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## Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

## Study Club To Have Brisket Dinner

A Brisket and all the fixins' dinner is Sunday, March 21, at Sherman County Exhibit Building. GFWC/Prospectus Study Club will be serving 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Remember how good it was last September?

Menu is brisket with Haile's barbecue sauce, potato salad, beans, cole slaw, pickles, sliced onions and jalapenos, bread and a large variety of desserts, tea and coffee. Adults \$7.00, 10 and under \$4.00.

Money raised is for scholarships and the many club projects.

## School Board Election To Be Held May 15<sup>th</sup>

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

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

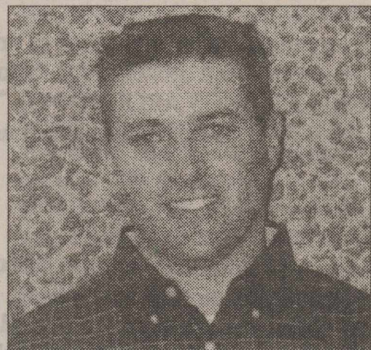
Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 and continue through May 11, 2004. Early voting will be conducted in the Administrative Office Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.

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

## Fire Dept. To Have Garage Sale May 1

Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept. is planning a huge garage sale on May 1, 2004 for the purpose of raising funds to help finish the inside of Stratford's new fire station. We want to make it huge but we need your help. If you have any garage sale items you would like to donate we would love to have them. We will even pick up your items. If you have a donation call either 366-5330 or 366-2291 or contact any fireman.

## First State Bank Announces Promotions

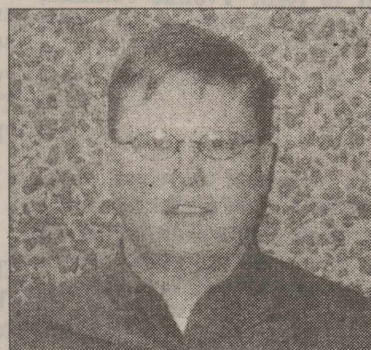


Dean Hauser

Mary Cross, Bank Manager, is pleased to announce the promotion of Dean Hauser to Agricultural Lending Officer and Eric Werner to the position of Vice President.

Dean was born and raised in Stratford. After graduating from Texas A&M in 1999, with a degree in Ag Systems Management, he moved to Amistad, NM managing a farm for Cactus Feeders, Inc. in February 2000, Dean returned to Stratford and was the Yard Repair and Maintenance Manager at Stratford Feedyard. Dean has been with First State Bank's Trust Department since October 2000. Dean will continue to perform Trust Department duties along with his new position.

First State Bank is excited about Dean being an Ag Lending Officer.



Eric Werner

Eric Werner grew up in Felt, Oklahoma. He received his Agriculture Business degree from Oklahoma Panhandle State University. Eric's agriculture lending experience includes 5 years with Farm Credit Services in Liberal Kansas, as well as 2 years in North Platte, Nebraska, for First National Bank of Omaha. Eric has been with First State Bank since November of 2001. Congratulations to Eric and Dean!

## Great Plains Ag Credit Stockholders' Meeting on March 12, 2004

The Annual Stockholders' Meeting of Great Plains Ag Credit will be Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Amarillo Civic Center Regency Room. The business meeting begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch.

Great Plains Ag Credit serves over 700 members stockholders throughout the north and south plains through its production credit association and federal land bank operations. The Association is based in Amarillo with a regional credit office in Plainview and has nine office locations.

## 2004 Annual Stewardship and Awards Banquet to be Held

The Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation Districts announces its Annual Stewardship and Awards Banquet has been set for March 25, 2003. The meal is set for noon at the Sherman County Barn. We will have a catered meal consisting of Bar-B-Q with all the trimmings.

Awards will be given to the Conservation Farmer and Conservation Homemaker for 2004. We will also award prizes to the students from Stratford schools that placed in our Coloring, Poster and Essay

Contests. This year's first place essay winner will also be awarded a \$200 Scholarship.

Richard Bowers of the North Plains Water District will be the guest speaker. Mr. Bowers will be addressing the ever-changing rules and regulations with regards to our most precious resource.

We hope to see you, your family and friends at the Banquet. Remember, there is no charge for this great time. Please call the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 with your reservations. Reservations need to be made by March 22, 2004.

## City of Stratford To Hold Election

City of Stratford will hold an election Saturday, May 15, 2004 to fill three (3) two-year terms and one (1) one-year term. Those terms expiring are Mayor David Brown, councilmember Bryan Mungia and current vacated Council seat, and one-year term expiring councilmember Wanda Riffe. Anyone wishing to file for a place on the ballot may sign up at City Hall, 518 N. Third, Stratford, between the hours 8:00-12:00 p.m. & 1:00-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Last day to file for a place on the ballot is March 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. Early voting begins April 28, 2004 between the hours as listed above. For further information contact city hall at (806) 366-5581.



## Election School

An Election school was held last week at the Sherman County Library. Shown above are some of the folks that will be helping with the election that was held Tuesday, March 9, 2004.

## 2004 Dinner Theater March 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

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

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

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

People are like stained glass windows: they sparkle and shine when the sun's out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is light within.

—Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

## \$9,000.00 To Be Given Away

High School students who live in the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District are invited to submit an essay in the annual scholarship competition sponsored by the Water District. \$9,000 is given away each year in this competition, in which students submit an essay on "Why is Water Conservation Important?" Water conservation continues to be an issue of vital importance in Texas, as was demonstrated by the amount of attention given to water issues in this year's political races. Any student in 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>

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

## Local Scholarship Opportunities Announced

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

## Phillip Bain Memorial Scholarship

The applications must be submitted to the counselor's office no later than Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

## Methodist Youth To Serve Lunch March 28

Make your plans for lunch with the Methodist youth, Sunday, March 28, 2004. Lunch will be served from 11:30-1:30. The public is invited. A free will offering will be collected. These funds will be used to support activities for the youth.

## NOTICE

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

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

**ATTENTION 8TH GRADE & JUNIOR PARENTS IT'S FROM TIME**  
**We Need Extension Cords and Spotlights to help with the set-up. If you have any, please call Shari Hudson at 366-5398 or Mary Carter at 366-2571**

Life is uncertain. Eat dessert first.

—Ernestine Ulmer

## Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, Call

Kathie Altman-366-5611  
David Cross-396-2396  
Ken Forthman-366-2586  
Patsy Harland-827-7568  
Michal Meyer-827-7453  
Jesse Resendes-769-4454  
Larry Evans-366-2242

Austin Hotline  
1-800-252-5400  
ALL CALLS

## Obits

**Bennie E. Nelson**

Dumas-Bennie E. Nelson, 65, died Friday, March 5, 2004.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2004 in Morrison Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel with Art Lunch, First Street Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial was in Northlawn Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Nelson was born November 12, 1938 in Memphis, where he was a longtime resident. He was a truck driver. He had been a Dumas resident for the past 2 1/2 years.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Stanley Nelson and a grandson, Benjamin Ray Booth.

Survivors include one daughter, Renee Cavitt, and husband Mark, of Stratford; one brother, Gene Nelson of Canyon; and three grandsons, Johnny, Brian and Brady.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.



## Bridal Shower Given

A shower for Elizabeth Kathleen Meyer, bride elect of Darren Scott Pittman was held Saturday, March 6, 2004 in the home of LeRayne Donelson. Shown above left to right Yvonne Pittman, Elizabeth, Christy Cooper and Reba Pittman. The couple plan to be wed May 29, 2004 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Tomatoes and oregano make it Italian; wine and tarragon make it French. Sour cream makes it Russian; lemon and cinnamon make it Greek. Soy sauce makes it Chinese; garlic makes it good.  
—Alice May Brock

## First Baptist Youth Needs Your Help

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If you have never been hated by your child, you have never been a parent.

—Bette Davis

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

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## Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

\*\*\* note new listing

- March 13  
Amarillo Symphony / Benedetto Lupo, Piano  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- March 11-21  
"Over The River and Through The Woods" Comedy  
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- March 18\*\*\*  
"Ladies in the Tower" One Act Dinner Theatre  
Mary Allen Cafeterium 7:00 p.m. Reservation 366-3303
- March 26, 27, 28\*\*\*  
"Blythe Spirit" Comedy  
Dalhart Community LaRita Theatre
- March 26  
"Perfect Circle"  
Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-376-3096
- March 27  
Don Giovanni Amarillo Opera  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-SING
- April 1-10  
"Side Man" Drama  
Amarillo Little Theatre / Adventure Space 806-355-9991
- April 2, 3, 4  
"ROBIN HOOD" ALT Academy  
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991

## Chamber of Commerce

By Patty Tims

Continued from last week:

- 16-36 Christian Ways to Reduce Stress  
16. Carry a Bible with you to read while waiting in line.  
17. Get enough exercise.  
18. Eat Right  
19. Get organized so everything has its place.  
20. Listen to a tape while driving that can help improve your quality of life.  
21. Write thoughts and inspirations down.  
22. Every day, find time to be alone.  
23. Having Problems? Talk to God on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bus. Don't wait until it's time to go to bed to try and pray.  
24. Make friends with Godly people  
25. Keep a folder of favorite scriptures on hand.  
26. Remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a good "Thank you, Jesus!"  
27. Laugh  
28. Laugh some more!  
29. Take your work seriously, but yourself not at all.  
30. Develop a forgiving attitude (most people are doing the best they can)  
31. Sit on your ego.  
32. Be kind to unkind people, they probably need it the most.  
33. Talk less, listen more  
34. Slow down.  
35. Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe.  
36. Every night before bed, think of one thing you're grateful for that you've never been grateful for before. GOD HAS A WAY OF TURNING THINGS AROUND FOR YOU.  
"If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

## Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

This years banquet will be held on April 5, 2004, located at the County Barn. The Silent Auction will begin at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. and program at 7:00 p.m., when Citizen of the Year will be awarded. Silent Auction items will be on display at the Chamber office prior to the Banquet. The meal will be catered by Bar H in Dalhart and will consist of: 8-Oz Rib-eye steak, baked potato, salad, corn and cheese cake. The Theme for this year's banquet will be, "Music, Music, Music". Tickets will be available for sale on Wednesday, March 12, 2004, either come by the office or ask any board member (Dave Browne, Eric Werner, Diantha Downs, Pat Hartman, Elida Gonzales, Rhea Chumley, Tim Hudson, Gaynelle Riffe, or Harriett Reed) for a ticket. Singles will be \$14.00, Couples \$24.00. Please make plans to attend this event. Profits made will fund this event.

## Special Thanks

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank these families and businesses for their continued support by renewal of their membership. Ronald and MariHoward Engelbrecht, Stratford Grain, R-Way Farms, and Marilynn & George Harkins. The Chamber would also like to thank the Businesses who have donated items for the Silent Auction so far we have: THE General Store, A & I Parts, Bobby Edmonds Horse Sales, and SPC. Don't be surprised when one of us from the Chamber come knocking on your door.

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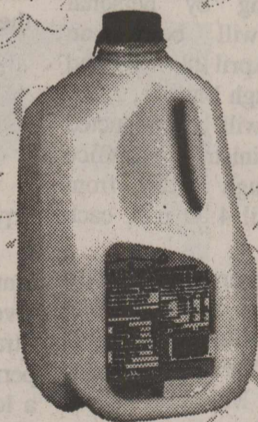
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- COMBO NO. 4  
BREAKFAST BURRITO, HASHBROWN & 16 OZ. COFFEE ..... **\$1.99**

**Kerrick News**  
By Marylou McDaniel

The Hawkins family reunion was recently held in Stillwater, OK. Going from here were Barbara and Leroy Judd, Peggy & Chandra Hawkins, Brenda, Stephanie & Kyla Bell, Shadley Audrain and other family members from elsewhere.

The attended the OSU Cowgirls game. Leroy Hawkins, Barbara and Peggy saw "The Passion of the Christ" while there.

Chandra was second in discuss and fifth in shot putt at recent track meet.

Friday was Terry Schoonover's birthday. He and Barbara spent it with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lewis and Terry's brother Todd.

Bill & Pat Boren took a "day tripper" Saturday. They went to a gun show at Rocky Ford, then went to Bent's Fort which they found interesting.

Jo June McDaniel went to Guymon last week with the SCOT bunch.

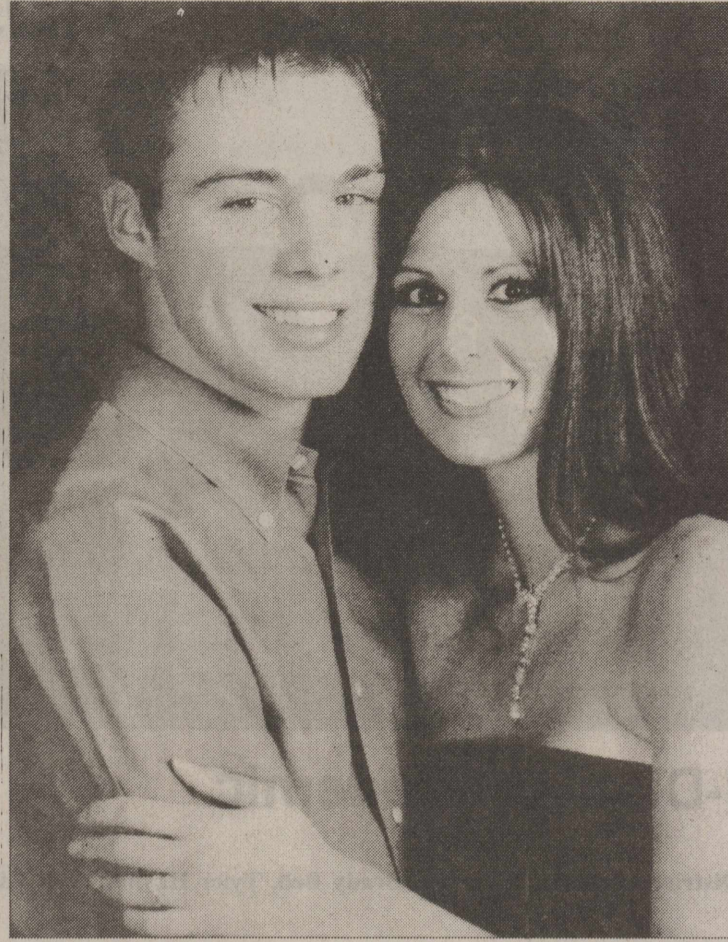
Millie Hacker, Stratford and Marylou McDaniel attended the Dumas Red Hat Society meeting March 2. There were 12 from the new chapter in Dalhart, three from Boise City, totaling 40 women.

Word was received at presstime of the death of Twila Fenton. Her and her husband had a store in Kerrick years ago.



**Engagement Announced**

Lynn and Barbara Walling of Big Spring, TX are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tammi to Kyle Ellison, son of Butch Ellison, and the late Nina Ellison of Stratford, TX. They will be married on June 12, 2004 in Canyon, TX. Tammi is a graduate of Howard County Junior College in San Angelo, and is employed by BSA. Kyle is a student at Amarillo College, and is employed by Lanier Worldwide in Amarillo, TX.



**Engagement Announcement**

Bill and Kathy Riffe and Randy and Kim McCracken proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children Lynz Browning and Roy Don McCracken. Lynz will be graduation in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise and Sport Sciences from Texas Tech University. Ron Don has been working at Mc3 Cattle Feeders in Stratford. The wedding will be June 5<sup>th</sup> in San Antonio, Texas at the Little Church of La Villita.

**Births**

**Correction:**

Casey Melton & Rob Adams are proud to announce the arrival of Tyler Evan Adams, born 1/20/04, weighing 9 lbs 3/4 oz and was 21 inches long.

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

Scott and Marisa Riffe are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Sophia. Lauren was born February 10, 2004. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. She is welcomed by her grandparents, Bill and Kathy Riffe of Stratford and Enrico & Dora Jacobi of Melbourne, Florida.

**Scot Talk**

By Mary Hill

Big news! SCOT Hall will be having a garage sale on March 20. Members may rent a booth or donate sale articles to the SCOT booth. Donated articles may be dropped off at the hall, or you may call Lynn Wells at 396-2011 to have someone pick them up.

The monthly birthday party will be on March 18 at 2 p.m. This is a nice time to get together and eat goodies! And, we can say "Happy Birthday" to the March birthday people.

Then, coming up on March 23, Jeanie Carter will give a book review at 2 p.m. This will be interesting and fun.

The regular noon luncheon will be on March 25, with the Dumas Happy Hatters doing the program. We won't want to miss that.

And, on April 6, Ann Johnson will give a program on gardening. That should get us ready for spring.

So, we better get the old calendar down and mark these dates, so that we won't miss any of these activities.

You can't be brave if you've only had wonderful things happen to you.

—Mary Tyler Moore

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Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

**First Christian**  
Rev. Walter Reed  
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Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
No Sunday Evening Worship  
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

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

**St. Joseph Catholic**  
Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master  
6th & Pearl  
Rectory - 366 - 5687  
Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.  
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon  
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
Larry Evans  
N. 3rd & Chestnut  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 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  
Early Service 9:00 a.m.  
Growth groups/Sun. School 10:00 a.m.  
Late Service 11:00 a.m.  
Growth Groups Nightly 7:00 p.m.  
Wed.- Youth Group Teen Kids 7:00 p.m./Adult Choir 7:00

**The Churches of Stratford**  
Welcome You  
Christ Is Lord

Who is in control of your life? "Well, I, basically in control of my life. In fact, I'd say I've got things put together pretty well." Isn't this a typical answer? But that's the problem. It's too typical. As human beings, we often think too highly of ourselves. In reality, we think too highly of ourselves to the exclusion of God. In talking about people who often exclude God from their thinking, the Bible says, "Professing to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man... (They) worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator" (Romans 1:22, 23, & 25). It is foolish to exclude God from our thinking. When we do, we become very self-centered. We indulge in a kind of self-worship. This is a violation of the very first of God's Ten Commandments, "You shall have no other gods before Me" (Exodus 20:3). You may even consider yourself a Christian. But your life contradicts the very First Commandment. The solution is to return to God. This means turning to Christ. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me" (John 14:6). So you need to begin to live for Christ. You see the basic confession of the true Christian is that Jesus Christ is Lord! "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved" (Romans 10:9).

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Pastor Roberto Frescas  
205 N. Poplar - Hwy 287  
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Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.  
Meir Co Les Serv De Ador 5 p.m.

**Kerrick Community Church**  
Pastor Roy Harris  
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# Basketball



## Boys All-District Academic

Boys Basketball All-District Academic from left, Brady Bell, Tyler Haynes, Josh King, and Jason Ashley.



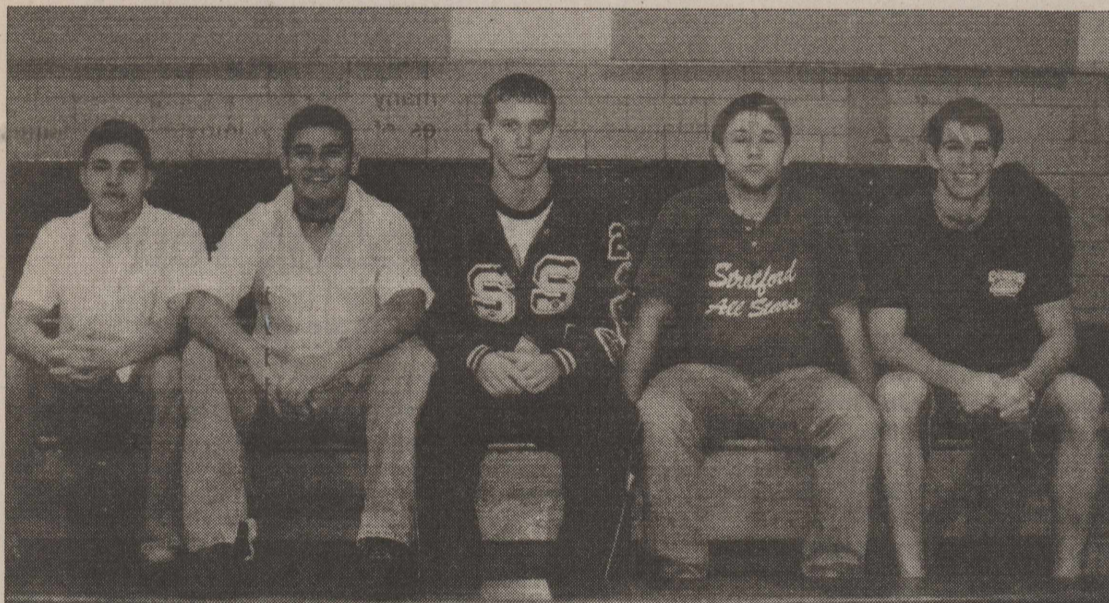
## Girls All-District Academic

Girls Basketball All-District Academic from top (l-r), Alisha Sladek, Allison Baskin, Erin Ashley, Brittany Hudson, Amber Larence, and Heather Seiler.



## All District Girls Team

Named to the 2003-2004 District 1-1A Division All-District Girls teams for basketball from left, Alisha Sladek - All-District, Yadira Ortega - Honorable Mention, Deidre Tarver - All-District, Erin Ashley - Honorable Mention, and Amber Larence - All-District.



## All District Boys Team

Named to the 2003-2004 District 1-1A All-District Boys Teams for basketball from left, Travis Soto - Honorable Mention, Chris Ortega - Honorable Mention, Tyler Haynes - First Team All-District, Josh King - Honorable Mention, and Jason Ashley - Honorable Mention.

# Track Results

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls participated in the Sunray Track meet on February 27-28<sup>th</sup> and placed 4<sup>th</sup> with 59 points as a team. Individual results as follows:

**Discus:** Stephanie Bell - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 50'02.00", Chandra Hawkins and Jessica Meroney - 38'. **High Jump:** Sinead Everett - 4'04.00". **Shot Put:** Crystal Rodriguez - 4<sup>th</sup>, 21'02.50", Chandra Hawkins - 6<sup>th</sup>, 21'02", Anne Brooks - 15'9". **Triple Jump:** Sierra Valenzuela - 4<sup>th</sup>, 24'08.00". **800 Meter Run:** Sierra Valenzuela - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:53.85, Deborah Molina - 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:03.47. **800 Meter Relay:** 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:16.27 - Becky Rosales, Deborah Molina, Sinead Everett, Sierra Valenzuela. **100 M Dash:** Jenny Spurlock - 16:70, Miranda Mayeux - 15:89. **400 M Dash:** Margarita Rocha - 1:34. **200 M Dash:** Becky Rosales - 33:45, Chelsea Garza - 35:82, Miranda Mayeux - 35:54. **1600 M Relay:** - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5:21.76 - Becky Rosales, Deborah Molina, Sierra Valenzuela, and Sinead Everett. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls participated in the Canadian track meet this past week and placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams. Individual results as follows: **800 M Run:** Sierra Valenzuela - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:42.20.

Deborah Molina - 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:54:65, Perla Rueda - 3:08. **100 M Dash:** Chelsea Garza - 16:2, Miranda Mayeux - 16:4, Jenny Spurlock - 1:38. **200 Hurdles:** Sinead Everett - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 36:75. **200 M Dash:** Becky Rosales - 32:50, Chelsea Garza - 35:00, Miranda Mayeux - 34:19. **1200 M Run:** Margarita Rocha - 5:24, Perla Rueda - 5:14. **1600 M Relay:** 5<sup>th</sup> - 5:03.97 - Becky Rosales, Deborah Molina, Sierra Valenzuela, Sinead Everett. **Shot Put:** Stephanie Bell - 22'4 1/2", Crystal Rodriguez - 21'8", Chandra Hawkins - 23'10 1/2" 5<sup>th</sup> place. **Discus:** Chandra Hawkins - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 55'4", Stephanie Bell - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 55'1", Jessica Meroney - 6<sup>th</sup>, 47'7". **Triple Jump:** Sierra Valenzuela - 24'9". **High Jump:** Sinead Everett - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4'4". The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls participated in the Sunray Track meet held February 27-28<sup>th</sup> and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> as a team out of 9 teams. Individual results as follows: **Discus:** Ashley Duschl - 6<sup>th</sup>, 57'07.00", April Peregrino - 52'3". **High Jump:** Yesina Ibarra - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4'06.03". **Long Jump:** Darcy Rosales - 4<sup>th</sup>, 13'07.00", Kristen Crabtree - 12'6", Ivy Valenzuela - 12'1". **Shot Put:** April Peregrino - 1<sup>st</sup>,

29'05.00", Anna Torres, 21'7", Ashley Duschl, 23'8". **Triple Jump:** Kristen Crabtree, Yesina Ibarra, Ivy Valenzuela. **1200 M Run:** Lucero Ortega - 4:54, Ivy Valenzuela. **800 M Run:** Kristen Crabtree - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:46.96, Lucero Ortega - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:57.67, Ivy Valenzuela - 3:16. **400 M Relay:** 2<sup>nd</sup> - 60:54, Brenda Ibarra, Jordan Confer, Kelsey Stein, Yesina Ibarra. **100 M Hurdles:** Darcy Rosales - 20:84, Jessica Escamilla - 21:98. **100 M Dash:** Katrina Harkins - 6<sup>th</sup>, 14:61, Brenda Ibarra - 15:62. **800 M Relay:** 2<sup>nd</sup> - 2:07.19, Katrina Harkins, Kelsey Stein, Yesina Ibarra, Kristen Crabtree. **400 M Dash:** Jordan Confer - 1:23:7, Ely Ramirez - 1:30:4, Mayra Torres - 1:44. **200 M Hurdles:** Darcy Rosales - 40:23. **1600 M Relay:** 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5:05:70, Katrina Harkins, Yesina Ibarra, Kelsey Stein, Kristen Crabtree. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 12 teams at the Canadian track meet held this past weekend. Individual results as follows: **400 M Relay:** 5<sup>th</sup> - 58:86, Brenda Ibarra, Jordan Confer, Kelsey Stein, Yesina Ibarra. **100 Hurdles:** Darcy

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La Comision de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comision de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del dia 21 de Abril, 2004, fecha límite de la intervencion. Para intervenir o para más informacion, escriba a La Comision de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más informacion llamando a La Comision de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oir con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comision al (512) 936-7136.

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### Card of Thanks

To all of our Friends in Stratford and the surrounding area: Thank you so much for the sympathetic gestures and acts of kindness and concern you have shown our family since Wendell passed on. All of these things are greatly appreciated by us especially the Community Choir and the ladies of the Methodist Church for a wonderful family gathering. As you are aware there is sadness at his passing but he is out there west of town now right next to my mother and with many, many other members of his family. He is happy and he doesn't hurt anymore. Daddy and my mother are safely "Home" in the arms of Jesus. Thanks again.

Joe Flores Family  
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Leslie & James  
And all of the little descendnets that PeePaw treasured so much.

Thanks so much for your prayers, flowers, food, calls and visits during my recent illness. A special thanks to Jimmy Lanning, Ricky Reed, and Tino Garza for taking such good care of me on my ride to Amarillo. And a special thanks to Walter Reed for being with me and my family during my heart cath. Your prayers and support helped us through a difficult afternoon. Thanks to the bank crew for your prayers, food, and for taking care of my job while I was out. God has truly blessed me with such good friends and such a wonderful community. And most of all thanks to Dennis, Jan and Nick for always being my strength and reason for living.

Sherry Phelps

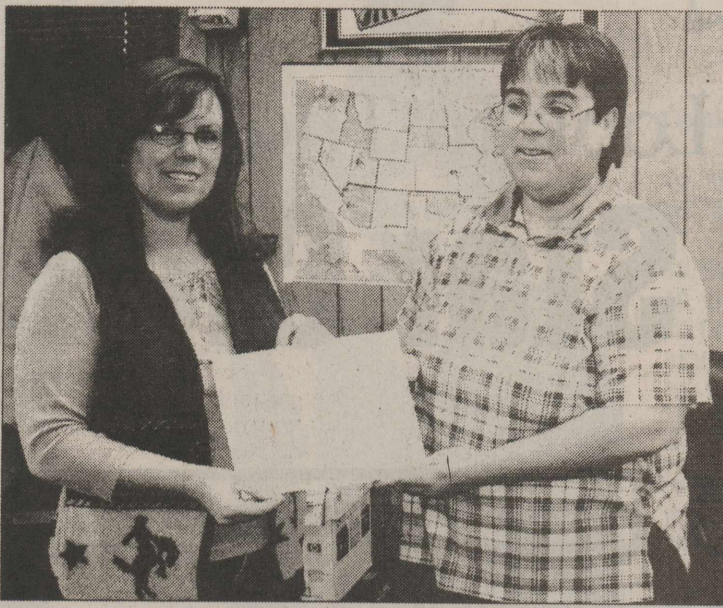
Thanks again for your prayers, thoughts, calls and concerns while Lashala was in the hospital. A big thanks to Jimmy Lanning and crew for being there for us again. For Walter, our minister for coming to see us. This is a very thoughtful and caring town.

Shannon, Jode, Slate and Lashala

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Rosales - 21:4, Amanda Miller - 24:2, Jessica Escamilla - 25:1.  
**800 M Run:** Kristen Crabtree - 1<sup>st</sup> 2:40:43, Ivy Valenzuela - 3:04:82, Lucero Ortega - 2:54:56. **100 M Dash:** Whitney Reese - 15:1, Brenda Ibarra - 14:9. **400 Dash:** Jordan Confer - 82.4, Amanda Miller 95:6, Jessica Escamilla - 97.7. **200 Hurdles:** Darcy Rosales - 37:86, Lucero Ortega - 38:76, Jessica Escamilla - 42:06. **200 M Dash:** Whitney Reese - 33:96, G. Garay - 32:89, Eilly Ramirez - 33:97. **1200 M Run:** Ivy Valenzuela - 5:08, Yadira Rojas - 5:10, Lucero Ortega - 5<sup>th</sup> 4:46. **1600 M Relay:** 4<sup>th</sup> - 4:53:66, Darcy Rosales, Yesina Ibarra, Kelsey Stein, Kristen Crabtree. **800 M Relay:** 1<sup>st</sup> - 2:03:87, Brenda Ibarra, Kelsey Stein, Kristen Crabtree, Yesina Ibarra. **Shot Put:** April Peregrino - 1<sup>st</sup> - 31'9 1/2", Ashley Duschl - 24'9". **Discus:** Ashley Duschl - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 65'11". **Triple Jump:** Kristen Crabtree - 27', Yesina Ibarra - 27'3", Ivy Valenzuela - 27'1". **Long Jump:** Kristen Crabtree - 6<sup>th</sup> - 12'11", Darcy Rosales - 12'1". **High Jump:** Yesina Ibarra - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4'6".

Results not turned in at press time for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, J.V. Varsity boys and Varsity girls.



The NPGCD Weather Modification Program recognized Sherry Morris on March 2, 2004 for her service in providing continuous precipitation data to the program since its beginning. Presenting the Certificate of Appreciation is Christine Lopez, Project Meteorologist.

## Precipitation Observers Recognized

Five North Plains WeatherMod observers were recently recognized for their continuous recording of precipitation amounts throughout the year. These observers have been keeping records for the Weather Modification Program of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District since the program started in late 1000. Each of the observers provides valuable data that helps in determining ground truth for radar estimated precipitation, which is very important to the program. Receiving certificates of recognition were George Henry of Moore County, Sherry Morris of Sherman County, Randy & Janice McLain of Ochiltree County and Janet Tregellas of Lipscomb County.

Other observers provide rainfall data during the spring and summer months in conjunction with the more active part of cloud seeding operations. North Plains Groundwater Conservation District is always interested in expanding their network of

dedicated observers to help gather precipitation data across the District. Anyone in the eight county District, which includes Dallam, Hartley, Sherman, Moore, Hansford, northwestern Hutchinson, Ochiltree, and Lipscomb counties can help collect data. Persons living in the counties surrounding the NPWCD are also encouraged to participate in this endeavor. These counties would include Cimarron, Texas, Beaver, Harper, Ellis & Roger Mills counties in Oklahoma, Hemphill, Roberts, southeast Hutchinson, southeast Moore, north Carson, Potter, Oldham & southern Hartley counties in Texas and northeast Quay and southeast Union county of New Mexico.

Any type of rain gauge can be used to collect data, and rain gauges can also be obtained at the North Plains Water District office at 603 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Dumas. Observers can send in their monthly totals by postcard (provided postage-paid by NPWCD). Interested persons can contact Christine Lopez, NPED meteorologist, at 806-934-0299.

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Man is the only animal that laughs and weeps; for he is the only animal that is struck with the difference between what things are and what they ought to be.

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—William Hazlitt

## Cooking Ideas

(NAPS)—From underdone to over-cooked and everywhere in between, finding the right time and temperature for the right size bird or cut of meat can be a real test of a cook's skill and knowledge. Fortunately there's new technology winning praise from cooks for the way it helps them prepare a better bird—and more. Miele, the German appliance maker, has developed a line of fully programmable digital ovens specifically for the North American marketplace that makes cooking as simple as a few touches of a keypad. To learn more, visit [www.miele.com](http://www.miele.com) or call 1-888-346-4353.

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