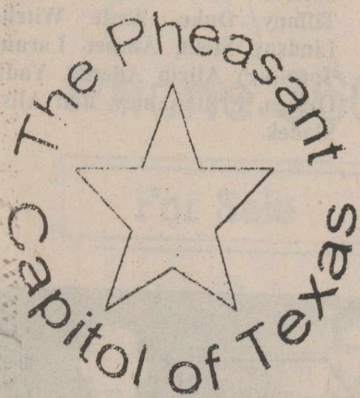


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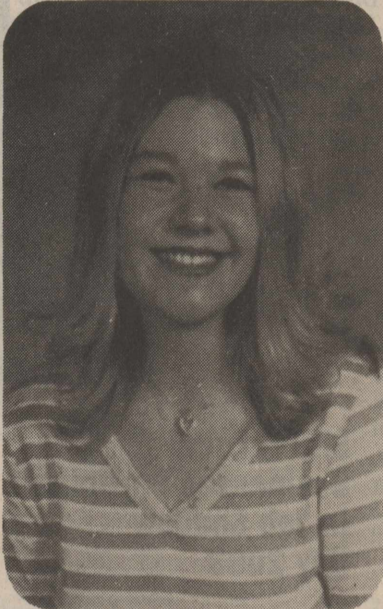
Dinner Theater-Friday, March 7th

The Stratford High School drama department will have a dinner theater on Friday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. It will be at the Mary Allen Cafeteria. The tickets are \$19.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students. The meal will be ham, potato casserole, green beans, salad, rolls and strawberry shortcake.

The play to be performed is "Cinderella in Lorland". The cast is Cinderella: Jayme Wilhelm, Prince: Brian Booth, King: Dylan Everett, Queen: Maira Argomaniz, Jester: Chance Lowery, Ashes the Cat: Cheyenne Ziemann, Stepmother: Alicia Renzleman, Tillebel: Heather

Robertson, Gladiola: Tiffany Duke and Princess Gold: Allison Baskin. The crew are Matthew Taliaferro, Corey Rendon, Katelyn Reed, and April Kautz. The understudies are Stephanie Washburn, Nora Gomez, Jesse Daniels, and Stacy Hays. Terri Teig will direct the play. Proceeds from the dinner will go for scholarships for high school students to attend area theater and drama camps.

For tickets see a cast or crew member. Tickets will also be available at the business office. For more information call 366-3330.



Tiffany Rachel Knight

First State Bank of Happy Opens New Offices & adds Brannon, Reinart, Crabtree & Colls

President & CEO of First State Bank Happy, J. Pat Hickman, announced the opening of offices in Stratford, Dumas and Dalhart, TX. The Stratford office opened in September 2002, the Dumas mortgage loan production office opened in November 2002. The bank has sought approval with banking regulators for a full-service branch in Dalhart, and projects the office to open within the next 30 days.

Rick Reinart is the president of the Stratford office. Reinart has 17 yrs. experience having worked for First State Bank of Stratford. He is a graduate of West Texas A&M University (formerly West Texas State University) with a B.S. in Agricultural Business, Canyon, TX. He has also attended Texas Tech Intermediate School of Banking, Lubbock, TX, Southwestern Graduate School of Banking, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX and Graduate School of Bank Management at the University of Texas in Austin, TX. Rick volunteers his time with many industry and community groups and currently serves on the Board of the American Banker Association Ag Division.

Doak Crabtree is the senior vice president in the Stratford office. Crabtree has 17 yrs. experience having worked for banks in Dallas and Stratford. He is a graduate of Southern Methodist University with a B.B.A. in Accounting and Finance in Dallas, TX. He also attended Southwest Graduate School of Banking in Dallas and Texas Tech Intermediate School of Banking, Lubbock, TX. Crabtree has also been involved in many community organizations and currently serves as president of the Stratford Lions Club.

Cathy Colls is the mortgage loan officer in the Dumas office. Colls has 19 yrs. experience banking specializing in real estate mortgage lending having worked for other banks in Texas and Wyoming. She returned to Texas in May 2000.

Truett Brannon will be the president in the Dalhart office. Brannon has 31 yrs. of experience having worked for banks in Margaret Reed and Larry Drake Dumas and Dalhart. He is a graduate of West Texas A&M University (formerly West Texas State University), Canyon, TX with a double major in Business and Government. Brannon has been active in various community organizations and is currently serving his second term on the Dalhart ISD Board of Trustees.

Raffle Tickets To Be Drawn Friday

Raffle tickets for the Down Under Bowl sets will be drawn out on Friday the 7th.

Open House Set For New Business

The Community is invited to an open house for *The Red Door*. This is the new salon located on Main Street. The new business owner is Tiffany Hudson. The celebration will be Thursday morning (10-12:00 noon), March 6. Make plans to come by and visit this new business in Stratford.

Spaghetti Dinner March 23rd

A Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Museum Board will be on March 23rd. Watch the paper for further details.

Edmond Wins Big At San Angelo Stock Show

Jacob Edmond, a Sherman County 4-H Member, exhibited his Crossbred barrow to a first place position at the San Angelo Livestock Show on February 19-22, 2003. Jacob earned a position in the Jr. Sale. Chance Walker, another Sherman County 4-H Member, exhibited two barrows in the livestock show. Congratulations to both exhibitors on a job well done!

Ex-Student Reunion News

Ex-Student Classes ending in a '3 ('33,'43,'53,'63,'73,'83,'93) will make plans for the Ex-Student Reunion to be held in August. Class representatives are asked to revise mailing list.

Meeting will be Monday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Imagination Station. President Dario Garza, Treasurer - Donita Robertson, and Correspondence Gaynelle Riffe.

Women's Day of Prayer

Women's Day of Prayer will be Friday, March 7, 2003 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Noon. Please bring a salad and enjoy a salad luncheon and prayer.

Study Club To Meet March 5

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club meets Wed. March 5, 4:30 p.m. at Sherman County Library. Richie Brotherton will give the Conservation program.

Michelle Lutes is Conservation Coordinator.

Cowboy Church Meets Wednesdays

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

Knight Dies In Rollover; Bench Is Injured

Tiffany Rachel Knight died Saturday, March 1, in a one-vehicle rollover about 6 p.m. Katy Michelle Bench, 15, also of Stratford, a passenger, is in Northwest Texas Hospital in Critical Condition in Amarillo.

The wreck occurred on east-bound Farm-to-Market Road 1573, about 14 miles north-east of Cactus. Knight, who was driving a 2001 Oldsmobile sedan, went off the road and then overcorrected, causing the car to roll three times, the DPS report said.

Services were held on Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Stratford, Texas. with the Rev. Mark Metzger, officiating.

Tiffany was born September 6, 1986 in Dumas, Texas. She was a sophomore student at Stratford High School.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Stratford, Texas. She was involved in Basketball, 4-H, Band, Pep Club. She was a lifetime Stratford resident.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Don Ray Knight in 1994.

Survivors include her parents: Daron and Keri Knight of Stratford and one brother: Jonathan Knight of Stratford. Grandparents Deryll and Karen Perrin of Stratford and Jeanie Boggs of Gunter, Texas. Numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorials may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 411 S. Fillmore, Amarillo, Texas 79101.

REMINDER: The Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation Stewardship/Awards Banquet is March 25, 2003. Call 396-5517 ext. 101 for reservations.

Hospital District To Hold Election

Stratford Hospital District will conduct an election on May 3, 2003 for the purpose of election two directors. The terms of Margaret Reed and Larry Drake will expire this year. Shannon Taliaferro, Ron Brooks, and Ineta Chesher will continue as directors for another year.

Anyone interested in serving, as a hospital district director is encouraged to file an application for name to be placed on the ballot at Stratford Hospital District administrative office located at Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX. Applications may be filed from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, from February 17, 2003 through March 19, 2003.



Job Shadow Day Held

Twenty-seven Senior Students participated in the 4th Annual Job Shadow Day on Tuesday, February 25th. See story on page 2.

XIT Rural Telephone to Celebrate 52nd Annual Membership Meeting... Theme: "Building For the Future"

The XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has scheduled its 52nd Annual Membership Meeting of its rural landline telephone members for Wednesday, March 12th. Building for the Future" will be the theme for this year's meeting. General Manager, Jimmy R. White stated, "The theme is very appropriate for this year's meeting. The Cooperative is in the process of an extensive upgrade in its rural service area, which will allow XIT to offer high-speed data access, or DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) service, to virtually all of XIT's rural members." White went on to say that DSL service will allow in Internet connection speed up to 350 kbps. This is compared to the maximum speed of 56 kbps on a dial-up connection. White said that by placing more fiber cable and locating more electronic equipment in the field that XIT is "Building for the Future." He added, "As technology improves, we are in a more positive position to bring new services to our members in the future."

The meeting will be held this year at the People's Church Family Life Center across from the Rita Blanca Lake Coliseum. Rural landline members' and invited guests' registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed with a luncheon catered by Bar H Steak House from Dalhart, Texas. The menu will consist of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, and hot rolls. A delicious chocolate cake with fudge sauce will be served for dessert. This year, members and invited guests will again be treated to a sit-down dinner served by XIT's management and employees. Serving will begin at 11:45 a.m.

Patronage capital credit checks will be handed out to members as they register. This refund will include 67% of the 1994 allocation. The checks will be given to qualifying members upon registration at the annual meeting. Checks can only be given to the actual member or the authorized voting delegate for a business. A member does not have to be

present at this meeting to receive this refund. All checks, not given in person, will be mailed shortly after the meeting.

The recipients of the 2003 XIT Rural Telephone Educational Program will be recognized. This is the fourth year that XIT has offered this program to five rural members' graduating seniors. This year's winners are: Brandi French, Texline High School; Austin Bridwell, Texhoma High School; Rebecca Valles, Texline High School; Denton Higgins, Texline High School; and Chris Albert, Texline High School. Past recipients include: Rebecca Fields, Texline High School; Andra French, Texline High School; Torri Howell, Texline High School; Megan Roberts, Stratford High School; Brent Wilhelm, Stratford High School; Carmen Avila, Texline High School; Melody Eads, Texline High School; Krista Poling, Texline High School; Brandon Smith, Texline High School; Rebecca

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Look Who's Retiring!!

Paul Craig graduated nursing school in May of 1964. He has worked as D.O.N. in Nacogdoches, Timberland, and North Place then onto Tyler in 1989. From there he moved to Jacksonville and Fort Worth, TX was his next stop. There he worked as a D.O.N. for three years before moving to Texhoma. Paul moved to the farm in Texhoma in 1994 to care for his mother. In August of 1995, Paul settled into his house on Wall Street and has been there ever since. In July of 1994 he began working as the Director of Nurses at Coldwater Manor Nursing Home. He has taken his job as the D.O.N. very seriously. His main focus throughout the years has been to have the best possible care for each resident. Just spend a few minutes talking with him and you will realize how much he cares about each and everyone of them.

On Sunday, March 9, 2003 from 2-4 p.m., the staff and residents at Coldwater Manor Nursing Home invite you to join them in saying "good-bye" to Paul. He will be retiring on March 14th. For many, it will be a hard good-bye; but knowing that he'll still be in Stratford is reassuring. We all know where he'll be spending most of his time-in his gardens. We wish him a "happy and healthy" retirement. Thank you Paul Craig for your humor, your love for each resident and the color you have added to CWM. It won't be the same without you!!

Solid Waste/Trash Service

As many of you will notice the trash container in your alley is changing. At the February 13, 2003 Council meeting, the city council awarded Rural Waste Management (RWM), of Optima, OK, the solid waste proposal. After March 3, 2003 please use the dark brown container, should you still have a blue container in your alley. The blue dumpsters, belonging to BFI, will soon if not already be removed. Should you have a complaint regarding your dumpster or service please call City Hall at (806) 366-5581. RWM has made several maps with the location of each dumpster, the dumpsters will be numbered on the MAP; therefore, allowing City Hall to verify with RWM the problem location and also allowing RWM to remedy the problem in a timely manner. At this time, there will be no change in the monthly cost of solid waste/trash service provided to you by the City.

In order to keep our alleys free of trash, I ask that you please bag your trash before placing in the dumpsters.

Once again, I appreciate your patience. Please feel free to give me a call or stop by City Hall should you have any questions. Thank you.

Wayland Brown
City Administrator

Crimestoppers Update!!

On February 21, 2003 between eight and twelve in the morning, person or persons unknown burglarized two vehicles at the Stratford School and one was burglarized at the Texhoma Oklahoma School.

Sherman County Crimestoppers needs your help with these felonies. Please remember that the Crimestoppers telephone number, 366-TIPS, goes to an answering machine to protect your identity. You must leave a call back number and code name so that we can contact you. If you need to contact a person call the Sheriff's Office at 366-5551.

If you have any information regarding the persons responsible for the above listed crime or any other felony crimes please contact Sherman Co. Crimestoppers answering machine 806-366-TIPS (8477), the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office. Crimestoppers will pay up to \$1,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons involved.

PCS Has Received Energy Crisis Money

Panhandle Community Services has received energy crisis money to help pay gas or electric bill if you heat with electricity. These bills must be your February billing, that you receive in March.

Please call 244-5240 or 244-2743 for more information.



All-District Academic Boys Basketball from left: Josh King, Tyler Haynes, Dylan Everett, and Matthew Taliaferro.



Shown at left: Girls All-District Academic Basketball bottom (l-r) Allison Baskin, Tiffany Duke, Amie Witcher, Lindsay Stein, Amber Larence. Top (l-r) Alicia Adams, Yadira Ortega, Erin Ashley, and Alisha Sladek.



Shown at right: Boys All-District Basketball from left: Josh King - 2nd Team, Jason Ashley - MVP, Tyler Haynes - 2nd Team, Chris Ortega - 1st Team, and Matthew Taliaferro - Honorable Mention.

Don't let your sorrow come higher than your knees.
—Swedish proverb

Trustees Attend Governance/Legal Seminar

Joe Reinart, Ricky Reed, Ronna Riffe, Gareed McBryde and Jim Taliaferro, superintendent of Stratford ISD joined local trustees and administrators from across the state at the Texas Association of School Boards' (TASB) Winter Governance and Legal Seminar February 20-22 in Corpus Christi.

The seminar offered practical continuing education for new and experienced trustees, including an update on education finance and other key issues facing local districts in the 78th Texas Legislature. Participants also explore such topics as the board's role in student discipline, superintendent performance goals and evaluations, employee compensation systems, student instruction and assessment, and ramifications of the No Child Left Behind Act for the state's public schools.

Richard M. Haynes, professor of education leadership and director of field experiences at Western Carolina University, was

Friday's general session speaker. In his presentation, *World-Class Schools for Texas: It Can Be Done!*, he outlined specific steps trustees can take to lead the nation in school performance. Haynes continued his discussion on Saturday, when he took an in-depth look at what the world's most successful school systems do differently from the United States and suggested ways to improve American students' performance on international tests.

In-depth sessions focused on strategic planning, team problem solving and decision making, effective facilitation skills, and basics of accountability, school law, and district budget and finance.

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

Trustee Election

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 3, 2003. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so from February 17 through March 19, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. You may apply at the Superintendent's Office, 503 N. 8th Street, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

School will be closed for Spring Break March 12 through March 14, 2003, and candidate applications may be filed at The Sherman County Public Library with Sandy Baskin. Hours are as follows: Wednesday-Thursday 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Friday-Closed, Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Wednesday, April 16, 2003 and continue through April 29, 2003. 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 Max Christian, Ronna Riffe, and Gareed McBryde. Holdover members are Joe Reinart, Ricky Reed, Steve Johnson and Ted Allen.

SHS & Local Businesses Participate In Job Shadow Day 2003

Stratford's First State Bank coordinated its 4th annual Job Shadow Day on Tuesday, February 25. Twenty-seven Senior Students got a glimpse into the real world by watching professionals in action as part of the America's Promise Job Shadow Day.

Job Shadowing is an academically motivating activity designed to give kids an up-close look at the world of work and to answer the question, "Why do I have to learn this?" Students "shadow" workplace mentors as they go through a normal day on the job. The students get to see firsthand how the skills learned in school relate to the workplace.

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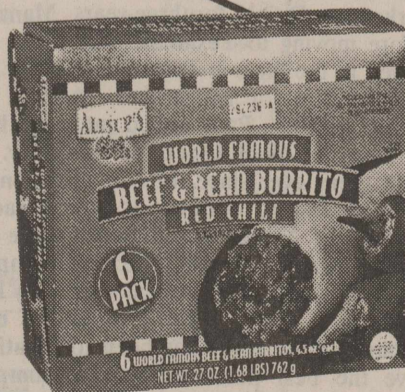


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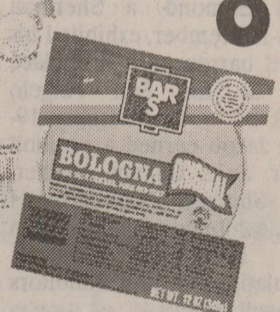


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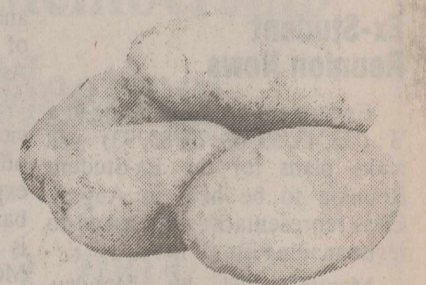
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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Mark your calendar! There will be Sunday dinner at the Community Center on March 16. Note: that's NOT this Sunday. So far it's a no-host affair. Come prepared to help.

Kerrick sympathy to the family of Tiffany Knight. Prayers are given for Katie Bench. She is the niece of Pam & Doug Taylor who now live in Waco.

Nita Taylor saw her two doctors Feb. 25 and her surgeon release her. Incidentally, her surgeon's picture was in Sunday's Amarillo papers. It shows her throwing Mardi Gras beads out of a car window.

Former resident Rex Darnell was in the Special Occasions column recently as his family wished him a happy birthday. He is the son of the late Pauline Harbour.

Shelby McDaniel, Stratford, spent the weekend with her grandmother, Jo June McDaniel. Saturday night they were supper guests of Betty Fry in Texhoma, then Sunday dinner guests of Whison & Jean McDaniel in Dumas long with other family members.

Attending SCOT Thursday were Ted & Joyce Irlbeck and Jo June McDaniel.

Kerrick Community will host the March Coldwater Manor Birthday Party on March 11.

Chandra Hawkins is playing basketball with Little Dribblers. Spending the weekend with her was Amanda Keener of Amarillo.

Scot News

By Jack Gore

New members are joining SCOT new activities, more people are getting involved in all aspects of SCOT if you are not one of them, then come and see what is happening. Bingo at 7 p.m. this Thursday, March 6th.

Computer classes are going great.

Written in 1814, *The Star Spangled Banner* did not become the national anthem of the U.S. until 1931.

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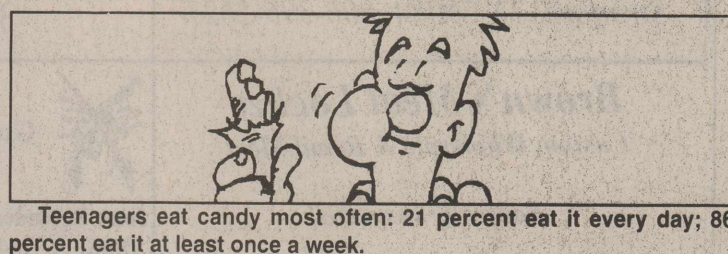
Mika Willborn and Adam Bell exchanged wedding vows in a double ring ceremony on Saturday, December 21, 2002. The Reverend James Willborn, grandfather of the bride and pastor of First United Methodist Church of Idalou, officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Barney and Sherry Willborn of Stratford and Lori Willborn of the Fritch. Her grandparents are Rev. James and Carlene Willborn of Idalou and Bobby and Nancy Flick of Kress. Adam is the son of Billy and Jeanne Bell of Stratford. His grandparents are Geneva Bell of Stratford, Alvin Paul Engelbrecht and Peggy Estes, and Al and Doreen Hambrick, all of Amarillo.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a long sleeve satin gown featuring a bodice embellished with Schifflin lace and hand sewn pearls framing the sweetheart neckline. The full skirt and chapel train were edged with scalloped lace cutouts accented with pearls. Her satin-edged fingertip veil fell from a pearl and rhinestone tiara accented with ivory rosebuds. The veil was created by Brenda Brownlee of Stratford, friend of the groom's family. The bride wore a pearl necklace with matching earrings borrowed from the groom's aunt, Natalie Munson of Edmond, Oklahoma.

Musical selections were presented by Gail Hunsaker of Stratford, organist and Keila Wesley of Tulia, aunt of the bride, vocalist. A reception was held in the church parlor and fellowship hall. Servers were Mandi Haynes of Lubbock, sister of the groom, Lori Wilhelm, Lara Shafer, Carly Mathews and Candra Holland, all of Stratford.

Adam and Mika are both 2002 graduates of Stratford High School. They are both currently attending Panhandle State University in Goodwell, OK. The couple are now residing at 915 N. Maple in Stratford.



Teenagers eat candy most often: 21 percent eat it every day; 86 percent eat it at least once a week.

City of Stratford To Hold Election

City of Stratford will hold an election Saturday, May 3, 2003 to fill three places on the ballot. Those terms expiring are George Harding, Blake Confer, and Joe Zak. Anyone wishing to file for a place on the ballot may sign up at City Hall, 518 N. Third, Stratford, between the hours of 8:00-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Last day to file for a place on the ballot is March 19, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. Early voting begins April 16, 2003 between the hours as listed above. For further information contact City Hall at (806) 366-5581.



The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "strengths."

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Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Bob Sweeten
5th & Main

Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
No Sunday Evening Worship

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

St. Joseph Catholic

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.
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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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Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

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702 N. 3rd

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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Illumination Without The Bible

When you first pick up the Bible, it seems like a jumble. There is poetry and history. There are little proverbs and long essays in the form of letters. And so many subjects are covered. It's all very confusing. Is there any system or pattern behind what is written in the Bible? Yes there is. The first thing to realize is that the author of the Bible is God Himself. And "God is not a God of confusion" (1 Corinthians 14:33). He has not given us a book which is a mass of confused letters and poems. God also says, "Let all things be done properly and in an orderly manner" (1 Corinthians 14:40). As a result there is order in the Bible. There is not confusion. And so, when you study the Bible, you see that God has a plan for the world. And part of God's plan involves the conflict between man and that fallen angel called the devil. But God's plan also involves the work of His Son. Before His Son entered the world, God's angel said, "You shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). The Bible also says that Jesus partook of flesh and blood "that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives" (Hebrews 2:14-15). Yes, there is a system of truth taught in the Bible. It is God's plan for salvation. It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16), and so you need to read and study the Bible. You need to understand the teachings of the Bible. It tells you God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ.

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To better serve our customers...

Scot Talk

By Mary Hill



Mr. T tickling the ivories at SCOT Hall.



Computer Gurus at SCOT Hall--Betty McMillian, Margie Pilch, Jo June McDaniel, Lynn Wells, SCOT president.

Once again, SCOT had a wonderful luncheon last Thursday. The food was excellent, tables festively decorated--and the program was super! Some of us could have listened all afternoon--but you know--some people have things to do! Shannon Taliaferro, Joyce McBryde, Barbara Dettle, and Sue Hudson sang songs of World War II vintage, with Jim Taliaferro at the piano. We thank you folks very much. Also, by shaking the mystery persons hand, Marcelle Sutton and Gladys Arnold won a bit of gold. Bess Stone won a free meal at SCOT for next time. So, it was all a lot of fun. Jody Taylor was our guest photographer.

SCOT is still inviting new members, so if anyone is interested, we would welcome you. Membership is growing some now, as we do have a few new members. We're still wanting more!

The computer classes on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. are going great, with about 10 students participating. These classes are open to everyone, and free, so anyone who is interested, come in and sign up.

Regular activities at SCOT include ceramics or carats (or whatever you want to do) on MWF afternoons; exercise MWF at 4:30 p.m.; Bingo, first and third Thursdays at 7 p.m.; dance is fourth Saturday at 8 p.m.; birthday party is third Thursday at two p.m.; and noon luncheon is on fourth Thursdays. And, there is a pool room which hasn't been used much recently. You guys need to start meeting and shooting--pool or the breeze. Either one is good pastime.

We hope for big news in the future, as our board is thinking of some new things to try. We'll keep in touch.



The birthstone for March is the aquamarine or bloodstone; its flower is the violet.

XIT

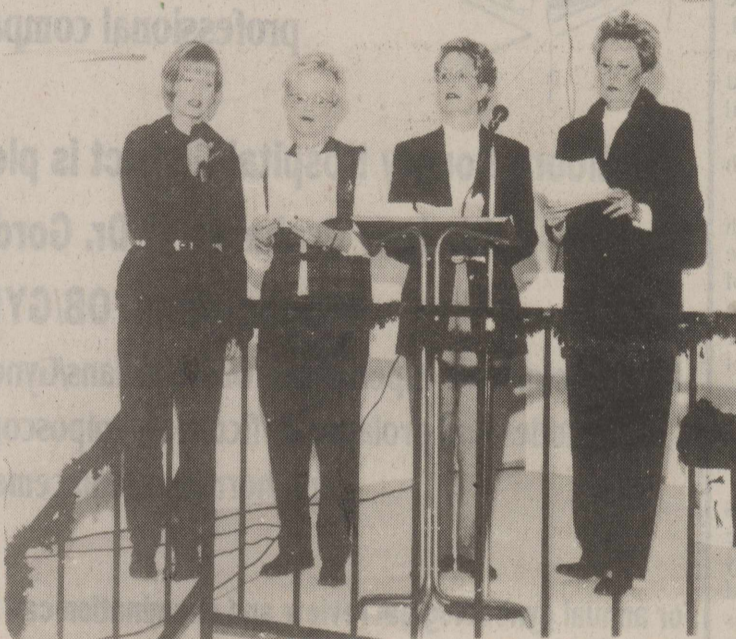
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White, Dalhart High School; Kade Carthel, Gruver High School, Samantha Crum, Texline High School; Mary Gutierrez, Texline High School; Jordan Johnson, Texhoma High School, and Trisha Teig, Stratford High School.

Entertainment will be provided by Penny Boyd of Stratford, Texas. Penny will entertain the audience with her vocal selections.

The business session will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a welcome to the membership and an introduction of the guests by James Spurlock, President of the XIT Board of Directors. The business meeting will conclude with the election of directors and the drawing of door prizes.

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

The purpose of the annual meeting is to elect directors for each district--to present for approval the reports for the



Lovely ladies, lovely music. Shannon Taliaferro, Joyce McBryde, Barbara Dettle, and Sue Hudson singing at SCOT luncheon.

The important thing is not to stop questioning. —Albert Einstein

F. Y. I.

By Sheriff Jack Haile

One of the new things that peace officers all over the state, but especially rural areas, are having to contend with is the manufacture and use of methamphetamine. Meth is a white crystal that can be snorted, smoked, or used by injection. It greatly speeds up all bodily functions especially heart rate, and can keep a person awake for days. The new way of making meth, and its problem for rural areas, is that everything needed to make it is available in a farming community. One of the main ingredients is anhydrous ammonia. Meth labs have become such a problem that the Texas Legislature made a law two years ago that mere possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container is a third degree felony and possession of less than one gram of meth is a state jail felony. It is so easy to make that people even make it in their vehicle going down the road, which coined a new term: rolling meth lab. The chemicals used are so dangerous that when we do find a lab we have to contact the Drug Enforcement Agency who then sends a specially trained clean up crew to get all the explosive material cleaned up. Luckily the Drug Enforcement Agency pays for it because we've had to call them three times so far.

I have been trying to add something funny at the end of F.Y.I. but there's just not anything funny about meth. Meth use and meth labs are not just in some inner city project, this is in Sherman County and I have seen meth destroy to many lives, here, for there to be anything funny about it.

precious fiscal year, and to transact such other business that might come before the meeting.

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

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

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

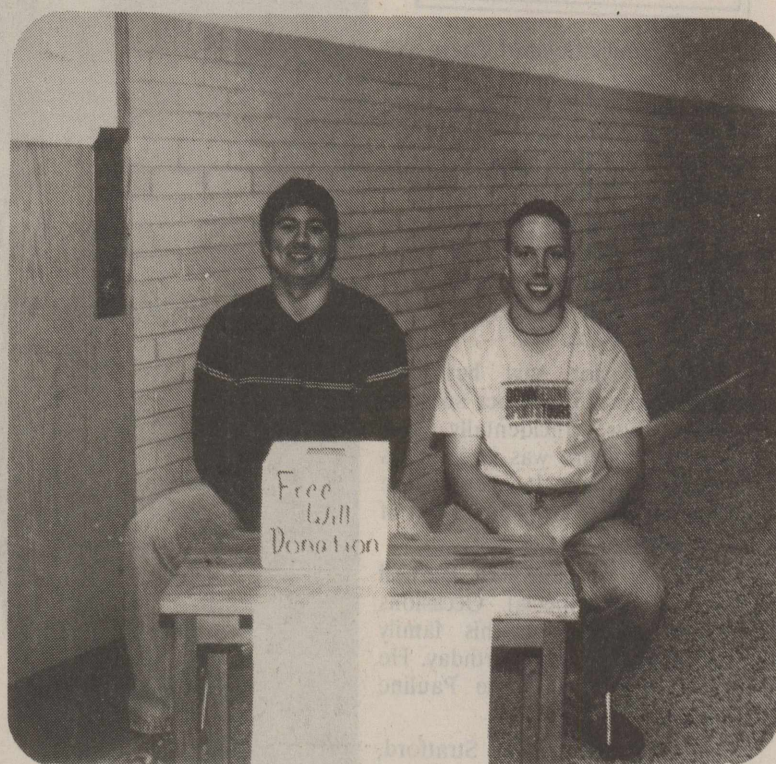
On February 4th, the Nominating Committee consisting of Carl French and John Burrow-Dallam County Representatives; Ed Latham and Bonnie McKie-Hartley County Representatives and A.E. Pronger and Wallace Bridwell-Sherman County Representatives met at the headquarters of XIT Rural

Telephone in Dalhart to submit nominations for three directorships. A.E. Pronger was selected as chairman of the

nominating Committee. Nominations for the following districts were: District I, Dallam County--E.H. Little; District II, Hartley County--Gary Finch, and District III, Sherman County--T.F. Baskin, III.

Members vote only for nominees from the district in which they reside or the district in which they have telephone service. All members must be present at the annual meeting to vote since no proxy voting is permitted. Either a husband or wife is eligible to vote at the annual meeting, but only one vote is allowed per membership.

XIT Rural Telephone needs constant input from its membership in order to provide the best possible service at the lowest price. This promises to be a good meeting. So, XIT rural landline members, mark your calendars and plan to attend your 52nd Annual Meeting Celebration and take an active part in the decision making of your Cooperative.

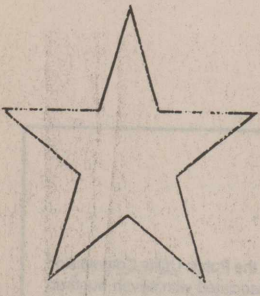


Everett & Adams Hold Fund-Raiser

Dylan Everett and Clint Adams shown above at their Mexican Pile-On fund raiser held on February 23 to help raise money for their trip to The Down Under Bowl.

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Garage Sale

Garage Sale: Saturday, March 8th, 8:30 am to 3 p.m., 209 N. Fulton. Clothes, Kitchen items, 2 exercise systems, king size water bed with under drawers and etc. 3-6-1xc

Throw your heart over the fence and the rest will follow.
—Norman Vincent Peale

INVESTMENT TRENDS

Two Houses Can Be Better Than One

(NAPS)—Realtors report that approximately six percent of all residential transactions are for homes that will not be primary residences. That's well over 400,000 people buying homes to supplement their primary residence every year. There are several reasons more and more homeowners believe that two (or three or four) homes are better than one and often they have nothing to do with leisure.

Some people buy that extra home more for shelter from the economy than for shelter from the elements. With many companies downsizing, it's not uncommon for employees to work in two offices in different locations.

Regardless of the reasons for additional homes, buying one can differ considerably from the purchase of a primary residence.

First, there's the difference in real estate markets. What your money will buy in one market could be a lot less, or more, than what it will buy in another part of the country. Different states also have differing regulations governing the home-buying process, from agency laws to financing to closing. The things you look for in a second home will be different from what you take into consideration

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For Rent
For Rent: Nice 2 bedroom house, central heat & air. Good location. Call 806-333-7418. 10-17-11fn

For Rent: Small 2 bdrm house with fenced backyard. New storm windows & carpeting. 619 N. Wall. 396-2364 9-12-11fn

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Houses for Sale

House for Sale: Great Location, beautiful corner lot, 2 large bedrooms, 1 large bath garage, central heat/AC. 806-659-2345. 8-2-11fn

For Sale: Beautiful home on 1 acre - 519 S. Spruce. 2100 Sq. ft. 4 yr. old, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, double car garage. Open floor plan large kitchen. Call 1-559-947-3272. 3-6-4xc

3,600 sq. ft. 3,000 living, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living areas w/double fireplaces, covered/lighted patio, 2 car garage, corner lot, near both schools, 1220 N. Chestnut. For more info call 1-903-732-5402 or 396-2498. 1-3-11fn

For Sale: 3 Bdrm, 2 bath brick home, double car garage, fenced in backyard, across from City Park, 702 N. 7th. Call 396-2425, 396-2845, 396-5841 or 396-1050 for more information. 1-16-11fn

For Sale by Owner: Owner financing possible on 2 story, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1760 Sq. ft., rock fireplace, beautiful backyard with big tree, deck across back of house and rock fountain. 816 N. Maple. \$55,000. 727-4664 or 753-6677. 1-9-11fn

House for Sale: 2 Bdrm, Large backyard, 414 N. Fulton. \$25,000. Call 727-4646. 2-27-2xc



The term skyscraper was first applied to The Auditorium building. Built in Chicago, it was completed in 1889. It was ten stories tall.

Job Shadow Cont. From Pg. 2

Across the county, job shadowing has proven to be an effective way to motivate students by showing them how academics are applied on a daily basis. It is also a great way for businesses to introduce students to their industry.

More than 100,000 businesses and organizations (any place where there are working people) will participate across the country to serve as mentors for Job Shadowing 2003. Eight local businesses participated with Stratford's First State Bank in this year's program: Sherman County Sheriff's Department, City of Stratford, Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation, Sherman County Tax Assessor Collector, Sherman County Home Economics, Automotive and Industrial Parts, Coldwater Manor and XIT Telecommunications.

First State Bank is delighted to be a part of this initiative. The alliances formed with local businesses will open doors to some wonderful opportunities for our students. Thanks to everyone for a spectacular Job Shadow Day!

If your business would be interested in participating in next year's program, please contact Sherry Phelps at First State Bank 806-396-5521.

House For Sale or Lease: Recently remodelled 2500 sq. ft. house. 3 bdrm, 2 baths. Call for more information. 244-2155 or 333-7120. 8-8-11fn

REDUCED for Sale: 504 S. Fulton. 3 bdrm, 2 bath 1716 living, brick/steal siding, central heat/air, a/c, new vinyl windows, fireplace, large fenced backyard, new ceramic cook-top, built-in oven and microwave, dishwasher, portiv ice maker hook-up, utility room, carpet, new vinyl flooring, attic storage w/stairs, covered patio. 2 storage sheds. 2 car garage electric door openers. Phone 254-772-7927. 1-10-11fn

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Huge Closets! 3 br, 1 3/4 baths, single garage. Central heat and air. Nice yard and storage building. \$52,000.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their visits and food brought to me since I've been confined to my home.

Reba Pittman

We would like to thank the community for their overwhelming support of our Mexican Pile On Dinner on February 23. We would like to send a special thanks to Stratford Feedyard, Brown's Meat Locker and Stratford Grain for donating the meat and to Thriftway for the help on the rest of the food. To all the others who helped in many ways: THANK YOU! The success of our dinner comes from the goodness of the community and we appreciate everyone that came out on that very cold day and supported us with their donations. We also appreciate your continued support through our Little Dribblers concession stand and the raffle for the bird feeder and the Elk blanket. We will be drawing for those prizes on Friday between the games. Also thank you to everyone who ordered enchiladas to support our trip to the Down Under Bowl. We want to thank Joe Everett Farms for donating meat for the enchiladas. And a special thanks to the people who helped us make it all possible: Eliaz, Gaby, and Asbel Gomez, Jenelle Brock, and Jean Everett. We appreciate everyone's support and hope the enchiladas were delicious.

Thank You,
Clint Adams and Dylan Everett



The world-famous Panama hat is actually made in Ecuador. The majority of them are distributed through Panama.

Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

#2060

Estate of Etha Louise Hudson, Deceased in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas

Notice to all persons having claims against the Estate of Etha Louise Hudson, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the estate of ETHA LOUISE HUDSON were issued on February 25, 2003 in Cause No. 2060, in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to LISA KATE HUDSON SYKES and SHERI RASMUSSIN.

The addresses of such Executors are: Lisa Kate Hudson Sykes, 14440 Estrella Rd., Alamosa, CO 81101 and Sheri Rasmussin, 11505 Shakespearean Way, Austin, TX 78759.

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

DATED February 25, 2003.
Louis T. Dubuque
Professional Corporation
P.O. Box 1085
Dumas, Texas 79029
806-935-6451
Attorney for Applicants
Louis T. Dubuque
State Bar No. 06154000
Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 6, 2003.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM BLAIN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of WILLIAM BLAIN, were issued on the 20th day of February, 2003, in Cause No. 2061, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to:

SHARON KAY BLAIN
1201 NW 2nd
Box 1111
Stratford, TX 79084

The attorney representing such Estate is as follows:

WILLIAM HUNTER
HUNTER & OELKE L.L.P.
507 Denrock Ave.
P.O. Box 792
Dalhart, Texas 79022
Telephone (806) 244-5632
Telefax (806) 244-2863

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

DATED this the 21st day of February, 2003.

Hunter & Oelke, L.L.P.
By: William Hunter
State Bar Card No. 10304000

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ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE NOTICE OF SALE

In compliance with Vernon Civil Statutes Article 4477-9A, Section 5.03, Litter Abatement Act, I will proceed to sell at Public Auction to the Highest Bidder, for Cash, on the 1st of April, 2003.

All of the following listed abandoned motor vehicles.

Location of the sale will be:

C&D Body Shop
814 East Texas Ave.
Sherman Co. Barn
501 South Maple
10:00 a.m. at C&D Body Shop
Sale will begin at:

You must be a Texas resident to bid at this sale

Jack Haile
Sheriff Jack Haile
Sherman County, Texas

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SALE DATE: APRIL 1, 2003
SHERMAN COUNTY MISCELLANEOUS SALE
THIS SALE WILL FOLLOW THE SHERMAN COUNTY ABANDONED

MOTOR VEHICLE SALE AT THE SHERMAN COUNTY BARN
A LIST OF SOME OF THE ITEMS FOLLOWS;

1. Lincoln Arc Welder (Burned)
2. 1987 Chev pickup (Burned)
3. Courthouse windows
4. Surplus office equipment
5. 1" wood blinds
6. Mini blinds
7. Brief case
8. File Drawer
9. Scanner
10. Curtain Rods

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The best way to turn a woman's head is to tell her she has a beautiful profile.

—Sacha Guitry



Johann Sebastian Bach was not just considered "the greatest genius of baroque music," he was also a father to twenty children, several of whom became musicians.

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Track

Results of the Elks and Lady Elks first track held this past week-end at Sunray were as follows:

J.V. Boys scored 30 points as a team. Individual results: 100 Meter Dash - Corey Rendon 4th place 12.7 seconds and Ryan McDaniel 6th place 12.9 seconds. 300 Meter Hurdles - Josh Lanning 2nd place 48.11; 200 Meter Dash - Ryan McDaniel 2nd place 26.0 and Corey Rendon 6th place 27.5; Shot Put - Trenton Boyd - 3rd place with a throw of 35'7".

Varsity boys scored 58 points as a team. Individual results: 110 Meter Hurdles - Jason Roberts 5th place 17.7 and Carson Buckles 19.2. 800 Meter Run - Case Crabtree - 5th place 2:15; 100 Meter Dash - Tony Ruiz - 2nd place 11.9; 300 Meter Hurdles - Jason Ashley 2nd place 43.03 and Jason Roberts 6th place - 47.4. 1600 M Run - Bill Walker 5:42.6. 1600 M Relay - Tony Ruiz, Jason Ashley, Adam Witcher, and Case Crabtree 4th place 3:45; 800 Meter Relay - Raphael Rueda, Jason Ashley, Jason Roberts, Tony Ruiz 4th place 1:39.3; Shot Put - Dylan Everett 1st place 47'0" and Mark Miller 5th place 38'2"; Discus Throw - Dylan Everett 1st place 123'2".

Lady Elks placed 6th with 54 points. Individual results: 400 M Relay - Lindsay Stein, Brittany Hudson, Haley Buckles, Cassie Garza - 5th 55.72; 800 M Relay - Amie Witcher, Alisha Sladek, Allison Baskin, Haley Buckles - 5th 1:57; 1600 Relay - Yadira Ortega, Alisha Sladek, Jamie Valenzuela, and Amber Larence - 5th 4:37; 800 Run - Yadira Ortega 3rd place 2:39; 100 Hurdles - 5th Lindsay Stein - 18:65; 100 M Dash - Amber Larence - 2nd - 13:58; 300 Hurdles - Erin Ashley - 6th place 56.58; 200 M Dash - Amie Witcher - 2nd place 27.96; Discus - Deidre Tarver 1st place 109'9" and Katelyn Reed 5th place 82'1"; High Jump - Allison Baskin - 6th 4'6"; Shot Put - Katelyn Reed - 4th 28'4".



The word "millennium" comes from combining the Latin words for "one thousand" and "year."

As always, victory finds a hundred fathers but defeat is an orphan.
—Count Galeazzo Ciano



Tea Held

Stratford Chamber of Commerce Women's Division held a Membership Tea on Sunday, February 23, 2003. Attending the tea from left, Paula Nusz, Christy Wells, and Connie Werner.



The character most frequently portrayed on the screen is Sherlock Holmes, created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Great Plains Ag Credit Stockholders' Meeting On March 15, 2003

The Annual Stockholders' Meeting of Great Plains Ag Credit will be Saturday, March 15th at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. The business meeting begins at 4:00 p.m. followed by dinner and entertainment by Tammy Hysmith as Patsy Cline. Handmade quilts are featured for the traditional gift drawings at Great Plains meetings. Great Plains Ag Credit serves over 800 member 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.

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LEGAL NOTICE

On February 6, 2003, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with seven hundred thirteen (713) Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented in and between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and in many instances, exchanges of other local telephone companies. The application is filed based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26.221 titled, "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges".

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

In the application, VALOR proposes to implement on an interim basis a monthly per line surcharge of \$.99 for residential customers and \$1.98 for business customers beginning with the April, 2003 bill cycle. This proposed surcharge will apply in addition to any monthly ELCS fees. If rates at or above the level of the interim surcharges are not ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR will refund all or part of the interim surcharges, as directed by the Commission. Ultimately, VALOR seeks approval of monthly surcharges of \$3.38 for business lines and \$1.69 for residential lines to replace the interim surcharges. Additionally, the application proposes that customers currently billed ELCS fees lower than \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, will have those fees raised to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line.

The net annual effect on the revenues of VALOR will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses VALOR for the increased cost of service associated with ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$7,601,145 annually.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible and no later than April 14, 2003, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO

El 6 de febrero de 2003, VALOR Telecom de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados con siete cientos trece (713) rutas implementadas del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La solicitud se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

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

En la solicitud, VALOR propone implementar temporalmente un cargo mensual por línea de \$0.99 por cliente residencial y \$1.98 para clientes comerciales empezando con la facturación del ciclo de Abril, 2003. Este cargo propuesto se aplicará en adición a cualquier cargo mensual ELCS. Si las tarifas al o sobre el nivel de los sobrecargos temporarios no son ultimadamente aprobados por la Comisión, VALOR reembolsará todo o parte de los sobrecargos temporarios, indicados por La Comisión. Ultimadamente, VALOR busca aprobación de sobrecargos mensuales de \$3.38 por líneas comerciales y \$1.69 por líneas residenciales para reemplazar los sobrecargos temporarios. Adicionalmente, la solicitud propone que los clientes que actualmente son facturados con tarifas ELCS más bajas de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, tendrán un incremento de tarifas a \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial.

El efecto anual en las ganancias de VALOR serán cero siendo que los sobrecargos solicitados reemplazan las ganancias perdidas y reembolsa a VALOR por incremento en el costo del servicio relacionado con ELCS. El costo estimado total de las ganancias perdidas y el incremento de costos que VALOR tiene como fin recuperar a través de este procedimiento es \$7,601,145 anualmente.

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

La Comisión 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 Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 14 de Abril 2003, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión 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 información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.



52nd Annual Membership Meeting!

Wednesday, March 12, 2003
People's Church • 1929 Apache Drive
Dalhart, Texas

RURAL LANDLINE MEMBERS & INVITED GUESTS
(Telephone Number Prefixes ... 377, 384, 727, 343, 769, 753 and 362)

Registration at 11:00 a.m.
Luncheon at 11:45 a.m. - Catered by Bar H Steak House of Dalhart
Entertainment at 12:15 p.m. - Penny Boyd
Business Meeting at 1:00 p.m. Followed by the Election of Directors
Door Prize Drawing • Kids' Drawing
(Members' Children & Grandchildren Ages 12 & Under)
You Must be Present to Win!

Come Celebrate XIT's
52nd Anniversary
and enjoy a sit-down
meal served to you by
XIT Managers & Employees.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	HS Night School Every Monday Night 8:30 - 8:30 PM					JH & HS at Sunray Track Meet
	Open House Nights: JH and HS Tues & Wed, March 4th - WAE - Thursday, March 6th					
	HS Technology Night - March 4th - 6:30 - 8:00 PM - Community Welcome!					
2	3 Golf Meet @ Dalhart - GPs only	4 3rd Grade 1000 Reading Golf Meet @ Dalhart - GPs only	5	6 MAE Open House 6:30 - 8:00 PM	7 Early Childhood Screening 9:00 - 11:30 AM MAE	8 One Act Play Dinner Theater Canadiana Track Meet - JH & HS
9	10 7:00 PM One Act Play for community 8:00 AM One Act Play for MAE	11	12	13	14 Boise City Track Meet - HS Only	15 Speech @ Dumas
16	17 Dist Golf Meet - TBA Early Library Present Tuesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 PM	18	19 Last Day for Trustee Sign-up	20 North Zone One Act Play contest - WTHS	21	22 Spearmint Track Meet - JH & HS
23	24 ESL DEC. Visit Sunray Golf Meet - Boys & GPs	25 District One Act Play Contest - Pampa	26 RPTE test for LEP students grades 3-12	27	28	29 Stratford Track Meet - JH & HS
30	31 Imagination Station Open House 2:00 - 4:00 PM	31 District Golf Meet - Boys - Burger GPs - Pampa	Horton Livestock Show March 6-15			
High School District Track Meet - April 1-2 - Randall High School						