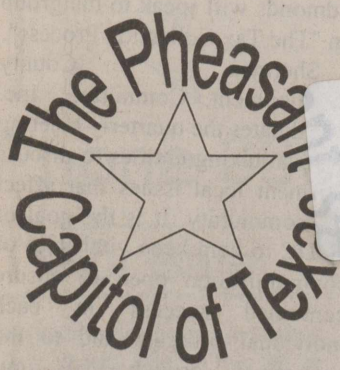


Because of Memorial Day,
 May 31, Deadline for the
 June 3rd, 2004 edition of The
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 May 28th at 12 noon



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SISD Education Foundation Awards Grant

Stratford Education Foundation awarded a grant on Friday, May 14, 2004. The grant will make the program "Have a Howling Good time with Hank" will be presented in the fall. John Erickson, author of the "Hank the Cowdog" series will be coming to Stratford for grades 3 through 7. Shown above are some of the Mary Allen Students with left to right Shannon Stewart, Shanda Davis, Nita Hudson, Kathy Riffe, Lugenia Carter, Dianna Hays, Kaci McBryde and Lynda Hauser.



Four Compete at State

Four Stratford High School students recently competed at State in different events. Jordan Taylor, left competed in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Ashton Robinson placed 4th in Informative Speaking, Deidre Tarver placed 5th in Discus, and Tyler Haynes placed 7th in Golf. CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS ON A GREAT JOB!!

Alzheimer's Support Group To Meet

Alzheimer's Support Group meets every third Wednesday of each month at Coldwater Manor at 4:00 p.m. in the Boardroom. Guest Speaker Roy Puente LSW, Regional Director Amarillo Alzheimer's.

You are invited to come and meet families who have loved ones with Alzheimer's. Come and support each other. Sponsored by Activity Director's JoAnn Cobos & Janice Vaughn.

Craft Classes At Scot Hall To be Given

Craft classes at Scot Hall May 25th at 5 p.m. "Come check it out"

Coldwater Manor Needs Your Donations

Coldwater Manor is having a big garage sale. If you any furniture to donate, please bring to nursing home.

Summer Food Service Program

The Stratford Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be provided at the Mary Allen Cafeteria. We will feed breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday from June 1st until June 30th. Breakfast will be from 8:10 a.m. until 8:25 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Summer Food Service program provides free meals to all children from age 1 to 18. These meals provide essential nutrients for active, growing kids.

To participate in the free meals program all kids have to do is show up at the above times. You don't need proof of income. You don't need proof of age. You don't need to register. You don't need meal tickets.

SORRY THIS PROGRAM IS FOR THE CHILDREN ONLY, ADULTS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE.

People who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or political belief. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. NOTE: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred only to the Director, Civil Rights Division, and Texas Department of Human Services.



Ashlee Glock



Ben Moore

Burke Bell Memorial Scholarships

First Ag Credit, FCS-Dalhart Credit Office recently awarded the Burke Bell Memorial Scholarship to Ashlee B. Glock of Stratford and Benjamin D. Moore of Dalhart. This is the eighteenth year this scholarship has been awarded to deserving graduating high school seniors in the amount of \$500.00 each. The award is named in honor of Burke Bell who served as manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Dalhart from 1960-1982. Applicants were selected from the Association's territory of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman and Moore counties.

Ms. Glock is the granddaughter of borrowers Buzz and Nell Summerour and plans to attend Texas A&M

Spirit Camp 2004 To Be Held June 7-10

Spirit Camp 2004 will be held June 7-10. Grades KG-6th grade (as of Fall 2004), 9:00 a.m. - 12:00.

Camp Fee \$30.00 - \$25.00 camp fee if pre-register by May 20, 2004. \$25.00 camp fee for 2nd child in family. \$20.00 camp fee for 2nd child in family if pre-registered. \$10.00 camp t-shirt. For more information, Call ViAnn Reed 366-3334.

Election Results

SISD Board of Trustee Election was held on Saturday, May 15, 2004. Results were: Jody Taylor -68 Greg Wright-76, Dewain Trailer-108 and Steve Hays 135.

Congratulations Dewain and Steve. Good luck!

University. Her major will be Business Administration and plans to pursue a career in marketing/communications. While attending Stratford High School she has participated in the National Honor Society, Gift and Talented, Drum Major, UIL, Pep Club and Varsity basketball manager.

Mr. Moore is the son of David and Vickie Moore and plans to attend Texas Tech University. His major will be Business and plans to pursue a career in the ministry. While attending Dalhart High School he has participated in student council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes President, National Honor Society President, football, Gift and Talented and Future Farmers of America.

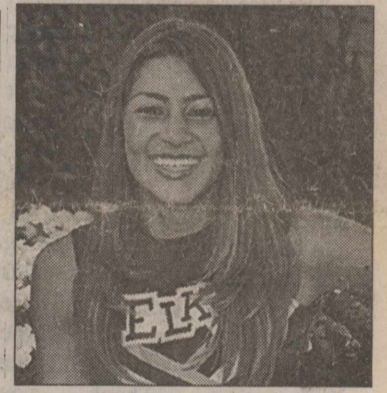
Cemetery Clean-up Saturday, May 15th

Saws, rakes and pitchforks were busy Saturday morning and yes, the wind was blowing. One trailer and one dump truck were loaded with tree limbs, faded flowers and tumbleweeds. The average age of workers in the morning was over 60. We may have been a little over zealous with the flower pick-up and we apologize. Some nice looking poinsettias were left even though they are a little out of season. The wind blew and more tumbleweeds are in the fencerows but we won't see Saturday's tumbleweeds again. Thank you to all the people who worked on their plots this month. Those that mowed and trimmed make everything look good. Be ready for the Memorial Day Service Monday, May 31, 9:30 a.m. gathering and 10:00 a.m. program.

XIT Rural Telephone Announces Scholarship Recipients



Twyla Young



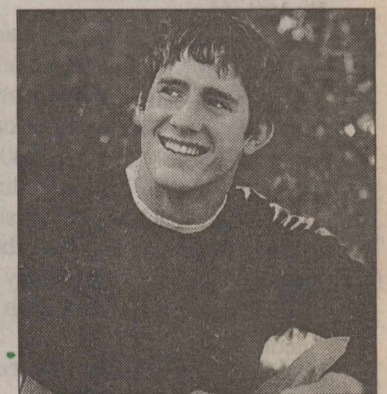
Heather Seiler



Ashlee Glock



Janae Hauser



Ben Moore

The recipients of this year's XIT Rural Educational Program were announced at the 53rd Annual Meeting of XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. on March 10, 2004. This is the fifth year for XIT to offer the scholarship program to high school seniors whose parents or guardians are members of the Cooperative. This program is funded from unclaimed patronage capital credit checks. Previously, XIT was required by the State of Texas to send all unclaimed funds to the State Comptroller's Office. However, changes in the law allow XIT to retain a portion of these unclaimed monies for its educational program. This year's recipients include: Ashlee Glock-Stratford High School; Janae Hauser-Textline High School; Ben Moore-Dalhart High School; Heather Seiler-Stratford High School, and Twyla Young-Stratford High School. Each student will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to be awarded in increments based on number of college semesters. Funds will be paid to the educational institution upon proof of the student's registration and acceptance.

Ashlee Glock is the eighteen-year-old granddaughter of Buzz and Nell Summerour. She will graduate May 21, 2004 from Stratford High School as Valedictorian of her class. Ashlee plans on attending Cornell University in New York to obtain a bachelor's degree in engineering or business.

Janae Hauser is the daughter of Lesley and Kokie Hauser. She is eighteen years old and will graduate from Textline High School on May 28, 2004. Janae plans on attending West Texas A&M University to obtain a bachelor and masters degree in Agriculture Education.

Depot Museum Spaghetti Dinner

The Depot Museum will have a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, May 23 from 11:30 to 1:30. At the County Barn. A free will donation. Everyone is welcomed.

This meal is being made possible by these generous businesses- Stratford Grain, First State Bank of Stratford, Stratford Feedyard, Dettle Feedyard, Lasley, and Sons Feedyard, Happy State Bank, A&I Parts, Duckwalls, Thriftway and XIT.

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

Special Fund for Tyron Evans Has Been Set Up

"A special account has been set up at the Happy State Bank in Stratford for Tyron Evans, son of Larry and Wanda Evans who was critically injured in an automobile accident this last week. If you would like to contribute to this account you can make your check payable to the Tyron Evans Fund or contact Cindy Cummings at the Happy State Bank in Stratford. The phone number is 806-366-BANK.

City of Stratford New Agenda Policy

Anyone wishing to have an item placed on the City Council Agenda must first fill out an agenda request form. This form may be obtained at City Hall located at 518 N. Third, Stratford, Texas. Forms must be completed and returned to City Hall at least one (1) week prior to Council Meeting. Meetings are generally held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Please call City Hall if you have any further questions regarding this policy at (806) 366-5581.

Name: _____
Company/Position: _____
Address: _____
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Meeting Date Requested: _____ Date Submitted: _____
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(exactly as it should appear on the agenda)

INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT:

Board of Council members { } Planning & Zoning { }

Any person or organization requesting a place on the Agenda must fill out this form completely and submit to the City Secretary no later than 5:00 p.m. one week before the meeting date requested. Once the Agenda is posted on the front door of City Hall, no further items will be added to the Agenda. Please contact the City Secretary for further assistance.

Note: The Board of Council members generally meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. The Planning and Zoning Commission is the same as the Board of Council members.

Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best.
—Henry Van Dyke

4-H Shooting Sports Meeting May 19th

The Sherman County 4-H Shooting Sports Club will meet Wednesday, May 19 at 4:00 p.m. at the Eric Taylor Memorial Park located near the Stratford School Band Hall. Refreshments will be served and during the business meeting 2004-2005 club officers will be elected. In addition, the club S nominees for Outstanding 4-H Leader, Business Friends of 4-H, and Friend of 4-H will be selected.

For more information, contact Cindy Russell or Susie Spurlock at the Sherman County Extension office, 366-2122.

4-H Record Book Training

4-H Program Awards Record Book Training will be conducted Wednesday, May 26 at the Sherman County Extension Office.

The morning training will begin at 9:30 a.m. for those who are interested in completing a 4-H Record Book for the first time. The training will focus on record book entry categories and why they are important, steps for completing a record book, and due dates. The training will conclude around 11:30 a.m.

The afternoon training will begin at 2:00 p.m. This training session will be designed for those who have experience in completing record books. Information presented will focus on updates for 2004 and time available for offering suggestions for improving a 4-H member's record book for competition.

Record books will be required for 4-H members interested in applying for the Gold Star Award.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock at 366-2122.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Several years ago I read a very short commentary about the public education in America. I laughed and very smugly thought to my self that will never happen in Stratford. "Just what was the comment," you ask. OK I'll share it with you.

The Teachers are afraid of the Principals.
The Principals are afraid of the Superintendents
The Superintendents are afraid of the School Boards
The School Boards are afraid of the Parents
The Parents are afraid of the children
So—who's running the schools?????

MariHoward Engelbrecht

Dear Readers,

While I encourage the interest in the Arts with the "Arts in the Area" and I appreciate the Stratford Star for accommodating the arts information, I continue to encourage financial support even if the money goes out of town. Stratford is not able to offer a lot in the area of entertainment other than sports. We don't have the facilities of enough committed talented people to develop a community theatre with music reviews or drama on a regular basis. I am thankful for the Guymon Community Theatre and Oklahoma Panhandle State University's Summer Drama Program, Dalhart Community LaRita Theatre and Amarillo's offerings. I encourage the participation in the Globe-News Performing Arts building and the educational programs they will be able to provide to the rural areas. While most of us cannot give big sums, season tickets and memberships are ways to provide support to Opera, Symphony, Theatre, Museum and etc. and to enjoy the arts with your presence.

My favorite quote. "The arts are the glue that holds society together". I believe it.

Gaynelle Riffe

Some dream of doing great things, while others stay awake and get on with it.
—Anonymous

TEEA Council Met May 11

TEEA Council met May 11 at the Extension Office following a luncheon/meeting of South Star Club. Susie Spurlock gave the program on slow cookery meals.

A \$250 cash certificate will soon be given to some lucky person making a \$1.00 donation or \$5.00 for six opportunities.

Jean Everett, chairman, reported on the recent District meeting which was attended by Reyna Everett, Deedee Dewees, Dortha Allen and she.

The next council meeting is Aug. 10.

The State meeting will be held Sept. 21-23 in Abilene.

Attending in addition to those already mentioned were Mary Lou Walden, Elizabeth Zimmer, Dorothy Dewees, Doris Dyess, Joyce Irlbeck, Marylou McDaniel.



Brenna Ellison

Ellison Named Valedictorian of DHS

Brenna Ellison has been named Valedictorian of Dumas High School this year. Brenna is the daughter of Ernie and Sheryl Ellison, and her grandparents are Donnie and Martha Ellison of Stratford and Judy McGowen of Dumas.

Brenna's cumulative GPA over four years is 101.5. She has been very involved in FFA and National Honor Society. Recently her Livestock Judging Team was named Texas FFA State Champions at Texas A&M. Brenna and her team will be competing at the National Contest in Louisville, KY, this October.

Upon graduation, Brenna plans to attend Abilene Christian University to pursue a degree in Agribusiness.

Chamber News

By Patty Tims

Graduating..

I know there are 40 graduating seniors this year, so that means there are 40 families looking forward to this Friday. I know that my family is one of the 40 preparing for graduation at the end of the week. I also know my son has worked hard to reach this goal. Sometimes it has been an uphill struggle, but other times it has been just plan fun. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers and staff of Stratford ISD for all of their hard work and dedication to help my son and each graduate, achieve this goal. My hat is off to you. In addition I would like to congratulate my son John (Bubba as we call him) and each senior graduating this year. Some of you I know well and others not at all, but you are each special people and have a lot to offer any community you live in. My hat is off to you as well. Good luck in any endeavor and may God Bless each and every one of you.

New Hours

Since I have completed the spring semester, the new office hours will be, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, 8-5 p.m.

Memorial Day

The Memorial Day celebration will be Monday, May 31, 2004, located at the Veterans Memorial just inside the cemetery gate. The program will begin at 10:00 and we ask that you bring your own lawn chair since there is limited seating. Refreshments will be served. Please come and share in this celebration.

Santa Fe Trail Daze

Cimarron County Chamber of Commerce will be having their Santa Fe Trail Daze on June 2-June 6. The Nu Epsilon Sorority will be hosting a parade and will be judged. 1st and 2nd place winners will receive cash awards of: 1st adult-\$50 as well as youth, 2nd adult-\$25 as well as youth. Several categories will receive a participation gift upon registration. If you are interested in participating in this parade, please call 1580-544-3262, or come by the office.

OPSU Graduates

2004 Oklahoma Panhandle State University graduates from Stratford include:

Chase Patrick Griffin-Bachelor of Business Administration-Computer Info. Sys.

Ree Marie Harrington-Associate of Science-General Studies

Jessica Lena Merry-Bachelor of Science in Biology.

ROUNDTABLE TO MEET

The ROUNDTABLE will meet Thursday, May 20, 2004 at the Imagination Station located at 202 N. Main Street and will begin at 7:00 AM. Teresa Edmonds will speak to the group on "The Tax Collection Process".

Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. coordinates the quarterly meeting of local taxing entities to discuss pertinent local issues that affect the community. It is the goal of SCDC to help keep vital lines of communication open to ensure continued success in each individual program and to the collective growth of our community.

The taxing entities that comprise the Roundtable are: Stratford Hospital District, Stratford Independent School District, Sherman County, and the City of Stratford. Others invited to participate are the Stratford Chamber of Commerce and High Ground of Texas. SCDC encourages the attendance of each taxing entity to include their board members, councilmen and commissioners.

The activity of happiness must occupy an entire lifetime; for one swallow does not a summer make.
—Aristotle

Obits

CHRISTINA JOHNSON

Hamlin—Christina Johnson, 83, died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, in Amarillo.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday in Hamlin Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Mrs. Johnson was born in McCaulley, to Oak and Annie Burnham. She married William Lewis Johnson in 1942 in the Hamlin area. She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Hamlin.

Her husband preceded her in death on Jan. 10, 2004.

Survivors include a daughter, Kay Mires and husband, Bill, of Stratford; a son, Keith Johnson of Hamlin; two grandchildren, Mandy Gomez and husband, Junior, and Do g Mires; and four great-grandchildren, Taylor, Kayla, Reese and Rowan.

The family suggests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176 0001.

Imagination Station News

The Imagination Station is taking a little rest after the busy spring with the two week "Lewis and Clark Exhibit"; Week of the Young Child; Computer Lab open 4 days a week and the Harrington Discovery Center Star Lab two days.

The Star Lab was presented to 5th and 3rd grades and a public showing funded by a grant from Xcel Energy. This exhibit cost \$200.00 a day for 2 days. Thank you Xcel.

The Don Harrington Discovery Center is cleaning out their storage and is giving the Imagination Station their discontinued exhibits. These exhibits will be used in the future to stimulate the Imagination. Thank you Harrington Discovery Center.

Watch for ABC Camp, Computer Camp, Drama Camp and Summer Arts.

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Ben Moore is the eighteen-year-old son of David and Vickie Moore. He will graduate on May 28, 2004 from Dalhart High School. Ben plans on attending Texas Tech University to obtain a business degree. He then plans on becoming a full-time worship leader.

Heather Seiler is the daughter of Don and Mayrene Aduddell. She is eighteen years old and will graduate from Stratford High School May 21, 2004. Heather plans on attending West Texas A&M University for her freshman year and then transfer to a larger University to study business administration or medicine.

Twyla Young is the eighteen-year-old daughter of Roy and Kay Young. She will graduate from Stratford High School May 21, 2004. Twyla plans on obtaining a degree in radiology from West Texas A&M University.

Using Laughter as Stratfords' Best Medicine

It has long been known that laughter is good medicine, but now comes the Laughter Club, the latest in stress-reduction therapy. Derived from yoga and supported by modern science, the Laughter Club is a place where you can go to laugh your stress away.

And now it is coming to Amarillo, thanks to Janice and JoAnn Vaughn and Cobos, are Activity Directors at Coldwater Manor Nursing Home, has completed training offered by the World Laughter Tour, Inc., to become a Certified Laughter Leader.

People in Laughter Clubs use a systematic method of chuckles, chortles, giggling and guffawing to reduce stress, prevent hardening of the attitudes and contribute to world peace. The laughter routine, designed to make anyone feel better, works without using jokes or comedy to stimulate the laughter. Vaughn and Cobos say, "There can be many sensitive issues around humor, such as people not getting jokes or being offended by them. So we skip jokes altogether. We laugh with each other, never at each other. At first the laughter exercise routines can seem a bit contrived, but soon peals of genuine happiness-and health-boosting laughter ring out and roll on."

A physician in India originated the laughter club idea in 1995. It was taken up in 1998 by American psychologist and self-proclaimed "Cheerleader of the Board," Steve Wilson, Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Kotara, from India, was the founder of Laughter Leaders.

There are now more than 1,500 Laughter Clubs around the world, and more than 700 Certified Laughter Leaders like Ward, Vaughn, and Cobos, who have completed the college-approved continuing education training, recognized by several professions (including Activity Directors).

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- May 6-23 "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" Musical
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
www.amarillolittletheatre.org
- May 18 Champions on Ice 7:30
Amarillo Civic Coliseum 952-831-2237
- June 3 "Texas Legacies" (TEXAS) Monday Through Saturday
Pioneer Amphitheatre, Palo Duro Canyon State Park
806-655-2181 1-877-58TEXAS www.epictexas.com
- June 9 Lone Star Rising
August 21 Lake Meredith, Borger CC 806-274-9050
- June 13 "Heavenly Country" (Sundays)
August 22 Pioneer Amphitheatre, Palo Duro Canyon State Park
- June 12 Broadway with Soul, Chana Smite
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- June 17-20 Youth Cowboy Poetry Gathering
Cal Farley's Boys Ranch
www.youthcowboypoetry.com or 800-687-3722

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PUBLIC AWARENESS NOTICE

This is a public notice is presented so that you can identify and recognize a pipeline. Since pipelines are buried underground, line markers are used to show the approximate location at numerous points along their routes. These markers list the name of the supplier and a telephone number where the representatives can be reached if digging will be started or if there is an emergency, such as a gas leak.

The markers do not provide information such as depth or number of pipelines, and they are placed NEAR the pipeline, but not necessarily on top of them. Therefore it is very important that you contact us before you start digging or if you recognize a gas leak.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO DIG NEAR OUR PIPELINES, PLEASE NOTIFY US AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE BY CALLING AMARILLO NATURAL GAS, INC. (806 352-5271 AND 1-800-DIG TESS (800-344-9377) TO AVOID DAMAGE TO UNDERGROUND UTILITIES AND FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY!



On Monday, May 17, 2004 B. A. Donelson took the Accelerated Readers Program Playday, students of Mary Allen School on Buggy Rides. Assisting B.A. was his black lab (as BA calls him Goofus).

4-H Parent/Leaders Meeting, Monday, May 24

Sherman County 4-H Parent/Leaders Association will be Monday, May 24 at 8:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Extension Office in Stratford.

Items of business to be discussed will include plan summer activities, annual Achievement Banquet, and Enrollment Night.

The organization is the booster club for the county 4-H program and all parents of 4-H members and volunteer leaders are invited to attend. For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 366-2122.

The Board of Trustees of Stratford Independent School District

Cordially invite you to attend a retirement reception honoring

Linda Young

Sunday, May 23, 2004

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Stratford High School Cafeteria

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

It's been a quiet week for most of Kerrick people. There has been some illness. Hopefully, all will get well this week.

Terry and Barbara Schoonover went to Folsom, NM. Sunday to visit with the Mike Schoonover family.

Bill & Pat Boren were in Ropesville over the weekend with Kelly, Kerry, Kevin & Kole Carlisle. They saw two Little League games played by Kevin. They won. The family will be moving to Abernathy in a couple of weeks. Kelly will be head girl's coach and Kerry will be teaching elementary special education.

Rowena Whittle, mother of Roy Harris, was surprised Mother's Day when her son Roy gave the sermon at her Nazarene Church in Higgins. Her daughter, Yolanda Doffer, was there to lead the music. Her husband Johnny is a Baptist minister at Enid, OK. Ciccy Harris was there, too.

The Harris' are getting ready to have a sale at the Community Center the weekend of June 5-6. Watch for ad in paper.

BROCCOLI-BACON PORTABELLA STUFFERS

- 3 cups broccoli florets (about 8 ounces)
- 4 slices bacon
- 8 small or 4 large (7 to 8 ounces each) portabella mushroom caps
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese (about 4 ounces)

In a medium-sized saucepan, over high heat, bring 1 quart salted water to a boil; reduce heat, add broccoli and simmer until crisp-tender, 3 to 4 minutes; drain. In a large 12-inch skillet, over medium heat, cook bacon until crisp, about 8 minutes; drain on paper towels. Drain excess bacon fat from skillet. Add mushrooms, gill side down, and cook over medium heat for 5 minutes. Remove skillet from heat; turn mushrooms. Sprinkle mushrooms with half of the cheese, dividing evenly; spoon broccoli on top; crumble bacon over broccoli; sprinkle with the remaining cheese. Return skillet to heat and continue to cook mushrooms, covered, just until tender and the cheese has melted, 4 to 5 minutes.

YIELD: 4 servings

To request a recipe leaflet, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Dieting with Mushrooms, 35 East 21 Street, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10010 or e-mail: L-N@mushroominfo.com.

The positive thinker sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible.
—Anonymous



Browne Presented Gift

Jamie Sims, Past Nu Beta Sorority- 2003 Girl of the Year presents a gift to Rhonda Browne, 2004 Girl of the Year.

Youth Cowboy Poetry Gathering June 17-20

Youth Cowboy Poetry Gathering at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch is free if charge to all youth. The gathering is open to youth of all ages interested in learning western heritage, cowboy values, creative writing and song writing. This educational event will include such well-known poets and musicians as Red Steagall, Michael Martin Murphey, R.W. Hampton and Wylie & the Wild West.

Free tickets for evening performances will be given to the youth participants upon registration. Evening headline shows are open to the public and tickets may be purchased in advance.

For more information visit website or contact Darci Johnson 806-372-2341 ext. 635 or 800-687-3722.

The good neighbor looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers.
—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Meil Named Outstanding Male Freshman

Levelland, TX-Nathan Meil from Stratford was named Outstanding Male Freshman Criminal Justice Student and to Who's Who at SPC Thursday (May 6) during South Plains College's annual Student Awards Assembly. The assembly honors students for outstanding achievement in college departments and for involvement in campus and community life, according to David Conner, dean of students.

Meil is the son of Douglas and Becky Meil. He is a member of the Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Club.

Tawny Cannon from Wolfforth, 19-year old education major at SPC, received the 2004 President's Student of the Year Award. Mr. and Miss SOS, elected a student body election, are Jared Masood and Olivia Lopez from Lubbock, representing the SPC Law Enforcement Club.

To keep a fire burning brightly there's one easy rule: Keep the logs together, near enough to keep warm and far enough apart for breathing room. Good fire, good marriage, same rule.
—Marnie Reed Crowel

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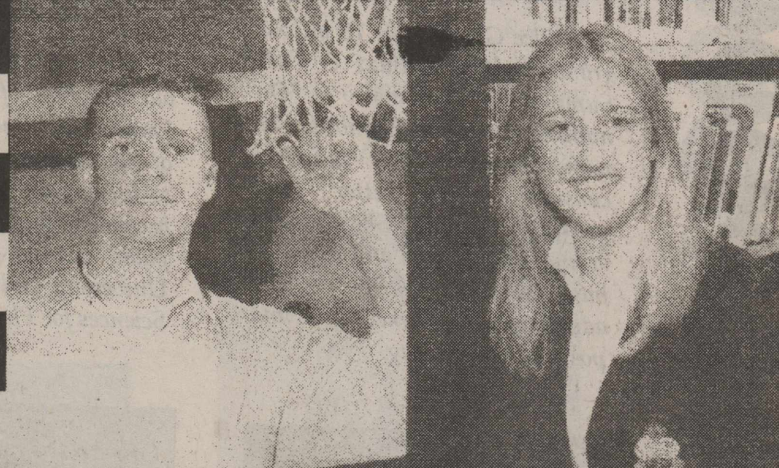
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San Marcos Baptist Academy is a private boarding school for boys in grades 6-12 and girls in grades 8-12. Day school is available for boys and girls in grades 6-12.



There will be an information session at the J.W. Marriott (5150 Westheimer, Houston) on Thursday, May 27, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. please come and learn about curriculum, campus life and admissions for the upcoming 2004-2005 school enrollment. PUBLIC INVITED!

2801 Ranch Road 12 . San Marcos, TX 78666 . 1-800-428-5120 . e-mail: admissions@smba.org . www.smba.org
San Marcos Baptist Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origins.

First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor

921 Fulton

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed

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

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

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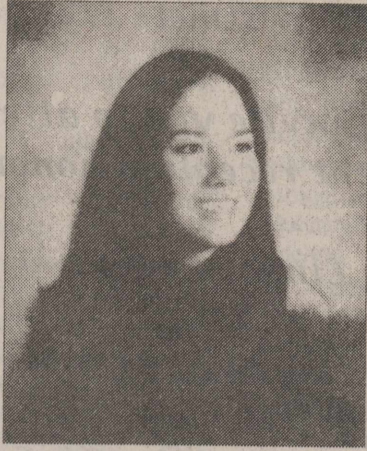
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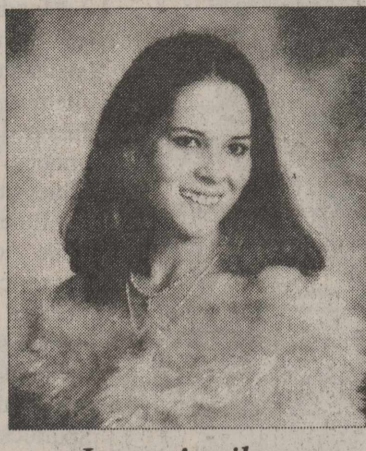
Ashlee Brie' Glock
Valedictorian

Ashlee Glock is the 18 yr. old granddaughter of Buzz & Nell Summerour. Her motto is "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourself"-Phil.2:3. She plans to attend Texas A&M and major in business administration/marketing and possibly engineering.



Amber Michelle Larance
Salutatorian

Amber Larance is the 18 yr. old daughter of W.R. & Cindy Larance. Her motto is "The roots of true achievement lie in the will to become the best that you can become."-Harold Taylor. She plans to attend Baylor University and major in Health Sciences for Physical Therapy.



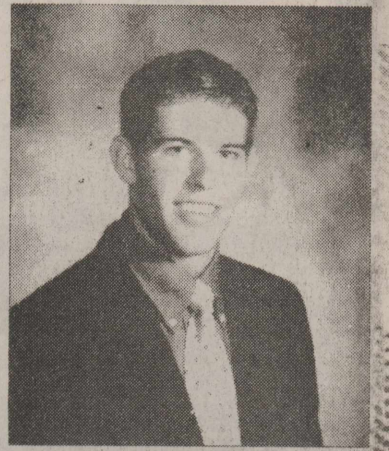
Juana Aguilar

Juana Aguilar is the 18 yr. old daughter of Ramiro and Angie Aguilar. Her motto is "Never underestimate the power of friends." She plans to take a year off and go to college.



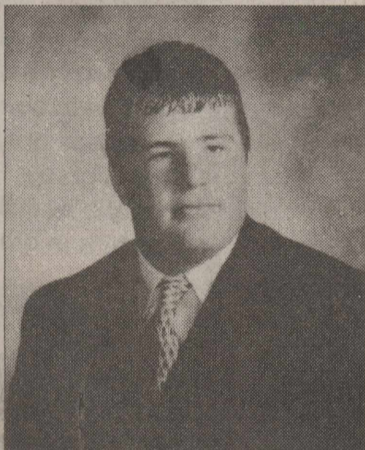
Erin Suzanne Ashley

Erin Ashley is the 18 yr. old daughter of Russell & Nan Ashley. Her motto "It's hard to beat up a person that never gives up."-Babe Ruth. She plans to attend Oklahoma State University and major in Health & Sciences.



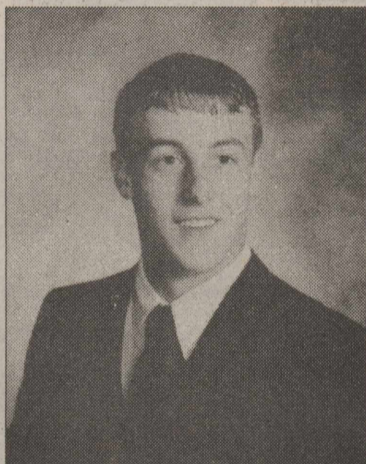
Jason Ashley

Jason Ashley is the 18 yr. old son of John & Suzanne Ashley. He plans to attend Northwestern Oklahoma State University.



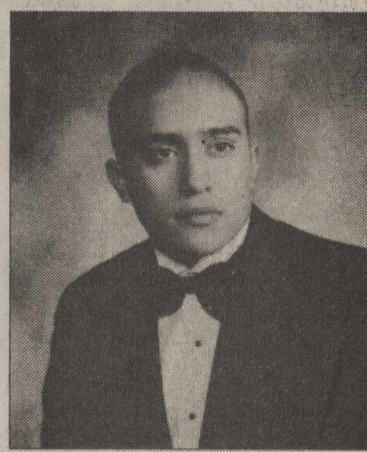
Brian Booth

Brian Booth is the 18 yr. old son of Mark & Renee Cavitt and the late Steve Booth. His motto is "Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great." He plans to attend South Plains College.



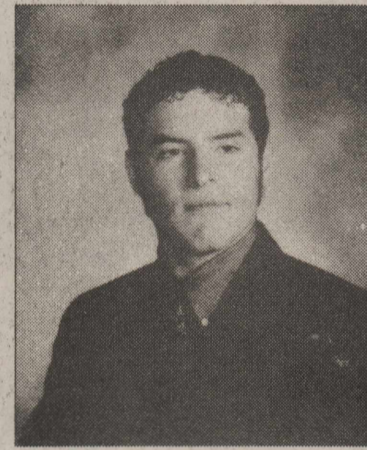
Carson Duncan Buckles

Carson Buckles is the 18 yr. old son of Scott & Dana Buckles. His motto is "If you want something done right, do it yourself." He plans to attend New Mexico Military Institute and major in mechanical engineering, design engineering.



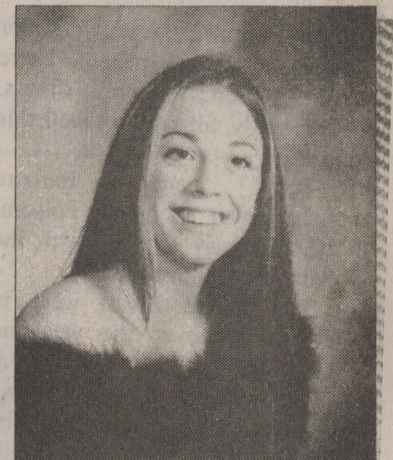
Jaime Casares

Jaime Casares is the 18 yr. old son of Jaime Casares and Eoa Casares.



Chance Crowl

Chance Crowl is the 18 yr. old son of Timothy Allen Crowl & Delinda Olivas. His motto is "I hated every minute of training, but I said, 'Don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life a champion.'" He plans to join the Marines.



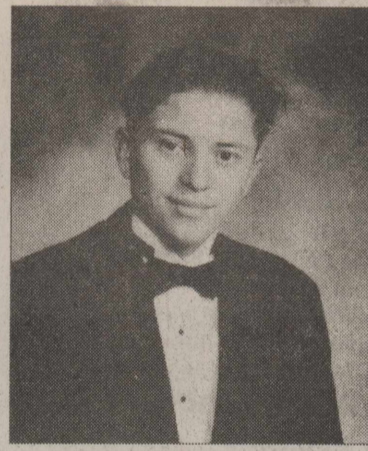
Miranda Lou Dickenson

Miranda Dickenson is the 17 yr. old daughter of Randy & Cindy Dickenson. Her motto is "Most of your problems will disappear if you don't get attached to them." She plans to attend West Texas A&M and major in Agriculture business/economics with a minor in Spanish.



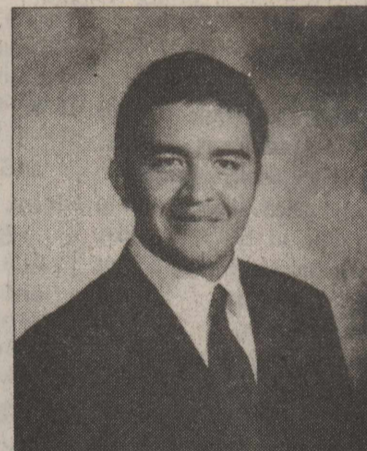
Nora Gomez

Nora Gomez is the 18 yr. old daughter of Carmen Gomez. Her motto is "Experience: the most brutal of teachers, but you learn, my God do you learn."-C.S. Lewis. She plans to go to college and work hard.



Edgar Guerra

Edgar Guerra is the 19 yr. old son of Rudolfo & Lorenza Guerra. He plans to work hard after graduation.



Adrian Jacquez

Adrian Jacquez is the 18 yr. old son of Yolanda Jacquez. His motto is "Get rich or die trying." He plans attend Amarillo College.



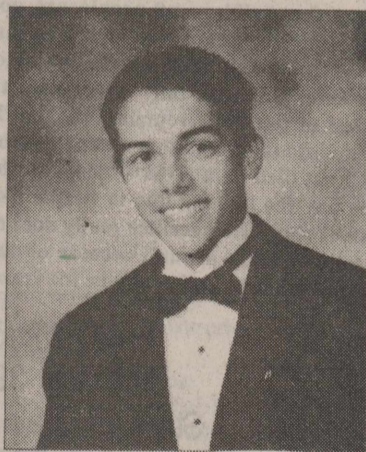
Carlos Jacquez

Carlos Jacquez is the 17 yr. old son of Jose & Margarita Morales and the late Rosa Jacquez. His motto is "The second you're born, you start to die, so live your life to the fullest." He plans to attend South Plains College and major in Pre-physical therapy and business.



Richard W. Jenkins, Jr.

Richard Jenkins is the 19 yr. old son of Rick & Lana Jenkins, and Dawn & Greg Tedder. His motto is "Don't eat yellow snow." His plan after graduation is more school.



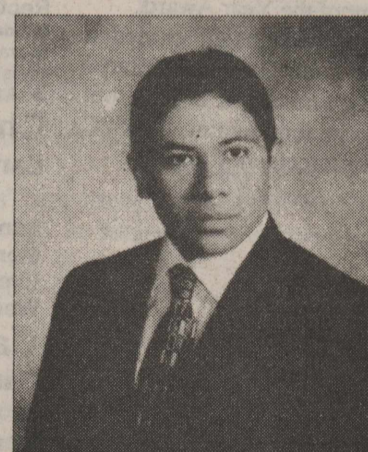
Brian Kimbrough

Brian Kimbrough is the 17 yr. old son of Tim & Carolyn Kimbrough. His motto is "The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up." His plans are undecided.



RoAnn Lopez

RoAnn Lopez is the 18 yr. old daughter of Ferman & Tina Lopez. Her motto is "Do others as you want to be done." Her plans are undecided.



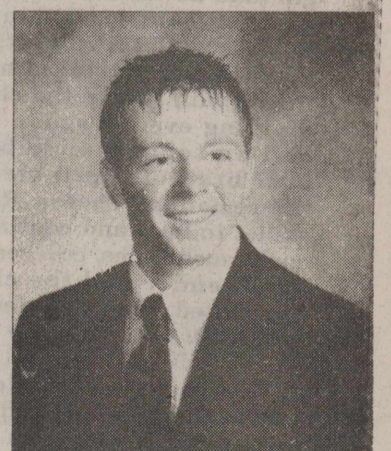
Manuel De Jesus Maldonado

Manuel Maldonado is the 17 yr. old son of Jose & Marylou Maldonado. His motto is "Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself." He plans to work the summer then go to auto mechanic school at Amarillo College.



Sade' Mann

Sade' Mann is the 18 yr. old daughter Larry & Wanda Evans. Her motto is "I'll Holla." She plans to go be with her brother after graduation and attend college in the fall.



Marcus McAlister

Marcus McAlister is the 17 yr. old son of Roy & Valerie McAlister. He plans to attend Universal Technical Institute.



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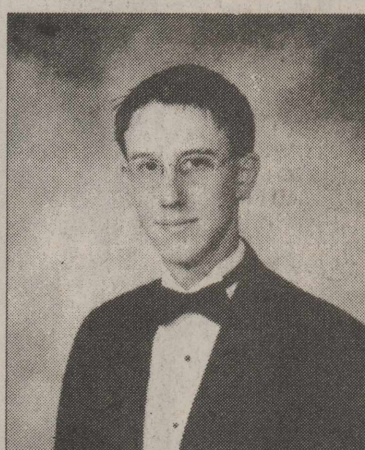
Briah McClellan

Briah McClellan is the 16 yr. old (17 on May 22) daughter of Brenda McClellan. Her motto is "We're all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars." She plans to attend the Art Institute of Colorado in Denver to major in visual effects & motion graphics.



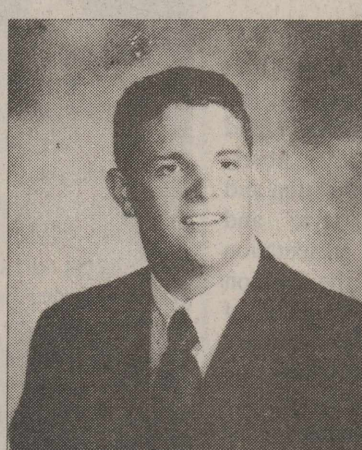
Audrey Lindsay Navarette

Audrey Navarette is the 18 yr. old daughter of Eddie & Janie Navarette. Her motto is "It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters in the end." She plans to attend Cosmetology school in Amarillo, Texas.



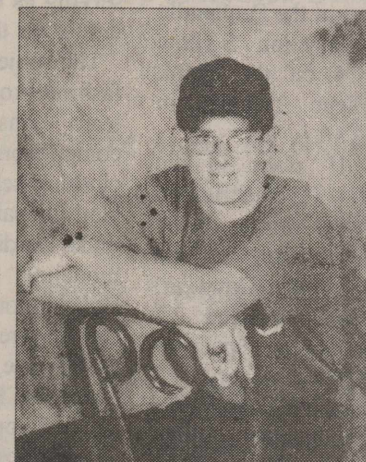
James Nusz

James Nusz is the 18 yr. old son of Glenn & Paula Nusz. His motto is "Road goes on forever & party never ends." He plans to attend South Plains College in Levelland and transfer to Texas Tech to obtain degree in Agribusiness and economics and animal science.



Brad Reed

Brad Reed is the 18 yr. old son of Don & ViAnn Reed. His motto is "There are four steps to accomplishment: Plan purposefully, Prepare prayerfully, Proceed Positively, Pursue persistently." He plans to attend South Plains College and major in Design Communications and then transfer to Texas Tech.



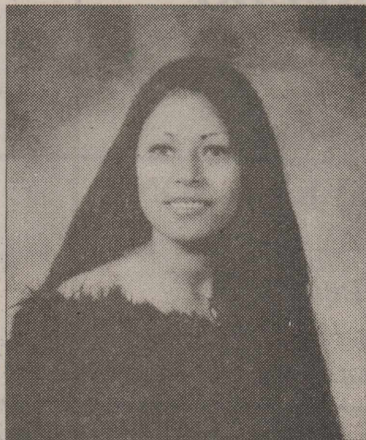
Jason Roberts

Jason Roberts is the 18 yr. old son of Jim & Belinda Roberts. His motto is "People too weak to follow their own dreams will find ways to discourage others." He plans to attend South Plains College.



Ashton Lanay Robinson

Ashton Lanay Robinson is the 17 yr. old daughter of Charles and Janay Ogston. Her motto is "In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity."-Albert Einstein. Her plans after graduation are marrying Craig Moore June 12th and attend University of North Texas in Denton and major in Speech language pathology and audio logy.



Norma P. Robles

Norma Robles is the 17 yr. old daughter of Alfonso & Norma Robles. Her motto is "Forget about the past & press on what is ahead!" She plans to work for a year and then go to college.



Myrna Yvette Ruiz

Myrna Ruiz is the 18 yr. old daughter of Miguel & Elva Ruiz. Her motto is "Don't put a period where God put a comma." She plans to attend West Texas A&M and major in business administration and then get her real estate license.



Heather Ann Seiler

Heather Seiler is the 18 yr. old daughter of Don & Mayrene Aduddell, and Michael Seiler. Her motto is "Think of shades of gray, act in black & white, & dream in color." She plans to attend West Texas A&M University.



Alisha Sladek

Alisha Sladek is the 18 yr. old daughter of Blake & Marie Sladek. Her motto is "Good, better, best. Never let it rest until your good is better and your better is best!" She plans to attend college in the fall and play basketball for the Lady Bulldogs at Clarendon College. She will be pursuing a degree in physical education and a minor in secondary history.



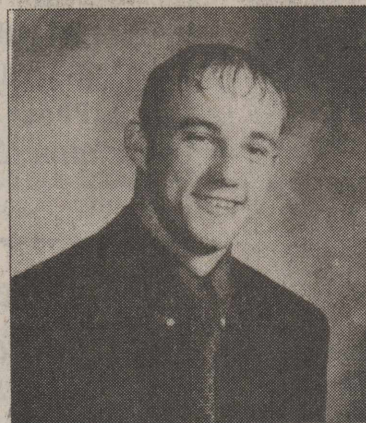
Shelli Smith

Shelli Smith is the 18 yr. old daughter of Jess Smith & Barbara Mathews. Her motto is "Do unto others as you want done to you." She plans to attend OPSU.



Melissa Tijerina

Melissa Tijerina is the 18 yr. old daughter of Ted & Irma Tijerina. Her motto is "Life's tough, get a helmet." She plans to attend college at West Texas A&M and major in nursing.



John Tims

John Tims is the 18 yr. old son of Patty Tims. He plans to work and start preparing for a kid.



William R. Walker

William Walker is the 18 yr. old son of William & Tiffany Chaffee. His motto is "I don't care how far, I can go the distance." His plans after graduation are to prepare for his mission, and military training.



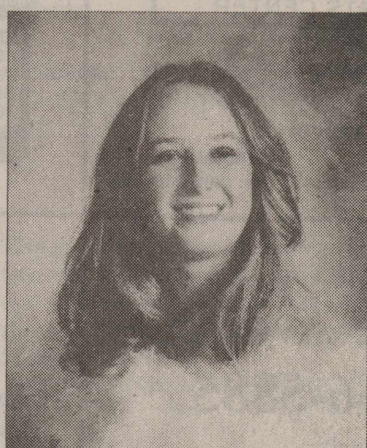
Kevin Bryant Walls

Kevin Walls is the 18 yr. old son of Ken & Paulette Walls. His motto is "Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest." He plans to attend West Texas A&M to become a web designer.



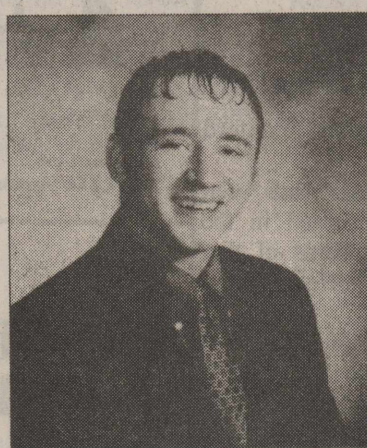
Stephanie Washburn

Stephanie Washburn is the 18 yr. old daughter of Leah Oakley & Mark Washburn. Her motto is "The best way to predict the future is to invent it." She plans to attend the University of North Texas and major in business.



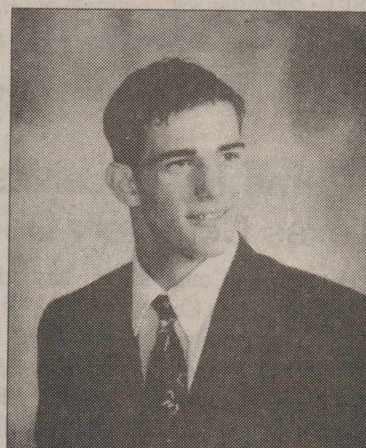
Tanya Whatley

Tanya Whatley is the 17 yr. old daughter of Keith and Gena Ray Whatley. Her motto is "You will never be happy if you continue to search for what happiness consists of. You will never live if you are looking for the meaning of life."-Albert Camus. She plans to go to South Plains College and major in pre-physical therapy.



Josh Williams

Josh Williams is the 18 yr. old son of Christine & Mike Williams. His motto is "Always remember that when you are kicked from the rear, it means you are in front."



Adam Witcher

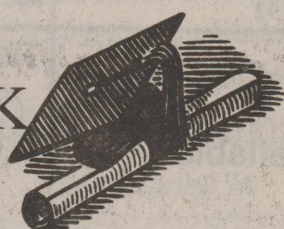
Adam Witcher is the 17 yr. old son of Jeff & Anna Witcher. His motto is "We shall be separated for a time and rejoined in a glorious reunion." He plans to attend Brigham Young University and major in pre-med or nursing. Then continue to medical school and enter the sports medicine field.



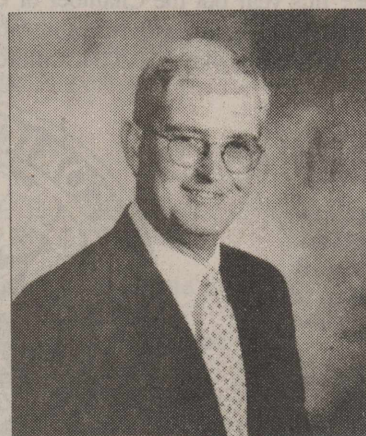
Twyla Young

Twyla Young is the 18 yr. old daughter of Roy & Kay Young. Her motto is "Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can somehow become great."-Mark Twain. She plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in accounting.

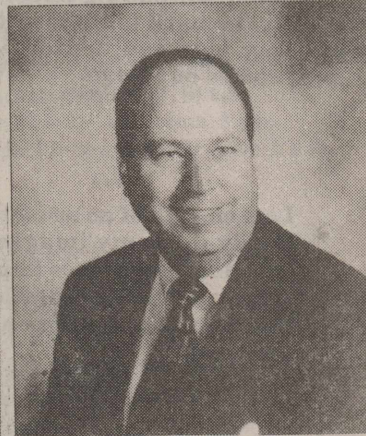
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4-H Members Win at Fashion Show

Eric Burton, Jennie Witcher, and Jennie Spurlock, were named winners at the Panhandle District 4-H Fashion Show held April 24 on the Frank Phillips College campus in Borger.

Eric took 1st place in the Intermediate construction Active Playwear while Jennie Witcher placed first in the Intermediate Dressy Daywear. Jennie Spurlock received 2nd place in Intermediate Specialty Wear construction category. Other Sherman County 4-H members participating in the district achievement were Rhyan Burton, Jr. Construction Specialtywear; Autumn Witcher, Jr. Construction Dressy Daywear; Sunny Russell, Intermediate Construction Casual Daywear, and Shiloh Dickenson, Senior Buying Dressy Daywear.

Mrs. Jean Everett assisted with the Fashion Show by serving as one of the volunteer judges for the event.

The objectives of the 4-H fashion project are for youth to learn consecution techniques, comparison shopping and clothing selection skills, fibers, clothing care, interpretation and understanding of style and modeling and presentation skills. Sponsors of the Fashion Show were Borger Chamber of Commerce, District 1 Texas Extension Education Clubs, and Texas Cooperative Extension.

Educational programs of the Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. The 4-H fashion show addresses Texas Cooperative Extension's goals of developing life skills and leadership qualities.

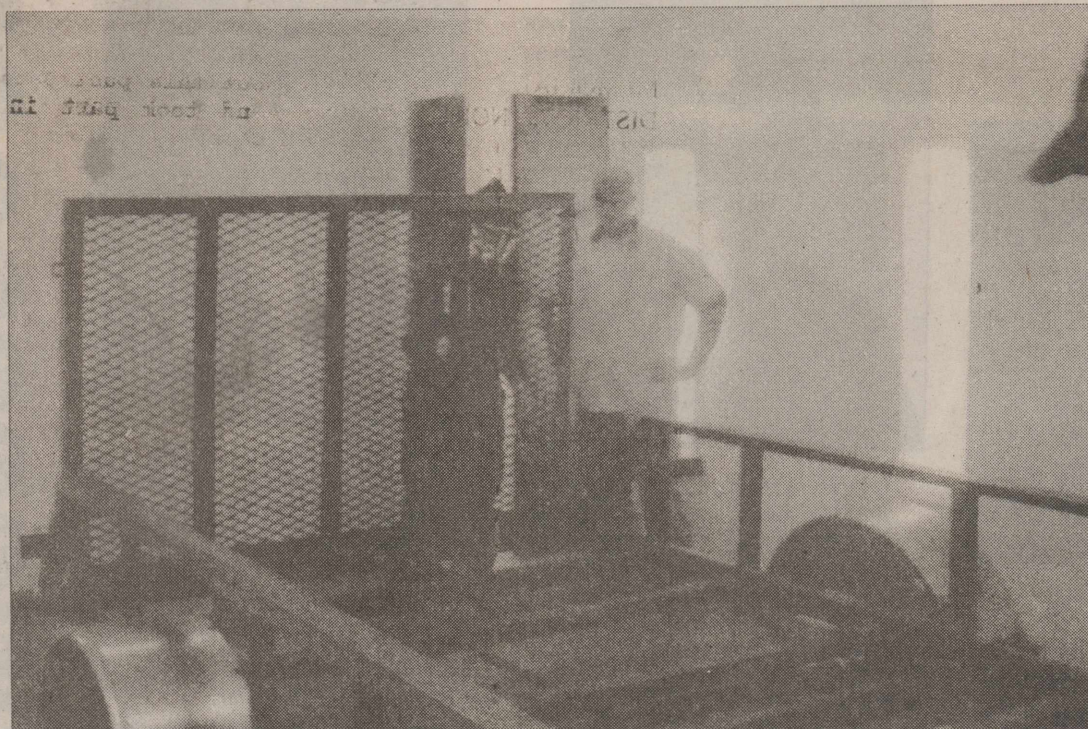


Sherman County 4-H members participating in the District 4-H Fashion Show were Autumn Witcher, Rhyan Burton, Shiloh Dickenson, Jennie Witcher, Jennie Spurlock,, Eric Burton and Sunny Russell.



Students Build Metal Fabrication For Reed Farms

Brad Reed, James Nusz, Marcus McAlister, and Case Crabtree with trailer that they built in Metal Fabrication for Reed Farms.



Ag Students Paint Trailer at C & D Body Shop

Ag students painting trailer at C&D Body Shop. Thanks to C&D Body Shop for the use of their paint facility and to Danny Davis for his help.

Stratford Cemetery Receives Historic Texas Cemetery Designation

The State Historical Commission has designated Stratford Cemetery as a Historic Texas Cemetery.

An affidavit of "Designation for Cemetery Purposes" has been issued to the Stratford Cemetery and has been recorded in the Sherman County Clerks Office of official public records of real property of Sherman County, Texas. The Stratford Cemetery will be listed in Texas Historical Cemetery Guide.

The first known grave in the Stratford Cemetery is either late 1900 or early 1901 and has been the final resting-place for 4 or 5 generations. Its boundaries are permanently marked and protected by a chain link fence and a secured gate from any encroachments from urban expansion, public highways, railroads and even livestock. The gravestones are a valuable tool for preserving ancestral genealogy and symbols of religious beliefs. The cemetery now has a sheltered brick structure to house a directory for all known grave sights and will be the center of Memorial Day programs and historical events.

The Cemetery Board will have the official dedication of the Historic Medallion on Memorial Day, May 31, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. The Memorial Day Ceremony will be missing the 4-H Horse Club this year but the Chamber of Commerce will continue the Memorial Day Program with refreshments at 9:30 and the program at 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 31, 2004. Limited seating, please bring a lawn chair.

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Prep Time: 10 minutes; Cook Time: 50 minutes; Makes 6 servings

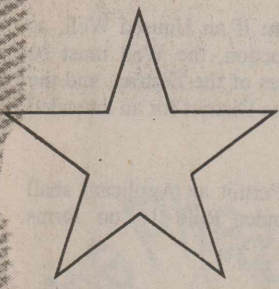
- 4 eggs
 - 1 1/2 cups milk
 - 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese (about 4 oz.)
 - 1 package (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
 - 1 package Knorr Recipe Classics Spring Vegetable Soup, Dip and Recipe Mix
 - 1 frozen deep-dish pie crust, 9" diameter
1. Preheat oven and baking sheet to 350°.
 2. In large bowl, with wire whisk, beat eggs slightly. Blend in milk, cheese, spinach and recipe mix. Pour into frozen pie crust.
 3. Bake on baking sheet 50 minutes or until knife inserted halfway between center and edge comes out clean.

I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.

—Albert Einstein



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For Sale: Our home at 619 S. Pearl (we're moving to the farm). 2572 sq. ft. living area, 3 b, 2 b, fireplace, heated tile floor in den & kitchen, 2 car garage, separate storage garage, extra lg. Lot 366-5829 or 753-7775.

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HOUSE FOR SALE: 602 N. MAPLE, BRICK, 2700 SQ. FT. LIVING, DBL GARAGE, 3 BATHS, \$80,000. CALL: 396-5946

For Sale: 3850 Sq. Ft. living area, 4 BR, 2 1/2 baths, basement, covered patio, 2 car garage, corner lot w/circle drive. 420 N. Chestnut. Call 806-396-2348.

House For Sale or Lease: Recently remodeled 2500 sq. ft. house. 3 bdrm, 2 baths. Call for more information. 244-2155 or 333-7120.

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House & Acreage for Sale by Owner. 2400 Sq. Ft. House, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. 14.9 acres. 40'x60' metal bldg, roping arena, 3 horse sheds, detached 2 car garage. Shown by appointment only. 806-966-5219, 806-679-8015.

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The important thing to recognize is that it takes a team, and the team ought to get credit for the wins and the losses. Successes have many fathers, failures have none.

—Philip Caldwell

You're not only rearing your own children, you are influencing future generations. Your influence will be felt in your larger family long after your name has been forgotten.

—Brenda Hunter

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SHERMAN

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 69TH Judicial District Court of SHERMAN County on the 3rd day of March, 2004 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of

TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS CARL K FISH AS ADMIN OF THE MARY LENA FISH ESTATE

Cause # 4486 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at TWO (2) O'CLOCK PM on the 1ST DAY OF JUNE, 2004 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said SHERMAN County, in the City of STRATFORD Texas, the following described property, to wit:

.002604 Royalty Interest in the Ownbey #1, Lease Number 11300, RRC #27689, located in Section 59, Block 3-B, GH&H Survey, Sherman County, Texas

Levied on the 5th day of April, 2004 as the property of MARY LENA FISH AND/OR CARL K FISH

to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$599.03, representing delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney's fees through the date of judgment, plus all costs of court, costs of sale, and post judgment penalties and interest recoverable by law in favor of TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXHOMA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT, NORTH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT AND SHERMAN COUNTY.

ALL BIDDERS MUST COMPLY WITH SECTION 34.015 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 14th day of April, 2004.

Jack Haile, Sheriff, Sherman County, Texas.

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STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE

The Stratford Independent School District is accepting requests for proposals for the following items:

- Gasoline
- Oil
- Maintenance Supplies
- Custodial Supplies
- Athletic Supplies
- Band Supplies

The proposals are for the period of September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005. The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., June 9, 2004. Any request for proposal after this date will not be accepted. The proposal may be mailed to Stratford I.S.D., P.O. Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, faxed to 806-366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendent Office at 503 N. 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened June 9, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. Specifications may be obtained from the Superintendent's office. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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Cards of Thanks

We would like to thank all the folks who came out this past Saturday and took part in the Cemetery Clean Up. There were a lot of volunteers that came out and took part-not just in cleaning their own plots, but helping with the general clean-up. The cemetery is looking good and community should take a measure of pride in its' outstanding appearance. Thanks again.

The City of Stratford
The Stratford Cemetery Board

Pet of the Week



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

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

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

Eating Smart When Dining Out—On The Menu: Nutrition Information

(NAPS)—Diners in the United States spend a billion dollars a day eating out—and they also spend billions to lose weight. With an estimated one-third of our daily calories coming from restaurant food, more and more people are looking for healthier choices on the menu. And now the special order of the day from consumers is getting nutrition information about menu items as well.

Consumers watching their waistlines are not the only ones calling for this. Nutritionists say that knowing what you are eating gives you more diet control and helps improve eating habits. It does the most good if the food value information is right next to the menu item, according to nutritional expert Carol Ann Rinzler, author of Nutrition for Dummies. "You seldom order a meal without knowing the cost of the entree, percent of Ruby Tuesday guests surveyed noticed the change, and it should work the same way for nutritional content. Knowing food values before you order helps you avoid putting temptation on your plate."

Providing the Tools for Healthy Eating
Restaurant web sites sometimes provide nutrition data, and some fast food chains display posters or keep reference material available upon request, but only the restaurant industry to volunteer a casual dining chain, Ruby Tuesday, provides nutritional information on the menu for every leading health officials have been available at the point advocating industry-wide standards regarding nutrition information on restaurant menus, bills pending in the Senate and House would take this one step further with the creation of new legislation requiring nutrition information in restaurants. With nearly half of all Americans currently making an effort to control their weight through dieting and other means, these changes would help people make healthier choices when eating out.



When dining out, people are hungry for nutritional information. At some restaurants, it's on the menu.

tion on total calories, carbohydrates, total fat and dietary fiber are listed on the menu next to the item so that consumers can make informed choices. And consumers have responded positively—83 percent of Ruby Tuesday guests surveyed noticed the change, and it should work the same way for nutritional content. Knowing food values before you order helps you avoid putting temptation on your plate."

Revolutionizing the Restaurant Industry
Recently, the FDA's Obesity Working Group, led by Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, released its strategy for reducing the incidence of obesity in America and encouraged restaurants to offer nutrition information at the point of sale. While information on the menu for every leading health officials have been available at the point advocating industry-wide standards regarding nutrition information on restaurant menus, bills pending in the Senate and House would take this one step further with the creation of new legislation requiring nutrition information in restaurants. With nearly half of all Americans currently making an effort to control their weight through dieting and other means, these changes would help people make healthier choices when eating out.

Making Smarter Choices Now
While the vast majority of restaurants do not yet offer nutrition information, some, including Ruby Tuesday, have added more low-fat and low-carb choices to their menus to accommodate a variety of healthy eating plans. Additionally, there are several ways that consumers can eat healthier when dining out in restaurants where nutrition information or healthy options are not available. Dr. Ann Kulze, a nationally recognized health and wellness expert, offers this tip to help dieting diners:

"It is possible to stay within your diet plan when eating out by choosing dishes that are naturally lower in fat and calories, such as lean meat and vegetables. Restaurants with salad bars are good choices for a meal with plenty of fresh fruits and veggies. And always stay away from the bread basket."

For more information about eating well while dining out, visit: www.rubytuesday.com.

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North Plains Groundwater Conservation Districts notice of Public Hearing on Repeal

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of Current Rules & Adoption of Proposed Rules

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS.

The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District ("District") will conduct a public hearing concerning the District's intent to repeal its existing rules ("Current Rules") and its intent to adopt proposed rules ("Proposed Rules").

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide interested members of the public the opportunity to appear and provide oral or written comments to the District related to the repeal of the Current Rules and the adoption of the District's Proposed Rules.

Date, Time, and Place of hearing.

The date, time and place of the public hearing is as follows:

Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2004
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Moore County Community Center
16th and Maddox Streets
Dumas, Texas 79029

Procedures for Submitting Public Comments on Proposed Rules

A. Oral Comments

Any person may appear in person, or by authorized representative, at the public hearing on the Proposed Rules and the repeal of the Current Rules. Any person making an appearance must indicate their desire to make oral comments on the registration form provided by the District at the public hearing. A person must disclose any affiliation on the registration form and if applicable, the legal authority to speak for a person represented. Any other person attending the public hearing will be considered by the District to be an observer not desiring to make comment on the Proposed Rules or the repeal of the Current Rules. The District will not consider any comments of an observer in its rulemaking proceedings.

All persons must indicate on the registration form whether their comments are generally directed to all of the Proposed Rules or whether they are directed at specific number Rules. If directed at specific Rules, the number of the Proposed Rules must be identified on the registration form. If it becomes apparent during the oral comments that what were indicated to be merely general comments are, in fact, specific comments, the presiding officer may ask the person to specifically identify the Proposed Rules to which the oral comments are directed.

The presiding officer will establish the order of oral comments of persons at the hearing. As appropriate, the presiding officer may limit:

- the number of times a person may speak;
- the time period for oral comments;
- cumulative, irrelevant, or unduly repetitious comments;
- general comments that are so vague, undeveloped, or immaterial as to be impracticable for the District to ascertain the intent or purpose of the person making the general oral comments and that are otherwise unhelpful to the District in analyzing the Proposed Rules;
- other matters that come to the attention of the presiding officer as requiring limitation.

B. Written Comments:

- Written comments on the Proposed Rules and the repeal of the Current Rules must be filed with the District by mail or hand-delivery at the District's office at 603 East First Street, P.O. Box 795, Dumas, Texas 79029-0795. All written comments must be filed with the District and date-stamped no later than **Monday, May 17, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. Central Daylight Savings Time.**
- Written comments should be filed on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper and be typed or legibly written. Written comments must indicate whether the comments are general and directed at all of the Proposed Rules, or whether they are directed at specific Proposed Rules. If directed at specific Rules, the number of the Proposed Rules must be identified and followed by the comments on the specifically identified Proposed Rule.

C. Response to Comments:

Please note that while the District Board and staff will consider both oral and written comments, the staff may not prepare written responses to these comments for review and consideration by the Board of Directors of the District when it deliberates on whether to adopt the Proposed Rules and repeal the Current Rules.

Procedure for Obtaining the Proposed Rules

Copies of the Proposed Rules may be obtained from the District by:

- telephoning 1 (806) 935-6401;
- e-mailing a request to the District at
- visiting the offices of the District at 603 East First Street, Dumas, Texas 79029-0795; or,
- visiting the District's website at

Opportunity to Attend the Board Meeting at which the Proposed Rules May be Adopted.

The meeting of the District's Board of Directors to consider the repeal of the Current Rules and the adoption of the Proposed Rules will be immediately following the public hearing.

Summary of the Proposed Rules

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED RULES OF NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The following Summary highlights many of the changes to the District rules. However, a person should read the actual proposed rules to gain a better understanding of the individual highlights included in this Summary.

CHAPTER 2- Classification, Spacing Density, Production, Metering, Reporting, Transportation, Acceptable Decline Rate and Strategic Conservation Area:

Rule 2-Classification: Wells will be subject to the following classifications and spacing based on actual production capacity of the Well. All Wells will be classified according to actual production capacity in gallons per minute (GPM) under normal operating conditions. If a proposed Well is of the same or larger classification as the nearest existing Well, or Authorized Well Site, the proposed Well shall be located according to its pumping capacity and spaced away from the nearest Well and Property line as follows:

| Pumping Capacity of Proposed Well (GPM) | Classification of Proposed Well | Minimum Distance From Nearest Well or Authorized Well Site | Minimum Distance from Property Line |
|---|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 18 - 100 GPM | A | 150 Yards | 75 Yards |
| 101 - 400 GPM | B | 250 Yards | 125 Yards |
| 401 - 800 GPM | C | 400 Yards | 200 Yards |
| 801 GPM and above | D | 500 Yards | 250 Yards |

Rule 2-Property Line Spacing Easement: A new Well may be spaced less than the minimum distance from the Property line of a "Property Line Spacing Easement" is filed in accordance with Rule 18.

Rule 2-Well Density: The maximum Well density shall be no greater than:

- One (1) Well for each eighty (80) acres of Water rights under common Ownership within the Property.
- For a Property of less than eighty (80) acres of Water Rights under separate Ownership, a single Well (other than a Domestic or Exempt Well) may be drilled.

- The Property shall be assigned an Allowable Production Permit
- The maximum pumping capacity of the Well may be no greater than four (4) Gallons Per minute (GPM) per acre
- The Well shall be equipped with a District approved flow meter
- The Owner shall report Annual production from the Property

RULE 2-Production Provisions:

- The maximum pumping capacity for a Property shall not exceed four (4) gallons per minute (GPM) per acre
- After an Allowable Production Permit has been issued for a Property greater than eighty (80) acres, the Property is not limited by the four (4) gallons per minute (GPM) per acre production provisions that:

- The total production for the Property is metered; and
- The total production for the Property is reported.

RULE 3-Allowable Production Permits: Allowable Production Permits shall be issued based on District Assigned Saturated thickness, acres of Water Rights within the Property and the then effective Acceptable Decline Rate. Regardless of the calculation, the amount of Annual Production shall be limited as follows:

- The Allowable Production limit calculated for the Property, of
- A maximum of two (2) acre-feet per acre for the Property if the Allowable Production limit calculated is greater than two (2) acre-feet per acre, or
- A minimum of one (1) acre-foot per acre for the Property if the Allowable Production limit calculated is less than one (1) acre-foot per acre.

A Person's right to continue to produce a Well or Wells under this Rule is dependent upon maintaining the Ownership of contiguous Water Rights sufficient to support the Well Density for the Property, produce the volume of Groundwater specified in the Allowable Production Permit and other Rules of the District. A Conveyance of any portion of the Water Rights could result in non-compliance with Rules of the District. The District shall be notified about any Conveyance or reservation of Water Rights separate from the surface of the Property and shall be provided a copy of the recorded document of conveyance or reservation.

Rule 3-Well Metering: After the effective date of these Rules, Property Owners and/or Water Right Owners (Owners) are required to have an Allowable Production Permit, and will be required to install meters on all new Wells, with the exception of a Domestic Well and an Exempt Well, and report Annual Water meter readings to the District. After January 1, 2012 all Wells are required to have meters and report production in accordance with these Rules.

Rule 3-Meters: All new Wells drilled, and Wells drilled between October 14, 2003 and the effective date of these Rules, or existing Wells re-worked to increase production after the effective date of these Rules, will be required to install a meter approved by the District. Meters are to be installed on all other Wells on a per quarter Section Per Year basis as follows:

- On or before January 1, 2009 Wells located in northwest quarter section,
- On or before January 1, 2010 Wells located in northeast quarter section
- On or before January 2011 Wells located in southwest quarter Section, and
- On or before January 1, 2012 Wells located in southeast quarter Section.

Rule 3-Annual Production Reports: All Owners of wells required to have meters installed after the effective date of these Rules shall report total Annual Production for each Property. Well Owners who install meters in accordance with the provisions of the Rules shall report production as follows:

- During January 2010 report total production from Wells located in the northwest quarter of each Section;
- During January 2011 report total production from Wells located in the northeast quarter of each section;
- During January 2012 report total production from Wells located in the northwest quarter of each Section; and,
- During January 2013 report total production from each property.

Rule 4-Acceptable Decline Rate: The Acceptable Decline Rate shall be set by the Board. The first Acceptable Decline Rate was set by the Board and became effective January 1, 1997. The Acceptable Decline Rate that will be in effect on the effective date of these Rules is one and one quarter percent (1 1/4%) per year. The Board may not change the Acceptable Decline Rate for a period of five (5) years after the Rate has been set, unless required to do so by certain conditions as defined in the Rules.

Rule 5-Strategic Conservation Area: If the District staff determines by using Groundwater information collected, that an area or areas are exceeding the Acceptable Decline Rate, or the Allowable Production Rate, the staff shall so inform the Board and certain procedures may be implemented by the District as follows:

- Increase the Allowable Production Permits, but under no circumstance shall production exceed two (2) acre-feet per acre Per Year;
- Reduce Allowable Production Permits to not less than one (1) acre-foot Per Year;
- Limit the number of new Wells that may be drilled;
- Make no change whatsoever.

Rule 6-Permit or Well Registration Required: All Wells must be registered with the District, or have a Test Hold Permit, an Allowable Production Permit and/or a Well Permit issued by the District. No Person shall hereafter drill a Well, or increase the size of a Well, or Well pump, without having first registered the Well or applied to the District and received a Permit to do so, unless the drilling and operation of the Well is exempt by law or by these rules. A copy of an approved Domestic Well Registration, Test Hole Permit, or Well Permit shall be displayed on the drilling rig at all times during which the rig is on the Property for the purpose of drilling a well.

Rule 9-Time During Which a Permit Shall Remain Valid: Allowable Production Permit: An Allowable Production Permit shall remain valid from the date the Permit is approved by the Board and may be amended by request from the Owner, or will be revised if a new Acceptable Decline Rate becomes effective under Rule 4, Acceptable Decline Rate.

- The Acceptable Decline Rate is effective for a five- (5) year period of time as provided in Rule 4.
- An Allowable Production Permit is valid for the five- (5) year term of the Acceptable Decline Rate. An initial Allowable Production Permit will be issued for the remaining term of the then effective Acceptable Decline Rate.
- The Owner may request an amendment to the Acceptable Decline Rate. If justified under the circumstances, the Board may grant such amendment.

Rule 12-Replacing, Reworking, Re-equipping a Well or Returning an Unused Well into Production: No Person shall rework, re-drill or re-equip a Well to increase the rate of production from such Well without first applying to the District and being granted the required Permits from the Board.

- Replacement Well:** A replacement Well, in order to be considered as such, must be drilled within fifty (50) Yards of the old Well and not elsewhere.
- Reworking or Re-equipping a Well:** The size or actual pumping capacity of a Well shall not be changed to a larger capacity to increase the rate of production of a Well above the maximum pumping capacity for which the Well was permitted without the Owner having been granted a Permit, or an amendment to the existing Permit, and having an

Allowable Production Permit from the District.
C. Returning an Unused Well into Production: If an Unused Well, as defined by these Rules, is returned to production, the Well must be brought into compliance with the current Rules of the District, and the Owner or operator shall make application to the District for an amended Permit for the Well.

Rule 16-Export Permit: To receive an Export Permit an Applicant shall provide information to the District required under Rule 16 on forms prescribed by the District.

Rule 16-Export of Water from District: The amount of Water to be exported Annually shall be subject to the production limitations of Rule 3.

Rule 16-Export Fees: A fee shall be charged for Water produced within the District and exported to an area outside of the boundaries of the District.

A. The Annual fee shall be:

- A fee negotiated between the District and the Person owning the export facility, or
- A rate equivalent to the District's tax rate per hundred dollars of valuation multiplied by each thousand gallons of Water exported out of the District. The rate will be adjusted each year based on the adopted tax rate of the District for the previous year.

Rule 17-Pooling: Two or more separate but contiguous parcels or real Property and/or Groundwater under common Ownership may be consolidated, combined, and pooled to form a pooled Groundwater unit. The most distant diagonal corners of the pooled unit must not be more than 15,000 feet apart and must contain no more than 1,600 acres.

Rule 18-Property Line Spacing Easement: A Property Owner may grant permission to an adjacent Property Owner to drill and operate a Well within a distance less than the required Property line spacing distance set forth in Rule 2.

Rule 19-Banking: A person may earn credit through underproduction of an assigned Allowable Production amount from the four preceding years or borrow from the next calendar year.

Chapter 7-Notice and Hearings: The District will conduct three general types of hearings:

- Hearings on applications for exception to the District's Rules
- Hearings involving contested matters in which the rights, duties, or privileges of a Person are determined after an opportunity for an adjudicative hearing
- Rulemaking hearings involving matters of general applicability that implement, interpret, or prescribe the law, or that describe the procedure or practice requirements of the District; and,
- Any matter designated for hearing before the Board may be referred by the Board for hearing before a Hearings Examiner.

Chapter 8-Enforcement:

Rule 29-Enforcement of Rules: All Rules duly adopted, promulgated and published by this District shall be enforced as provided under Chapter 36, Texas Water Code as now, or hereafter amended. The District may enforce this Section and its Rules by injunction, mandatory injunction, or other appropriate remedy in a court of competent jurisdiction. The Board may set reasonable civil penalties for breach of any Rule of the District that shall not exceed the limitations set forth in Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code.

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