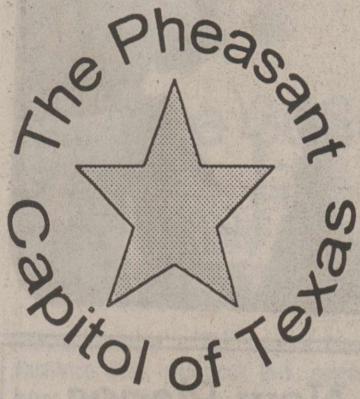


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Old Timer King & Queen

2002 Old Timer King & Queen are Helen Taylor and Alfred Pronger. They will be crowned Aug. 10 during the Jamboree celebration. This is the 42nd year that GFWC/Prospectus Study Club has held an Old Timer Reunion.

Football Physicals To Be Given Friday

Football physicals will be given by Dr. Bassett at the Fieldhouse on Friday July 19th starting at 8 a.m. for boys in 7th grade through 12th.

7th and 8th grade boys be at field house at 10 a.m.

Cost is \$15.00
 Physical forms may be picked up at School Superintendents office.

Crimestoppers Needs Your Help With 3-Separate Felony Crimes

Sherman Co. Crimestoppers needs your help with three separate felony crimes. On the night of Sunday, June 23, 2002 someone stole a 1994 Polaris 400 4x4, red in color. The theft occurred south of Co. Rd. CC on Co. Rd. 17. The four wheeler also had a white spray tank on the back. The thieves also stole a set of Craftsman hand tools.

On the night of Wednesday, June 25, 2002 there was an attempted burglary of Duckwalls located at 303 N. Main St. Assailants attempted entry by removing air conditioner unites from the roof. Entry was not made, however over \$7,000.00 in damage was done to the business.

Also on the night of Wednesday, June 25, 2002 a burglary did occur app. one mile south of Stratford east of Co. Rd. 7 Person or persons unknown stole a white, 1992 Chevrolet pickup, 2 saddles, a welder, air compressor and several thousand dollars worth of hand tools.

If you have any information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for these or any other crimes, Crimestoppers will pay up to \$1,000.00 Crimestoppers is completely anonymous. You can contact Crimestoppers at their answering machine at 366-TIPS (8477). The Stratford Police Dept. at 366-3051 or the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office at 366-5551.

Sherman County Approved for CRP Emergency Haying

Sherman County has been approved for Emergency Haying of CRP acreage. Producers may either hay or graze CRP acreage, but may not hay and graze the same acreage. This authorization is effective immediately through August 31, 2002.

CRP participants:
 *Must, before haying or grazing, request approval to hay or graze eligible acreage from the Sherman County FSA Office.

*Must obtain a modified conservation plan to include haying or grazing requirements, as determined by the NRCS Office

*Shall leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous CRP fields unhayed for wildlife

*Shall leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous CRP fields unhayed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent of the stocking rate determined by NRCS

*Shall discontinue haying or grazing by September 1, 2002

*Shall remove all hay from all CRP fields by October 1, 2002

*Shall not hay and graze the same acreage

*Shall be assessed a payment reduction based on the number of acres actually hayed or grazed times the CRP annual rental payment times 25 percent

*Who do not own or lease livestock, may rent or lease the haying or grazing privilege to an eligible livestock producer located in another county or state but must provide this office with the producer's name and identify the acreage on an aerial photocopy.

If you are interested in grazing or haying eligible CRP acreages, please call 806-396-2211, or come by this office for eligibility requirement and details.

 When someone does something good, applaud! You will make two people happy.
 —Samuel Goldwyn

Local Media Honored

Austin-Marty Robertson and Shari Hudson of the *The Stratford Star* were named to the Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), by Stratford ISD. The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide who deserve recognition for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. Media representatives from more than 450 Texas newspapers and radio and television stations were honored by their local school districts.

Criteria for the district selection included media representatives efforts to get to know the superintendent, board president, and the district's mission and goals; report school news in a fair, accurate, and balanced manner; give a high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school officials.

"Districts across Texas appreciate these reporters for their balanced and accurate approach to sharing both the challenges facing our schools and the successes achieved by local teachers, students, and school boards. Their work aids local communities in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child," said Carlos Nieto, TASB president.

In most cases, local school boards passed a formal resolution to add names of media from their communities. The 2002 Media Honor Roll will appear in the August/September issue of TASB's *Texas Lone Star*, and certificates were created for presentation at the local level.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent have a combined annual budget of \$26 billion and employ more than 540,000 people.

XIT Arts & Crafts Bazaar

The Twelfth Annual "XIT Arts & Crafts Bazaar" will be held Friday and Saturday, August 2 and 3, 2002 during the 67th Annual XIT Rodeo and Reunion Celebration in Dalhart, Texas. The bazaar is sponsored by the Dallam County 4-H Parent Leader Association. It will be held in the Dalhart Elementary School which is on the main route to the rodeo grounds. The hours will be 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday and 11:30 a.m. (after the XIT Parade), until 6 p.m. on Saturday.

This year we will have forty-six spaces. Exhibitors are encouraged to get their booths reserved as soon as possible. Registration deadline is Friday, July 26th.

Anyone interested in exhibiting should write the XIT Arts and Crafts Bazaar c/o Dallam County 4-H Parent Leader Association, Box 9376, Dalhart, TX 79022 for an entry form or call (806) 244-4434.

Mike Breitling, this year's overall chairman, reports that there were 46 booths with exhibitors from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico who participated in last year's event.

 He who has learned how to laugh at himself shall never cease to be entertained.
 —John Powell

Ag Producer Meeting-CEU's

Sherman County Texas Cooperative Extension will be sponsoring an Agriculture Producer Meeting on July 23, 2002 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford. CEU's will be offered in Drift, IPM, and Laws and Regulations for one hour each. Speakers will be Robert Bowling the IPM Agent Moore/Sherman Counties, Brent Bean the Agronomist Specialist for District 1, and Dana Unterkircher the area TDA representative. For more information, please contact Leslie Neve, Sherman County CEA - Ag at (806) 366-3764.

 You can't turn back the clock but you can wind it up again.
 —Bonnie Prudden

Horseshoe Pitch

Loosen up your pitchin' arm and start rounding up your 2-person teams for the Horseshoe Pitch to be held Saturday, August 10, 2002 at Pendleton Park after the Stratford Jamboree parade and Bar-B-Que. It will start about 1:00 p.m. The Sherman County Depot Museum board will host this event and we're sure we'll have plenty of competition and excitement. You may contact Ann Wells at 396-2527 or Lynda Hauser at 366-2175 to sign up your teams. Let's make the Horseshoe Pitch the best event of the Stratford Jamboree!

VBS At Methodist Church

Come cruise the Amazon with us and take a jungle journey to discover Jesus. Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday July 28 through Tuesday, July 30 from 5:30 to 8:30 in the evening. This is for 3 year olds through the 5th

Drama Workshop July 22-25

The entire world is a stage and the people of Stratford have an opportunity to be on stage. Terri Teig will be leading a drama workshop July 22-25 at the Imagination Station. She will teach three sessions during this time. The session are for ages four to six 10:00-11:00, ages seven to eleven 1:00-2:30 and for all over the age of eleven 7:00-8:30. Stage presence, pantomime, blocking techniques, costuming and understanding drama will be investigated. A performance for each group will be presented the community on Thursday evening. The registration fee will be 15.00 per participant. For more information call Terri at 727-4412.

grade. We will meet some puppet friends, learn Bible stories, play games and make crafts. We will even feed you dinner! Please come and join us. If you have any questions call the church at 396-2178 or Laurie Spurlock at 366-2772.



Ex-Student Reunion July 26-27 honoring Class of 1952: L/R Top: Superintendent, C.D. Holms, Principal, R.W. Stewart, Georgia Lowe, Joyce Palmer, Kenneth Wilson, Billy Keener, Lanell Naugle, Joy Garringer, Richard Williams, Edwin Seaman, Avis Parrish, Dorothy Harding, Charlie Boren, Buddy Palmer, Elwood Gillis, Fred Green, Lois Gaona, Bobby Lovelace, Jean Reynolds, Dwayne Johnson, Emma Luther, Carroll Reed, Tommy Wakefield. Friday 7:00 Hamburgers at County Exhibit building. Saturday Noon at the country home of Joe and Jean Reynolds Everett. The classes of 1951 and 1953 are also invited. Saturday, 7:00 p.m. Catered Banquet.



Ex-Student Reunion July 26-27 Class of 1992: L/R Top: (1) Heather Husmann, Emily Graham, Scott Asher, Paul Davis, Shannon Norris, Gregory Vandiver, (2) Sponsor Lugenia Carter, Superintendent Sam Brite, Principal Steve Haynes, Sponsor Cagle Kendrick, (3) Carmelo Acevedo, Melissa Asher, Domingo Baeza, Jr., Jaime Barajas, Jeb Brotherton, Liliana Cano, Jennifer Carter, Jay Cloyd, Ramey Cozart, (4) Mary Rodriguez, Amy Dretke, Buffy Ellison, Junior Gomez, Alan Gore, Jennifer Haynes, Donald James, Brandie Lavake, Justin Long, Maria Luna-Vital, (5) Angela Porras, Irene Ramos, Tony Reynolds, Ramiro Rodriguez, Jr., Dru Spurlock, Carie Switzer, Sandra Sutterfield, Kendra Tillery, Jason Varner, LaQuita Vaughn, Amber Woolsey. Friday 7:00 p.m. Hamburgers and Ice Cream at County Exhibit Building, Saturday noon at the Stratford Country Club.

Scot News
By Jack Gore

Last Saturday night several people enjoyed listening to some Bluegrass and Religious music thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Francis and Mr and Mrs. Davis who live north of Stratford.

This week will be birthday party on Thursday 2 p.m. and Bingo at 7 p.m.

Then on Saturday the Bus will be leaving at 4 p.m.. to go to Lone Star Rising performance at Lake Meredith. Sixteen have signed up but if you are interested let me know, because there may be one or two cancellations.

Next week will be board meeting Tuesday, Hamburger dinner at 5 p.m. on Thursday, then Saturday will be our monthly dance 8 till 11 p.m.

Public Notice

Public Notice

Saturday, August 3rd, 2002 at 1 p.m. at the T&O U Store & Tinkershop, Texhoma, OK.

2 units of abandoned material and miscellaneous items from T&O.

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Moore County MS Walk

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Panhandle Division is pleased to announce this year's Moore County MS Walk. The Panhandle Division serves some 640 MS families in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles and the four eastern counties of New Mexico. The event will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2002, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the Walk will get underway at 10 a.m. The first Moore County MS Walk was held last year, with a total amount raised in excess of \$18,000.00. The Walk concludes with a great hamburger cookout as a small token of thanks to all walkers and volunteers.

Ralph Bynum, the MS Walk Coordinator, extends a cordial invitation to everyone in the Stratford area to join Dumas, Sunray, Cactus/Eter and Dalhart walkers in this year's fundraising effort. Details for forming a Walk Team and other volunteer activities can be obtained by contacting Bynum in Dumas at 935-4208. Gail (Allen) Johnson at 935-3824 or the Amarillo office of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at 468-7500.

Please join us as we walk to end the devastating effects of MS.

"Bugs At Night" Sat. July 20th

The public is invited to learn about bugs that glow in the dark at Wildcat Bluff Nature Center (WBNC) 2301 N. Soney Road, Amarillo, Texas on Saturday, July 20, 2002 from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m. Michelle Capes, valued naturalist of Wildcat Bluff Nature Center will be conducting the "Bugs at Night" workshop. She will take a black light in hand to open our eyes to the wonders of bugs.

Did you know scorpions glow in black light? "Come see the fascinating way that bugs glow in the dark along with their neat ecology and behaviors," state Michelle Cape. Cape holds a masters degree in biology from West Texas A&M University. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity of fun and education for all ages! **PLUS it's FREE!!**

Wildcat Bluff Nature Center's mission is to foster awareness, understanding, and appreciation of nature within the Texas Panhandle and to encourage education in the natural sciences from a current and historical perspective.

For more information contact: Kris Richerson 352-6007.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- June 6 "TEXAS" Palo Duro Canyon State Park 806-655-2181
- Aug 18
- June 12 "Lone Star Rising" (Lone Star Ballet) Lake Meredith Amphitheatre, Fritch 806-274-9050
- Aug 18
- July 18*** The Monkees Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-378-3096 www.panhandletickets.com
- July 20 "The 1920's Remembered" Amarillo Chamber Music Society 806-358-191
- July 19-27, "Sister Amnesia's Nonsense Jamboree" Musical Amarillo College Concert Hall Theatre 806-371-5358
- Aug. 1*** "Pray for me Daddy, I Don't Wanna Go" Da Je Ro's Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-378-3096
- June 23, 30 Starlight Theatre Amarillo, Sam Houston Park Stage 806-378-9391
- Aug. 6, 13
- August 2, 3 Andy Wilkinson music for XIT Dalhart LaRita Community Theatre CofC/ 224-5646
- Aug. 6 Stratford Night at "TEXAS" 2 for 1 Palo Duro Canyon State Park 877-588-3927 (toll free)
- August 16-18 "1776" Musical Guymon Community Theatre 580-338-0019
- 22-24
- Aug. 16 The Three Amigos Comedy Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-378-3096



New Faces-New Places

The Werner family moved to Stratford this past year from North Platte, NE, deciding to get back closer to home and family. They live at 420 N. Pearl.

Eric was born in Denver, CO he has lived in Felt, Boise City, OK and Kinsley, Lewis KS graduating high school in Lewis. Eric attended Clarendon Jr. College, graduating from Oklahoma Panhandle State University with a degree in Ag Business. He has worked in Liberal, KS and North Platte, NE and is now employed at First State Bank in Stratford. Eric is active in the St. Josephs Parish, Stratford Chamber Board and several youth activities. He is also a member of the NRA and Knight's of Columbus. Eric enjoys fishing and hunting with son, Steffan and helping with any kind of youth activities. (He might be on a team at the Ranch Rodeo) Connie was born in Boise City and graduated from Boise City High School. She attended OPSU and received an Associate Degree from Seward Community College in Liberal, KS. Connie is secretary for the First Christian Church in Stratford. She is active in the St. Josephs Catholic Church, and currently serves on Women's Chamber. Connie enjoys camping, boating and family times. Steffan 8, born in Guymon, OK. He will be in 2nd Grade at Mary Allen Elementary. Steffan likes to ride his bike, be with his friends and do outdoor activities with Mom and Dad. Belle 5, was born in Guymon, Ok. She will be in Kindergarten at Mary Allen Elementary. She likes Barbie's and has just learned to ride her bike without training wheels. Belle has a hard time keeping up with brother. The Werner family also includes a Bassett, Boomer and Weimaraner hunting dog, Blue.

Parenting

(NU) - Parenting a child with a disability takes special planning. You must be prepared to meet your child's unique needs now and in the future. For information, call 1-800-638-5433 for the free Life Advice brochure "Planning for Your Child With Special Needs."

AgriPartner Report

Week of July 8, 2002

Dallam, Sherman, Hartley & Moore Counties

Southwestern and European corn borer pupae can be found in area corn. Corn borer moths will emerge from these pupae and lay eggs which will hatch into the second generation larvae. It is the second generation of corn borer that most often reaches the economic threshold on non Bt. corn.

Western corn rootworm adults continue to emerge. These beetles feed on leaves and silk. They are capable of reducing pollination if silks are chewed to less than 1/2 inch. Most importantly, they will lay the eggs that will hatch next spring and become your 2003 rootworm problem. Not planting corn continuously on the same land is one way to avoid a rootworm problem

Spider mite infestations declined this past week likely from the cooler more humid weather. Continue to monitor this pest, for they can rapidly increase given the right set of conditions.

Corn leaf aphids are common in grain sorghum. Rarely does this aphid cause economic losses but is very important in establishing a population of beneficial insects that will aid in controlling greenbugs that tend to develop later in the season.

No greenbug infestations have been reported in area sorghum.

Home

(NU) - When it comes to boundaries outside your home, are you on the fence? For tips on building the perfect redwood fence, visit www.ealredwood.org. To receive "Redwood Fences for all Reasons," a 16-page booklet with design ideas and building instructions, send \$2.50 to California Redwood Association, Department NU-fences-02, 405 Enfrente Drive, Suite 200, Novato, CA 94949.

Nutrition

(NU) - Obesity and associated health issues are cropping up increasingly among children and adolescents. That's why it's important to introduce healthy eating early in children's lives. Children need a variety of nutrients including calcium, which can be found in cheese, yogurt and some juices — including Minute Maid calcium-fortified juices.

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Beauty

(NU) - If you exercise regularly, cry at weddings or wear contact lenses, you know it's difficult to find a mascara that doesn't run. Using Kiss Me mascara, which is not an oil-based paint, could help. For more information about Kiss Me mascara and makeup tips for outstanding eyes, log on to www.Blinclne.com.

Food

(NU) - If you think of apple juice and applesauce as merely enjoyable staples in your family's diet, think again. Research is discovering that the "phytonutrients" in apples and apple products go a long way to improving your health. Visit www.applejuice.org or www.appleproducts.org for recipes and more information about the healthfulness of apple products.

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Births

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A Future Little Elk has arrived!!!

William Corden Moore arrived Friday, July 12, He weighed 7 lbs 7 oz and was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Craig Moore and Ashton Bullock.

Grandparents are Toby Moore, Charles and Janay Ogston, Robbie and Carrie Bullock. Great grandparents are Ed and Marge Moore, Lana Watkins, John and Ann Robinson, Chuck and Tommie Jean Ogston and Bob and Sheryn Bullock.



William Corden Moore



Lori Brooks, bride-elect of Justin Starnes was honored with a bridal shower on Saturday, July 13, 2002 in the home of LeRayne Donelson. Shown from left, Kelly Brooks, Mary Brooks, Kara Brooks, Becky Brooks, Lori Brooks, Cheryl Starnes, Jenny Everson, Peggy Plunk, Daina Starnes, and Laura Starnes.

1st Assembly of God Church KIDS FOR CHRIST CRUSADE

July 13, 20, 27, & August 3

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Terry Callis, Pastor
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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Bob Sweeten
5th & Main

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

First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger
520 N. Main

Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic

Father Darryl Birkenfeld
6th & Pearl

Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:30 a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

N. 3rd & Chestnut

Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

James Washburn
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message

Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Brent Farney
702 N. 3rd

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m..
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

La Mision Bautista

Mision Bautista
401 S. Wall 396-5376

Domingo-(Sunday)
Estucla Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoration 11:00 am
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The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

Your Relationship With the Holy Spirit

In some areas we learn from history. But when it comes to moral issues, we have a big blind spot. We seem to think that people are different today. After all, look at the great advances that have been made in science, medicine, communications, and transportation. But when we look at society, the problems are really the same. Crime, hatred, murder, sex and war! These are the problems of today. They are the problems of a century ago and of two thousand years ago. And the reason the basic problems are the same is that people are the same. And so we had better pay attention to the answers given almost two thousand years ago. Listen to what Jesus said, "From within, out of the hear o' men proceed the evil thoughts and fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness" (mark 7:21 & 22). Yes, the real problems is our hearts. All sinful behavior comes out of our hearts. And so the solution is radical heart surgery. Men and women must be changed on the inside. They must be given new hearts. This is the answer to the great problems of society! And so God says: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you" (Ezekiel 36:26 and 27). Here is the answer to human sin: new hearts given by God which desire to follow him; and the fit of God's Holy Spirit giving the power to follow God! How about you? Do you need a change of heart? Do you need new power to follow God? Then you need to talk to God about it!

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Kerrick Community Church
Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

GREETINGS FROM STRATFORD!

The Stratford Fair and Jamboree invite you to show off your town, organization or business in the Stratford Jamboree Parade, Saturday, August 10, 2002.

The parade theme will be of a patriotic nature.

Entries will be judged for awards: Theme Floats - \$100 for 1st, \$80 for 2nd, \$65 for 3rd place Commercial and Organization Floats. (Separate Adult and Youth categories) Riding Clubs must be attired in long-sleeved western shirts, blue jeans, boots and hat. Senior Cowgirl and Cowboy - \$5.00, Junior Cowgirl and Cowboy (12 years and under) \$5.00 each. Kiddie entries - Theme & Non-Theme, prizes ranging from \$7.50 to \$1.50.

Parade entries will be placed and judged at 10:00 AM at the Stratford Depot parking lot. Horse participants may unload and park trailers on the CRP ground north of the ballpark and assemble on the vacant lot north of the water tower. Kiddie entries will be placed and judged at the Stratford Grain Feed Store parking lot.

Please fill out this entry form below and return it to the Stratford Fair and Jamboree or the Chamber of Commerce by August 1, 2002.

For more information contact: Jim Taliaferro, Chairman
366-3300 (work) 366-5698 (home)
Chamber of Commerce 366-2260

Stratford Fair & Jamboree Parade Entry
P.O. Box 677
Stratford, Texas 79084

Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 570
Stratford, Texas 79084

Circle Entry Type and Indicate Number in Group

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Automobile | Open Class | Wagon or Buggy |
| Riding Club | Cowboy/Cowgirl - Junior/Senior | Machinery/Equipment |
| Theme Float - Commercial/Adult | Organization/Junior Organization | |
| Kiddie Entry - Theme/Open Class | Marching Organization | |

Number in group _____

For publicity purposes, please give a description of your entry and identify the participants

Organization Name: _____
Contact Person: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Telephone: _____

Johnson's Life Enriched By Foreign Exchange Students

Foreign exchange students have enriched Melyn Johnson's life for over 20 years. "Really it's been longer than that," says Johnson, who lives in the Oslo Community outside of Gruver, "because I was on an exchange program when I was 16 years old. It was easily the greatest thing that happened in my young adult life. To have the opportunity to be part of another family and learn about another country and other people's ways, to make new friends was wonderful. It was an experience that can't be matched."

Today Johnson spends her free time helping to find host families for students who want to have an experience in another country. "It's the way I pay back for the opportunities that were given to me when I was young."

After living in Holland for the summer of her 16th year, Johnson came home and finished high school and attended college. When she and Chris Johnson married, they began hosting exchange farm workers. While raising their young children, the Johnsons also hosted a student from a Japanese group in the summer for three weeks. Thus began her association with the company she still works with today.

"Now I work primarily with the high school students who come for a 10 month period and attend our local schools," explains Johnson. "This area is perfect for a student, although they may not realize that! The schools are small and able to give them individual attention. We have even had a couple be cheerleaders. That was in Hardesty. For the foreigner, that is an American dream that turned in to reality. Those who wish to play sports, the teams are open to newcomers. And the people here are friendly. Families open their homes to having someone stay with them."

Several years ago Jake and Kim Hoskinson of Elkhart, Kansas, hosted a Brazilian and German girl. The two girls attended school in Keyes and were physically the least likely pair to match as sisters. "And yet they had a closeness that was a true sistership," recalls Johnson. "I'll never forget watching the two girls, one with black hair, one with blond, walking up the steps of the capital in Oklahoma City with their arms around one another. It was a memory in the making for each of them and they wanted to be together when it happened."

France. That host father was Mark Wescoatt in Guymon, Okla."

This year Johnson has taken on assignment, promising to find host families for them. She says it is an interesting group, three very different kids who are all very nervous about finding a family.

"The German girl, Agnes Kustos from a small town in Germany (who was actually born in Poland) enjoys tennis and said she "started shouting, crying and hugging" her two friends when she found out she had a local coordinator.

Johnson said to choose to place Paulo Nicolielo of Brazil here was a given. "He is fascinated with rodeo and wants to be on a farm working with a family during his time here. He loves horses and cattle and has helped with rodeos in Brazil. I just know there is the perfect family here for him. He'll love this area."

The third student Johnson chose is Slovakian. "According to his papers, this Eastern European looks like someone who will like to be at home and enjoys the computer. He is most interested in the computers, math, physics and electrical engineering. He doesn't enjoy sports very much." This is the perfect type of kid for a family with no children.

And yet Johnson admits that often the papers don't give a completely accurate impression. "I had my son fill out the papers once and it asks what hobbies you have. He put down skiing. But he had only been skiing once. When I asked him about it, he said, 'yes, and I really liked it.' You can't every forget that these are teenagers filling out the papers and some of them have more advice than they need."

The students begin to arrive in August and Johnson is actively seeking host families at this time. Although there is no set family, she explains there are single parent and dual parent families, families with children and families without...but there is one requirement. "You must enjoy kids. It doesn't work if you don't."

Johnson works with Council Exchanges, who's home office is in Boston, Mass.

If you would like more information about the program, please call Melyn Johnson at 580-338-5838 during the day and 806-339-7109 in the evenings or e-mail your questions to MelynJ@hotmail.com

Hearing from former students is something this local coordinator enjoys. "You might not hear from them for two or three or four years. Then when they are graduating from college, getting married, or have just reached a point that they realize how special the host family and year in America was, I get the greatest letters. I'll never forget hearing from one student that he had a better idea of how to be a father after having his host father because he had never had one in

There's only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self.
—Aldous Huxley

I like to give my energy to activities that affirm the oneness of humankind.
—Claire Randall

The endless wonder of science is that the more we know, the more there is to know.
—Stephen Budiansky

YOUR GARDEN
Helping Container Gardens Grow



Container gardens can be a fun way to cultivate your gardening skills.

(NAPS)—If you want to branch out with your gardening skills, you may enjoy planting a container garden—gardens that have been planted in pots, rather than the earth.

The gardens are relatively easy to care for, but both the indoor and outdoor varieties are vulnerable when first planted or transplanted. Noted horticulturist Lance Walheim has a few tips to help them thrive:

- Start with a high-quality potting soil that holds adequate moisture, but is well aerated and drains well. Many potting mixes now include fertilizer that provides nutrients necessary for optimum plant growth.
 - It's critical to provide protection from insects for young flowers or plants. Commonly found insects such as aphids, thrips, and whiteflies can stunt the growth of flowers or plants, or even kill them.
 - Choose a potting mix that contains water-release polymers that store excess water and then release it when the soil dries. This will help prevent over- or under-watering.
- "Indoor and outdoor container gardens will grow bigger, look

healthier and last longer when these steps are taken," said Walheim. He recommends Bayer Advanced Garden 3-in-1 Multi-Purpose Potting Mix. It combines a high-quality growing medium with fertilizer, insect protection and a water polymer.

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You can learn more about caring for your lawn and garden by visiting www.bayeradvanced.com or calling 1-877-BAYERAG.

WIC Offers Ideas For Summer Activities, Healthful Snacks

Schools' out for the summer and frazzled moms everywhere are looking for ways to keep their children busy and well fed. The Outreach Health Services Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic in Stratford offers the following suggestions to solve both of these problems:

Healthful Snacks

Fudgesicles—Prepare one 4-oz package of regular chocolate pudding mix using non-fat milk. Pour the pudding into paper cups or molds, insert popsicle sticks and freeze. Enjoy on a hot day!

Cereal Treats—Melt one 12-oz package of white chocolate chips or white almond bark over low heat, stirring continuously. Remove from heat and stir in four cups of Cheerios until all the cereal is coated. Spread on wax paper and allow to cool. Break into pieces and store in airtight container. (Can also add nuts or M&Ms for extra color.)

Peanut Butter Dip—Mix together 1/2 cup of peanut butter with 1/2 cup of marshmallow cream until well blended. Serve with apple slices or other fresh fruit.

Fruit Juice Coolers 1—Freeze orange juice in an ice cube tray, put two or three of the cubes in a cup and pour in apple or pineapple juice. The result is a healthy, refreshing drink.

Fruit Juice Coolers 2—Mix equal parts fruit juice and club soda to create a "fizzy" drink that's healthier than a soft drink.

Pudding Finger Paint—Prepare one package of instant vanilla pudding mix and separate it into several containers. Add food coloring to each one to obtain desired color. Use colored pudding to finger paint on paper plates.

Best Bubbles—Thoroughly mix together one cup of water, two tablespoons of Karo syrup and four tablespoons of dishwasher liquid. Let stand for one hour, then have fun blowing bubbles!

Egg Carton Gardening—Put potting soil in each section of an egg carton. Plant a pinto bean or other seed in each section. Cover with soil and sprinkle all seeds with water. Set carton in a sunny window and water as needed. When the seeds sprout, plant them outside. Kids love watching their seeds grow!

WIC is a well respected, federally funded program that gives children a healthy start by encouraging optimal nutrition during the critical stages of development. In addition to immunizations, WIC participants have access to vouchers for healthy foods, ongoing nutrition education classes, meal planning assistance and breast-feeding instruction and support.

Each month Outreach Health Services offers WIC services to more than 33,500 clients in 59 Texas counties. Free WIC services are available to middle-to-low-income women who are pregnant, breast-feeding, postpartum or have an infant and/or children younger than five years of age. Income and residency requirements may apply. For more information, contact the WIC clinic at (806) 396-5554 or visit www.outreachhealth.com

WIC is an equal opportunity program that does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast.
—Lewis Carroll

Courage is the virtue which champions the cause of right.
—Cicero

Stratford Baseball Results

Stratford Machine Pitch Tournament
1st - Dalhart Purple
2nd - Dalhart Gold
3rd - Stratford

Stratford Little League Tournament
1st - Stratford
2nd - Dalhart
3rd - Texhoma

Guymon Little League Tournament
3rd - Stratford

ELK BASKETBALL CAMP AWARDS

Hot Shot 2-3rd Grade
1st - Justin Mungia - 26 points
2nd - Ransom Lermon - 22 points

4-5th Grade
1st - Kyle Horsford - 58 points
2nd - Trevor Christian - 42 points

6-7-8th Grade
1st - Craig Kautz - 53 points
2nd - Kaleb Horsford - 45 points

Ball Handling 2-3rd Grade
1st - Edgar Guerrero
2nd - Ransom Lermon

4-5th Grade
1st - Kyle Horsford
2nd - Roy Allen

6-7-8th Grade
1st - Kaleb Horsford
2nd - Craig Kautz

Cards of Thanks

The Sherman County Depot Museum Board would like to thank all of you who bought hot dogs at our booth on the Fourth of July at Pendleton Park. A special thanks to Allsup's and Iowa Vet Supply of Stratford and Hodie's Bar-B-Que of Dalhart for their donations. Thanks to all who made this effort a success.

Sherman County Depot Museum Board

Thank you, Stratford Chamber of Commerce for the honor Yard of the Month. This was a surprise to our family. We appreciate everyone's encouraging words and compliments over the past several years as we have established our home's landscape. Thank you again.

The Wesley Spurlock Family

The family of Irene Craig would like to thank each and everyone for food, flowers, cards, prayers and compassion shown to us upon the death of our Mother, Grandmother and Great Granny. Paul wants to especially thank the EMS of Stratford especially Jimmy and Larry for being there the last moments of Mom's life. They were such a support and comfort. Also much thanks from all of us of the loving wonderful care given to mom from all the wonderful staff of Coldwater Manor. God Bless All.

The Family of Irene Craig

We sincerely thank all of you for prayers, visits, cards and sympathy expressed, food, memorials flowers, showing love and kindness, and for the lovely meal for our families at the loss of Timmie Brown.

The children and grandchildren and great grandchildren of Marijo B. and Lorel Haile,

The children, grandchildren and great grand children and Great Great Grandchildren of Eula & Mary Alexander & J.T. Brown.

The grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren of Mary Grace McCanne and T.F. Baskin

Thanks to everyone for helping with the St. Josephs Jamaica Carnival June 30th. A huge thank you to all the businesses for your support. Also a thank you to the parish for all the help you all helped make this year a success. Winners of Raffle: \$300.00 Amanda Garcia

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If there is anyone we missed we apologize this was a great community event we could not have done it alone.

Sincerely
The Coordinators of the St. Joseph Jamaica Carnival

Coldwater Manor Activity Dept. would like to thank Coldwater Employees, Manor Friends, and Resident's families for pies on July 4th.

Activity Dept.
JoAnn & Janice

A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him.
—Sidney Greenberg

Fifteen of our Youth and sponsors will be leaving July 22 for World Youth Day in Toronto, Canada. This is important time of reflection, learning fellowship with thousands of other Catholic and youth from around the world. We would first like to thank all of our parishioners, and our friends, our teachers, for making this trip possible. We deeply appreciate everytime you said YES to one of our money-making projects and there have been many of them! We are now preparing both physically and spiritually to make this week long pilgrimage. We have one more favor to ask you all and that is to pray, pray, and pray some more for us. Every one of us will be a changed person when we come back. How we will be changed is up to God and prayerful intervention from you is needed. Also, please pray that we have a safe journey. We will remember you in our prayers while on our pilgrimage. Once again THANK YOU ALL!!!!

Veronica & Manuel Maldonado

One must pass through the circumference of time before arriving in the center of opportunity.
—Baltasar Gracian



Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

Tea Trends

Iced Tea For 2002

(NAPS)—If fresh, natural iced tea is your idea of a cool drink, you may be interested in a quick new way to prepare it.

Try tea bags that brew directly in cold water, such as Lipton's new Cold Brew, for delicious iced tea in just three minutes.

Just dunk the tea bag in cold water and watch it brew the perfect drink. There's no need to spend 30 minutes boiling hot water brewing tea, waiting for it to cool, and pouring it over ice.

Lipton Cold Brew tea bags put the easy in iced tea. They are well-suited to summer picnics, family get-togethers, camping trips or the daily commute. All it takes is three minutes to brew something good for your body and your taste buds. These quick-and-easy drink ideas may help you quench your family's thirst.

WATERMELON FLOAT

1 watermelon, sliced in 1/2 lengthwise
64 oz. Lipton Cold Brew tea (2 family-sized Cold Brew tea bags brewed to desired strength)

Slice a ripe watermelon in half, lengthwise, and scoop out the flesh with a spoon or melon baller. Keep the fruit in a bowl nearby. Add Lipton Cold Brew iced tea. Top it off with floating islands of watermelon and serve with a festive umbrella.

FOUR FRUIT PUNCH

Fresh fruit is a great flavor enhancer, and really easy to prepare.



A refreshing Watermelon Float is deliciously quick and easy, when prepared with the new Cold Brew tea bags.

2 1/2 cups cantaloupe balls
2 1/2 cups strawberries, sliced
2 1/2 cups honeydew balls
8 oz. Simple Syrup*
3 oz. fresh lemon juice
64 oz. Lipton Cold Brew tea (2 family-sized Cold Brew tea bags brewed to desired strength)

Mash the melon and strawberries in the bottom of the punch bowl with the simple syrup until it is watery.

Add all the rest of the ingredients, mix well and add ice. Serve in tumblers filled with ice and garnish with a thin wheel of lemon.

*SIMPLE SYRUP

Fill a bottle or a jar halfway up with superfine sugar, the other half with water.

Cork or cap the bottle and shake vigorously until most of the sugar dissolves—about one minute. Let sit for five minutes, shake it again briefly before use.

Online Shopping

Surfing For School Supplies

(NAPS)—Parents may find it easier to make the grade in school-year shopping if they compare prices online. Whether they want to outfit a student with the latest computer gear or explore home entertainment options for themselves, sites that compare prices are a valuable resource.

Surfing the Net with the help of a comparison Web site is like visiting a mall with millions of products and hundreds of merchants, except that the site can narrow the choices down to just the items, features and prices you are interested in seeing.

For example, one of the leading shopping comparison sites, PriceGrabber consolidates the prices of a variety of merchants and presents them to you with a BottomLinePrice that estimates tax and shipping charges.

Visitors can also research the online stores to learn about their business practices such as payment methods and return policies. They can even read comments from customers that have already bought from these stores.

When you decide which merchant you want to buy from, click on the name of that merchant to go directly to their page for that product.

These comparison services are free to online shoppers.

If you need help making a decision, the site also offers product reviews, technical specifications and side-by-side comparisons.

For more information, visit www.pricegrabber.com.

THE COLLEGE PARENT

Mothers Of College Students Warn About Potentially Deadly Meningitis

(NAPS)—A number of parents are getting together to protect the college-age children of others. One of them is Lynn Bozof. She says her son Evan did not have to die. She made sure he had every vaccine necessary before he started college, but no one told her about the vaccine to prevent meningococcal meningitis. If she had known, Evan would have received that vaccine, too.

"Please talk to your doctor about vaccination against meningococcal meningitis for your college-age child and make sure he or she gets immunized before heading off to school," she said.

Bozof is one of five mothers with tragic, personal stories to share about the devastating effects of meningococcal disease among college students. These women have teamed up as the "Mom's On Meningitis" (M.O.M.s), a new coalition working in conjunction with the Meningitis Foundation of America (MFA), a national non-profit organization that promotes awareness about meningitis and vaccination.

"We want to urge all college students and parents to learn about this disease and the vaccine available to help protect against it," said Deb Kepferle, one of the M.O.M.s who lost her 18-year-old son Patrick to this disease during his freshman year at college.

Studies show some college students, especially freshmen living in dormitories, are at increased risk of meningococcal meningitis, a potentially fatal bacterial infection. Certain college lifestyle factors appear to increase the risk of



Mothers whose college-age children have suffered or died from meningococcal meningitis increase awareness about this potentially fatal disease.

disease, including communal living such as dormitories, bar patronage and smoking.

Recommendations issued by health officials and pediatricians stress that college students and parents should learn about meningococcal disease and the benefits of vaccination.

Other M.O.M.s who wish their children had been vaccinated, include Candie Benn, whose freshman daughter Melanie survived the disease but had to have her arms and legs amputated to save her life. The disease killed Judy Miller's daughter, Beth, during her sophomore year. Paige Kach's son, John, survived the disease, but doctors had to amputate one of his legs below the knee and remove his fingers and remaining toes.

Meningococcal Meningitis—A Potentially Fatal Disease

Meningococcal meningitis is a bacterial infection that spreads through respiratory secretions and direct contact with an infected per-

son, such as kissing or sharing glasses and utensils. It strikes most often in late winter and early spring—a time when college classes are in session. The disease strikes nearly 3,000 Americans each year.

Symptoms, which can easily be misdiagnosed as the flu, include high fever, headache, stiff neck, confusion, nausea, vomiting, exhaustion and rash. Without prompt treatment, it can progress quickly, resulting in serious or fatal consequences, including hearing loss, brain damage, limb amputations or death.

Vaccination—Protect Your College-Age Child

Studies show that up to 80 percent of the cases that occur on college campuses are vaccine-preventable. The vaccine, which is highly effective against the most common strains of the bacteria that cause meningococcal meningitis, provides protection against four types of the bacteria that cause the majority of the cases of meningococcal meningitis among college students. As with all vaccines, there can be minor reactions, including pain and redness at the injection site or a mild fever. The vaccine is not recommended during pregnancy or if the individual has a compromised immune system or certain health conditions.

The vaccine is often available from your family doctor or college health center, and should be obtained during your child's pre-college physical examination.

For more information, visit MFA's Web site at www.musa.org or call its information line at 1-866-321-4MFA.

Technology

(NU) — Although many organizations have called publicly for strengthening the nation's cyber defenses after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, cyber defense skills are lagging in several critical areas, according to the "Brainbench Cyber Defense IQ Report," which provides a snapshot of the nation's cyber defense skills. To view the report or for more information about Brainbench, log on to www.brainbench.com.

Business

(NU) — Although most people head off to work for someone else every day of their careers, some march to the beat of a different drummer. Are you ready to start your own business? For tips, order the free Life Advice brochures "Starting a Business," "Running a Small Business" and "Selling a Business" by calling 1-800-638-5433.

Trends

(NU) — Across the country, more people are taking public transportation to their destinations and more commuters are switching to mass transit. In 2000, public transportation ridership went up by 3.5 percent, compared to the previous year, according to the American Public Transportation Association. To learn more about public transportation trends, log on to www.apta.com.

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2002 Baseball

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1st Place Team - T-Ball Division - Marlins. Coaches: (l-r) Greg Wright, John Wheeler, Ed Burr. Bottom l-r: Madeline Drake, Jeovanni Romero, Corey Sims, Nathan Bennett-Farris, Zakary Sims. Top l-r: Alex Asher, Tanner Wright, Emily York, Mazie Vincent, Tera Harris, and Preston Burr.



T-Ball Braves - Coaches l-r: Kelli Fitzwater, Daniel Hays, and Mike Fitzwater and not pictured Eric Riffe. Bottom l-r: Trenton Stone, Ellie Daniels, Aurelio Lozano, Janette Daniels, Jacob Newburn, Miguel Henderson, David Fitzwater. Top l-r: Sterling Audrain, Daniel Fitzwater, Kelby Hartman, Marlena Callis, Brooklyn Palmer. Not pictured Kaci Claypool.



T-Ball Red Sox - Coaches Coby Galla and Jere Don Keener. Bottom l-r: Dylan Keener, Derek Ilager, Rhett Schoonover, Braiden Galla. Top l-r: Kaylee Mungia, Chase Lutes, Tyler Rouse, Torri Pounds, Reed Schoonover, and Ivan Torres.



T-Ball Cubs - Coaches l-r: Ricky Garza, Liz Agan, and Kiley Seaton. Bottom l-r: MaryAnn Spurlock, Corey Seaton, Omar Duran, Hunter Everett, and Meghan Brooks. Top l-r: Madison Agan, Brandon Moreno, M'Lynn Wells, Joshua Pollock, and Delila Rosales.



1st Place Team - Machine Pitch Division - Diamondbacks. Coaches: Ray Lermon & Arnold Ruiz. Bottom l-r: Ransom Lermon, Jennie Witcher, Courtney Hartman, Autumn Witcher, Justin Mungia. Top l-r: Rowdy Lermon, Edgar Guerrero, Wells Daniels, Tori Rouse, Michael Keener. Not pictured: Steven Alaniz, Marcos Garza.



Machine Pitch - Red Sox. Coaches: Brant Cummings, Brett Cummings, and not pictured Max Christian. Bottom l-r: Braiden Palmer, Stefan Werner, Morgan Crabtree, John Robert Walden, Chrystal Thompson. Top l-r: Bryce Cummings, Haden Long, Byron DeAnda, Trevor Christian, and Coy Dean.



Machine Pitch - A's. Coach Randy Agan. Bottom l-r: Albert Ortega, Jordan Johnson, Kelsie Keener, Jacob Mariscal, Justin Watts. Top l-r: Jesus Rueda, Chelbye Ellis, Marshall Agan, Chris Hart, Kevan Eldridge.



1st Place Team - Little League Division - Rangers. Coaches: Mark Keener, Lance Horsford. Bottom l-r: Chandler Lutes, Justin Lanning, Clayton Johnson, Roy Allen, L.J. Moreno. Top l-r: Kyle Horsford, Kaleb Horsford, Jay Hacker, Craig Kautz, Klinton Keener, Derek Johnson, and Tyler Wright.



Little League - Reds. Coaches Jesse and Joe Valenzuela and not pictured Jesse Resendes. Bottom l-r: Nelson Rodriguez, Cody Carter, Justin Smith, Servando Torres, Angel Resendes. Top l-r: Brent Reed, Ivy Valenzuela, Jonathan Knight, Stephanie Bell, Luke Haile.



Machine Pitch All Stars. Coaches Arnold Ruiz and Ray Lermon. Bottom l-r: Marshall Agan, Ransom Lermon, Justin Mungia, Braiden Palmer, Haden Long. Top l-r: Trevor Christian, Bryce Cummings, Wells Daniels, Edgar Guerrero, Chris Hart, Michael Keener, Rowdy Lermon and not pictured Jennie Witcher. Won 3rd Place - Stratford All Star Tournament.



Little League All Stars. Coaches: Lance Horsford and Mark Keener. Bottom l-r: Kyle Horsford, Clayton Johnson, Angel Resendes, Ivy Valenzuela, Jonathan Knight, Luis Ortega. Top l-r: Brent Reed, Derek Johnson, Jay Hacker, Craig Kautz, Klinton Keener, Kaleb Horsford. Won 1st Place - Stratford All Star Tournament and 3rd Place Guymon All Star Tournament.



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7-18-c

The time to pray is not when we are in a tight spot, but just as soon as we get out of it.
—Josh Billings

Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out.
—James Bryant Conant

Go often to the house of thy friend; for weeds soon choke up the unused path.
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3-12-tfn

Garage Sales

Garage Sale-515 N. Wall, Saturday, July 20 from 9 to 2. Household items, clothes, etc.
7-18-c



The population in Denver, Colorado, is among the youngest in the nation.

Houses for Sale

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

For Sale: 3 Bdrm, 2 bath brick home, double car garage, fenced in backyard, across from City Park. 702 N. 7th. Call 396-2425, 396-2845, 396-5841, or 396-1050 for more information.
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1-10-tfn

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6-20-6xc

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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF OPAL MARIE BRYANT, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of OPAL MARIE BRYANT, (Deceased) were issued on the 9th day of July, 2002, under Docket No. 2047, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to:

Wanda Jean Riffe
P.O. Box 886
Stratford, Texas 79084

Bryant Earl Riffe
Box 426
Goodwell, Oklahoma 73949

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Opal Marie Bryant, Deceased
C/O Kimberly L. Allen
Hunter & Oelke
507 Denrock Ave., P.O. Box 792
Dalhart, TX 79022

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

DATED this 9th day of July, 2002

Hunter & Oelke
By: Kimberly L. Allen
State Bar Card No. 12199270

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Legal Notices

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.

District: AMARILLO

Contract 6082-46-001 for PICNIC AREA MAINTENANCE in SHERMAN County will be opened on August 20, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$36,921.00.

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 material may be requested from the State office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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WEDDING

Three Tips to Help Couples Register for Their Gifts

NewsUSA

(NU) - If you are the bride or groom, you know that one of the most enjoyable things about getting married is the registry — picking out together the beautiful things to make your new house into a home.

So what to know if you are registering? Denise Dinyon, national bridal director for Lenox, has developed helpful hints on registering for your wedding:

• **Have fun!** Choose pieces that reflect your personality. If you want to set a colorful table, then choose china that incorporates your favorite colors. Don't forget colored crystal, too. Want to be a little funky with the flatware? Go for it. There are no rules about traditional versus modern, so feel free to mix and match what you like.

• **Be courteous to your guests by registering for a variety of items in different price ranges.** You can have gorgeous, quality items without breaking the bank. For example, Lenox offers an extensive line of casual and formal china, classic place-settings, stemware, crystal and metal gifts, and more, giving your guests options to fit any budget.

• **Have your cake and eat it, too.** Choose items that fit your lifestyle. Lenox now offers a new line of china that's easy-care — from microwave to dishwasher. Its new Microsafe line of dinnerware combines new technology with the beauty of finest quality gold and platinum banding —

and puts it all together in fabulous, but functional, open-stock dinnerware that can go directly into the microwave. So if you think you'll never use that china, think again.

What's another great benefit to registering? The opportunity to win great prizes.

Jennifer Robinson and Ryan Loporto of Melbourne, Fla., took home the gold and silver last year in Lenox's Bridal Countdown 2001 Sweepstakes. Registered at Burdine's in Florida, the couple will be setting their table with Lenox Hannah Platinum China and Gorham Melon Bud Frost flatware, in addition to enjoying \$18,000 worth of additional prizes to celebrate six special occasions throughout the year. And it pays to enter: 2,000 additional couples walked away with an assortment of gorgeous Lenox products.

For couples who are currently planning their wedding, Lenox is tossing the bouquet again this year. The new Lenox Bridal Blueprint 2002 Sweepstakes offers 100 great tips on ways couples can "build fun into their future" — from tips on entertaining and decorating to finance and domestic harmony.

Couples can enter to win by visiting any participating store, and one lucky couple will win the Ultimate House-Warming Party worth \$24,000. For more information, call 1-800-63LENEX or log on to www.lenox.com.



spotlight on health

Epilepsy: A Growing Health Concern Among Older Adults

(NAPS)—About two million people in the United States live with a medical problem that is not easily accepted or understood—epilepsy, also referred to as a seizure disorder. While more widely known as a childhood condition, epilepsy can begin at any point in life, including 50 years of age and older.

"For older adults, epilepsy can pose special problems because they are prone to other medical disorders with symptoms that may mimic seizures," says Orrin Devinsky, M.D., director of the Comprehensive Epilepsy Centers at New York University and Mount Sinai and author of the new book, *Epilepsy: Patient & Family Guide*. "As a result, seizure disorders in this population may go undetected, misdiagnosed or improperly treated."

Causes of epilepsy in older adults include stroke, heart attacks, Alzheimer's disease, or brain tumors. A person who has had two or more seizures is usually diagnosed with epilepsy. Symptoms of a seizure can range from a blank stare lasting a few seconds, where the patient quickly returns to normal, to a full-body jerking motion that renders the patient disoriented and exhausted.

Newer Treatments Offer More Options

Once diagnosed with epilepsy,



Symptoms of epilepsy in older adults often mimic other maladies. Epilepsy must be properly diagnosed and medicated.

older adults often have to contend with side effects from certain antiepilepsy drugs, which may include impaired thinking, loss of balance and sleepiness. These side effects are often confused by patients and medical professionals as signs of the aging process or other conditions. Problems may also occur from drug interactions between epilepsy medicines and other medicines older people may take for various medical conditions. Today, newer antiepilepsy medications offer patients more treatment options. "For anyone with epilepsy, including an older adult, the goal of

treatment should be no seizures, no side effects," says Dr. Devinsky. "One of my older patients seemed like he was falling asleep, when he was actually having seizures. The medication he was taking also made him feel sluggish. After switching him to a newer epilepsy drug, his seizures were controlled and he was back to his active lifestyle."

Teaming Up With Your Doctor

The key to successful treatment, says Dr. Devinsky, is becoming educated about the condition and its treatment and working as a partner with your doctor. Dr. Devinsky's new book is aimed at helping patients and family members better understand epilepsy and giving them accurate information that will remove the fears often fueled by misconceptions and misinformation.

"Epilepsy spares no age group and presents different challenges at various stages of one's life," says Dr. Devinsky. "But, with the proper diagnosis and appropriate treatment, people with epilepsy can live fulfilling, active lives."

To obtain a copy of the book, *Epilepsy: Patient & Family Guide* (publisher: F.A. Davis Company), visit Amazon.com or a local bookstore. A portion of the book proceeds will be donated to the Epilepsy Foundation (www.epilepsyfoundation.org).

Cool Foods For Hot Days

(NAPS)—What's for dinner? It's an age-old question that has added complexity when the temperature outside is soaring.

Those who live in warmer climates understand that the key to cooking in the heat is simplicity. Keep meals quick, easy and prepare them in advance. Many foods, like salads, taste better when prepared ahead and refrigerated. If you want to bake, heat up your oven early in the morning, during the coolest part of the day. Later in the day, utilize your microwave to warm food up while keeping the kitchen cool.

Don't let rainy weather or extreme heat spoil your dinner. A stovetop Grill Pan, like one available from The Pampered Chef, Ltd., is great for vegetables and meats, and keeps you away from the rain or the flames without losing the healthy benefit of grilling.

Take advantage of convenient grocery store items like pre-cooked boneless chicken and bagged spinach for salads. Don't forget all the varieties of produce available during warmer months. Fresh fruits and vegetables can be simple to prepare and served with elegance by using garnishing tools like Julienne Peelers, V-Shaped Cutters and Crinkle Cutters. A variety of fresh vegetables from asparagus to zucchini are also great for grilling indoors or out.

Summer meals don't have to be limited to traditional chef salads and fruit plates. Try this delicious main dish, Asian Summer Salad, from *The Pampered Chef's Casual Cooking* cookbook as a new alternative. This recipe can be prepared up to a day in advance and makes a fresh, cool and tasty meal.

This is also a great dish to take to summer picnics and potlucks—keep it cool in a specially designed Chillzanne® bowl. Chillzanne® products are frozen empty, allowing a unique cooling gel to keep the food placed into the bowl cold for hours without refrigeration.

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This Asian Summer Salad makes a great dinner on a hot day.

Asian Summer Salad
Salad:
8 oz. uncooked vermicelli pasta
¾ cup julienne-cut carrots, 2 inches long
¾ cup julienne-cut zucchini, 2 inches long
¾ cup chopped red bell pepper
½ cup sliced green onions with tops
¾ pound deli roast turkey or chicken breast, cut ½ inch thick

Dressing:
¼ cup vegetable oil
3 Tbsp. rice vinegar
3 Tbsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce
2 tsp. sugar
½ tsp. ground red pepper
1 tsp. finely chopped, peeled fresh gingerroot
1 garlic clove, pressed
Coarsely chopped peanuts or cashews and fresh cilantro (optional)

1. For salad, break vermicelli into quarters. Cook

according to package directions in Professional (4 qt.) Casserole; drain and rinse under cold running water using large Colander. Place vermicelli in large Colander Bowl and set aside.

2. Using Julienne Peeler, cut carrots and zucchini into julienne strips; cut strips into 2-inch pieces using Chef's Knife. Chop bell pepper and slice green onions. Cut turkey into thin pieces, 2 inches long. Add vegetables and turkey to pasta.

3. For dressing, combine oil, vinegar, soy sauce, sugar and ground red pepper in Small Batter Bowl. Peel gingerroot; finely chop using Food Chopper. Add gingerroot and garlic pressed with Garlic Press to batter bowl. Mix well using Stainless Steel Whisk. Pour dressing over salad; toss with 3-Way Tongs. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour to allow flavors to blend. Spoon salad into serving bowl. Garnish with chopped peanuts and cilantro, if desired.

Yield: 6 servings.

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Hog carcasses in open pit — Missouri.

Big Pig has targeted the Texas Panhandle — primarily due to weak regulations and lack of enforcement of environmental, worker health and safety and food safety laws and standards. Multi-national agribusiness corporations are proposing to raise millions of hogs in the Panhandle.

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