400 Relay - Chelsi Thiessen, Haley Buckles, Cassi Garza, and Crystal Rueda - 2nd; 800 M Run - Yadida Ortega - 1st place - 2:39:18 NEW SCHOOL RECORD, Luna - 6th; 100 Hurdles - Ramie Stewart - 2nd; 800 Relay - Crystal Rueda, Haley Buckles, Allison Baskin, Yadida Ortega - 1st; 200 Hurdles - Ramie Stewart - 3rd; 200 M Crystal Rueda - 1st, Allison Baskin - 4th; 1200 M - Raquel Henderson - 3rd, Luna - 4th, Cynthia Rueda -

5th; 1600 M Relay - Allison Baskin, Haley Buckles, Ramie Stewart, Yadida Ortega - 2nd.

The 8th grade Lady Elks won 1st with 194 points. Individual results were as follows: High Jump - Katy Bench - 1st, Jamie Valenzuela - 6th; Shot Put - Deidre Tarver - 1st, Tiffany Knight - 4th, April Kautz - 5th; Discus - Deidre Tarver - 1st 101' 10" NEW SCHOOL RECORD, Tiffany Knight - 4th; Long Jump - Lindsay Stein - 1st, Heather Melton - 6th; Triple Jump - Jamie Valenzuela - 1st - 30'11.75" NEW SCHOOL RECORD, Lindsay Stein - 2nd; 200 M - Heather Melton - 5th; 1200 M - Jayme Wilhelm - 2nd, Johnna Ewers - 3rd, Rocio Molina - 6th; 1600 M Relay - Lindsay Stein, Heather Melton, Katy Bench, Jamie Valenzuela - 1st; 800 M Relay - Brittany Hudson, Heather Melton, Jamie Valenzuela, Lindsay Stein - 1st; 400 M - Tiffany Knight - 3rd, Deidre Tarver - 4th, Rocio Molina - 4th; 200 Hurdles - Katy Bench - 4th, Ashley Duke - 6th; 400 Relay - April Kautz, Deidre Tarver,

Johnna Ewers, Brittany Hudson - 3rd; 800 M Run - Jamie Valenzuela - 1st, Jayme Wilhelm - 3rd, Johnna Ewers - 4th; 100 Hurdles - Lindsay Stein - 1st, Katy Bench - 6th.

7th & 8th Grade Elks both placed 2nd in the District Meet. No individual results available.

The high school Area Track meet was held at Randall on April 11, 2001. Individual results for Lady Elks were as follows: Discus - Ashley Brown - 3rd; Shot Put - Ashley Brown - 6th, 800 M Run - Carly Mathews - 1st, Alisha Sladek - 5th; 100 Hurdles - Thea James - 1st; 1600 M Relay - Jessica Young, Mika Willborn, Heather Ashley, Carly Mathews - 1st place. The top 4 advance to Regionals. Those advancing are Ashley Brown, Carly Mathews, Thea James, Jessica Young, Mika Willborn, and Heather Ashley. Individual results for boys not available, but those advancing to Regionals are Adam Reed, Skyler Walden, and Nick Ashley.

It's up to You

Nurturing Young Children

Coping With A Crying Baby

Babies and young children cry as a way of telling you that they have a need. When you respond to your baby's cries, you not only make the baby happy, but you also are teaching your baby to trust. Newborns often cry 2 to 3 hours a day. Premature babies may cry up to 6 hours a day. Most babies have a fussy time each day. When your baby starts to cry, check to see what he/she is trying to tell you.

I am hungry.	I am thirsty.	I am too cold or too hot.
I have gas pains.	I am sick.	I am afraid.
I am bored.	I hurt.	It's too noisy.
I am lonely.	I have a wet or dirty diaper.	Too many people are holding me.
I am in a bad mood.	I am tired.	

There is no single way to comfort a crying baby. It takes time to learn what your baby responds to and prefers. Get to know your baby and what different cries mean. You can't spoil babies at this age. As they learn that you are going to help them, they will cry less.

- ☆ Check my diaper. I will need to be changed at least every 3 hours when I am awake.
- ☆ Feed me if I am hungry. It takes 2 or 3 hours for my stomach to empty.
- ☆ Feel my skin to see if I am too hot or cold. I may be over or underdressed. A baby feels damp on the back if too warm.
- ☆ Don't feed me cereal or solid food until you have talked with my doctor. A baby may not be able to digest solid foods when very young.
- ☆ Don't leave me in an infant seat or baby bed too long. I like to be where I can see, hear and talk to you. Babies enjoy doing activities. They can become bored or lonely.

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| Help me stop crying: | |
| ☆ Pick me up and hold me. | ☆ Snuggle or wrap me in a blanket. |
| ☆ Talk or sing to me. | ☆ Play soft music. |
| ☆ Give me something to look at or play with. | ☆ Give me a pacifier. |
| ☆ Sit with me in a rocking chair. | ☆ Lower the lights. |
| ☆ Take me for a ride in the car or in a stroller. | ☆ Walk or dance with me. |

If nothing works, place the baby in a safe place in a quiet room and let him cry for 5 minutes. If he still isn't able to settle himself down, take a deep breath, pick him up and try again.

Never shake a baby! Shaking can cause brain damage or even death. Your baby will outgrow the crying. If you are starting to feel angry, ask or call someone to give you a break.

Call the Texas HEART line at 1-800-554-2323. They will listen to you and can offer support and suggestions. You don't have to give your name.

De usted depende

Criar y enseñar a los niños pequeños

Cómo hacer frente a un bebé que llora

Los bebés y niños pequeños lloran para decirte que necesitan algo. Cuando responde al llanto del bebé, no sólo lo consuela, también le enseña a confiar. Los recién nacidos muchas veces lloran entre dos y tres horas diarias. Los bebés prematuros lloran hasta seis horas diarias. La mayoría de los bebés tiene un rato en que están molestos todos los días. Cuando empiece a llorar el bebé, debe prestar atención para ver qué le quiere decir.

Tengo hambre.	Tengo sed.	Tengo frío o calor.
Tengo cólico.	Estoy enfermo.	Tengo miedo.
Estoy aburrido.	Estoy lastimado.	Hay mucho ruido.
Me siento solo.	Tengo el pañal sucio o mojado.	Estoy de mal genio.
Estoy cansado.	No quiero que me carguen muchas personas.	

No hay una sola forma de consolar a un bebé. Se demora para aprender a responderle al bebé y saber qué prefiere. Conozca a su bebé y el sentido de los distintos llantos. No puede mimar a un bebé de esta edad. A medida que aprenda que usted lo va a ayudar, menos llorará.

- ☆ Revisa mi pañal. Me tendrás que cambiar por lo menos cada tres horas cuando estoy despierto.
- ☆ Dame de comer si tengo hambre. Siento hambre cada dos o tres horas.
- ☆ Toca mi piel para ver si tengo frío o calor. Puede que tenga mucha ropa o muy poca. Un bebé tiene la espalda húmeda si tiene calor.
- ☆ No me des cereal o comida sólida hasta que hables con el doctor. Es posible que un bebé no pueda digerir comidas sólidas cuando está muy chico.
- ☆ No me dejes en una sillita para bebé o en la cuna por mucho tiempo. Me gusta estar donde puedo verte, oírte y hablar contigo. Los bebés disfrutan de actividades. Se pueden aburrir o sentirse solos.

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| Ayúdame a dejar de llorar: | |
| ☆ Alzame y cárgame. | ☆ Llévame para una vuelta en el carro o la carrola. |
| ☆ Abrazame o envuélveme en una cobija. | ☆ Camina o baila conmigo. |
| ☆ Habla conmigo o cántame. | ☆ Baja las luces. |
| ☆ Dame algo para mirar o para jugar. | ☆ Pon música suave. |
| ☆ Dame un chupón. | ☆ Siéntame conmigo en una mecedora. |

Si nada funciona, ponga al bebé en un lugar seguro en un cuarto tranquilo y déjelo llorar por cinco minutos. Si aún él no se puede calmar, respire profundo, sícelo y trate de nuevo.

¡No sacuda nunca a un bebé! Sacudirlo puede causar daño cerebral o hasta la muerte. El bebé dejará atrás la época del llanto. Si empieza a sentirse enojado, llame a alguien o pida a alguien que le dé un descanso.

Llame a la línea de Texas HEART al 1-800-554-2323. La persona que contesta le escuchará y le ofrecerá apoyo y sugerencias. No tiene que dar su nombre.

CHICKEN WITH HERBED FRESH TOMATO SAUCE

- 1 pound fully ripened fresh Florida tomatoes
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (about 1 1/4 pounds)
- 3 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon dried tarragon
- 2 ounces Swiss cheese slices, cut in 1/4-inch strips (about 1/2 cup)

Core and coarsely chop tomatoes (makes about 3 cups); set aside. On a plate, combine flour, salt and pepper. Coat chicken breasts with seasoned flour, patting to remove excess.

In a large skillet (preferably nonstick), over medium heat, heat oil until hot. Add chicken. Cook over medium heat until chicken is no longer pink in the center, about 4 minutes on each side. Remove chicken and keep warm. In the same skillet, combine reserved tomatoes, the garlic and tarragon; cook and stir over low heat until some of the liquid evaporates and a sauce is formed, about 10 minutes. Return chicken to skillet; spoon tomato sauce over chicken and top with cheese. Cover and heat until cheese melts slightly, about 2 minutes. If desired, serve with couscous or rice.

Yield: 4 portions
Per portion: 330 calories, 39 g protein, 13 g fat, 14 g carbohydrate, 723 mg sodium