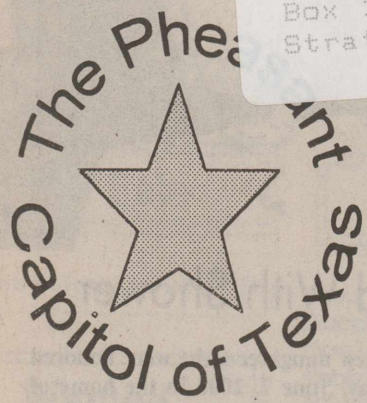


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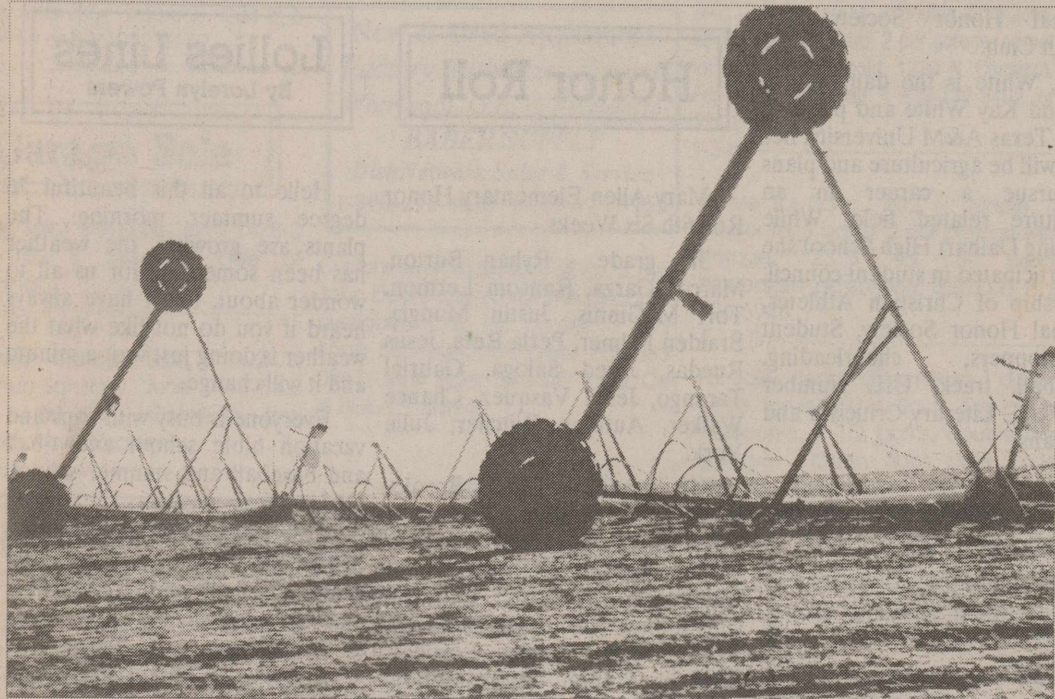


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Damages Severe Due To Storm

On Thursday, June 5th Area Farmers unfortunately were at mercy of Mother Nature. A storm system blew through that left many farmers without their sprinklers, wheat and corn crops due to hail, high winds and rain. The storm started in the Northwest corner of the county and made a 6 miles swath clear through to the Southeast corner. About a 10 mile radius out of Stratford was hit, but not so much west of town. Shown above is just one of the many sprinklers that was destroyed. At right was a field that had a beautiful corn crop, but now its just dirt. More damage report in next weeks edition.



Pre-Harvest Hot Dog Bash

Stratford Grain Co. held their annual Pre-Harvest Hot Dog Bash on Wednesday, June 4, 2003.

Main Street Art Program

Main Street Art Program at the Imagination Station Monday, June 16th. Program will be on making and creating "Stepping Stones". Cost will be \$5 for each child. Kindergarten thru 3rd grade will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. 4th grade and up will meet from 3:30 to 5 p.m. To register, please call Laurie Spurlock at 366-2772 or Mellonee York at 396-1043.

Fun Friday-Time June 13th

It's Fun Friday Time-June 13! Those who attended last year will remember the good time. Registration is 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at the County Exhibit Building.

Bobbie Strong will give the program from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., "Fun With Crafts & Food".

Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent, shows the latest on "Warps" (the eating kind) from 11:30 to noon.

Lunch is available at noon for \$5.00. Reservation needs to be made by noon on Thursday, June 12. Call 366-2122.

This event is open to all interested persons and is offered by Texas Extension Education Association.

NOTICE-Seniors

NOTICE: SENIORS can pick up their pictures in the main office of the Stratford High School.

Imagination Station New-Computer Lab

The Computer Lab will be open to the public starting Wednesday, June 11, June 12, June 13. Hours 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Hours will be posted on the Main St. door and newspaper. A one hour volunteer orientation will be held June 9 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Volunteers both adult and high school are needed to keep the lab open to the public. If you can't help now, come to the orientation to perhaps help later. One session classes are in the planning. If there is a class you would like please contact Linda Young.

Summer activities planned for the Imagination Station are: Main Street Art, June 16 and July 7; Computer Camp 3 age groups July 14-18; Drama Camp 3 age groups July 28-30 (change in date).

Cowboy Church Every Wednesday

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

We build our temples for tomorrow, strong as we know how, and we stand on top of the mountain, free within ourselves.
—Langston Hughes

Countdown To July 4th

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is planning the Fourth of July Celebration in Pendleton Park on Friday, July 4, 2003. Plans include food booths, game booths, entertainment, and fireworks. School classes, clubs, organizations, groups, individuals, or private businesses are invited to participate by providing a food or game booth for the public.

The local non-profit organizations are the target audience for booth spaces. Commercial booths will be permitted and all booths are subject to Chamber review to avoid duplication. A non-profit booth provider will retain 85% of the gross sales with the remaining 15% to be retained by the Chamber. Commercial booths will retain 75% of the gross sales and remaining 25% will be retained by the Chamber. All retained funds will be used to defray the cost of the fireworks.

All purchases will be made with tickets, which will be sold by the Chamber of Commerce at a centrally located booth. The tickets will be priced at \$.50 each, so the prices should be established in \$.50 increments (\$.50, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, etc.). Containers to collect the tickets will be provided by the Chamber for each booth.

Booth registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. The final date for participants to reserve a space will be JUNE 30. Send applications to: Stratford Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 570, fax to 366-3021, email stratford@xit.net or return to the Chamber office at City Hall.

If you need additional information or have questions, please call the Chamber at 366-2260. We look forward to you joining the Fourth of July Celebration in 2003!



Hamilton Receives Grant

The Stratford ISD Education Foundation is happy to announce the final recipient for the grants awarded this spring. Belinda Hamilton, Mary Allen Elementary music teacher, was awarded a grant to bring a production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* to the students of Mary Allen (K-4). The production will consist of two actors in period costumes and will involve audience participation. This will be a wonderful learning opportunity for the students, many of whom have not been exposed to live theater. Pictured here with Mrs. Hamilton are members of the foundation.

Steer Validation On June 24th

The Sherman County 4-H and Stratford I.S.D. will be conducting their steer validation for the 2003-2004 livestock show season on June 24, 2003 at the Stratford Animal Hospital starting at 5:00 p.m. If you will be unable to attend this validation please notify the extension office at (806) 366-2081 before the validation date so alternative arrangements can be made.

Study Club Sponsoring FUN IN THE SUN Beach Volleyball

GFWC/TFWC Prospectus Study Club is Sponsoring some FUN IN THE SUN Beach Volleyball at this year's 4th of July Celebration. Teams of 4 can participate. Cost is \$40 per team. AGE DIVISIONS ARE INCOMING 7 AND 8TH GRADERS, INCOMING FRESHMEN-SENIORS, AND THE OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION. Teams may be all male, all female, or mixed. Games will last 20 minutes with the team ahead at 20 minutes winning. Sign up is at Vincent Insurance at 411 4th Street. Proceeds go toward scholarships and community projects. For questions call 366-2427 or 396-2456.

The will is never free—it is always attached to an object, a purpose. It is simply the engine in the car—it can't steer.
—Joyce Cary

Grand Opening Of New Business To Be Held

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to attend the Open House Celebration for Stratford's Newest Business, *Norma's Precious Moments*. The ribbon cutting and grand opening will take place on Thursday, June 12 at the business location of 218 N. Main (The former Pool Hall Building). Refreshments will be served from 10-11:30 a.m.

Take a couple minutes to drop by and view the cute new gifts and collectibles available. Norma Torres will be the new proprietor. This new business enhances the variety of products available in Stratford, and brightens the streetscape by filling a vacant building on Main Street!

Web Site Design Class To Be Offered

The class, *Web Site Design*, will be offered on Saturday, June 21, in the computer lab of the High School Library. *Web Site Design* will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a one hour break at lunch, concluding at 4:30 p.m. If you would like to design a personal web site or a business web site, attend this free class. At the end of the day, every student should have completed a web site. This class is provided through the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund-CN3 community networking grant. Please call (806)366-3336, (806)366-7673 or (806)753-4484 to pre-register for this class. The class will be taught by Linda Young.

Stratford ISD Education News

By Jim Taliferro

Recently the Stratford ISD Education Foundation gave its first grants. These grants were rewarded to very deserving educators who exhibited the ambition and professionalism to apply, take a chance, and succeed. The benefits of the grants themselves, combined with the ingenuity and passion of these teachers will help to enrich the lives of their students. The Stratford ISD Education Foundation allows the community to contribute directly to these and future outstanding projects. Enrichment activities such as bringing in a professionally produced Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" to purchasing state of the art printing equipment for our digital graphics department will provide excellent opportunities for our students. Last year, Cindy Russell's computer graphics class provided several commercial grade projects for businesses around town providing students with real life hand on experience. The Foundation expands on these offerings and helps provides the students of Stratford ISD an increased advantage to compete in tomorrow's workforce.

Obits

Earnest E. Kirkwood

Earnest E. Kirkwood, 79, of Amarillo died Wednesday, June 4, 2003.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday in River Road Fellowship with Faye Roberts, minister, and Phil Mercado, minister, officiating. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery by Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel, Fifth Avenue and Pierce Street.

Mr. Kirkwood was born in Dallam County on Sept. 27, 1923. He married Vada Blades in 1942 in Dalhart. He and the family moved to Amarillo in 1950, where he worked for the Texas Highway Department for 31 years until his retirement at age 55. Following retirement, he worked as a surveyor with Thomas and Israel Engineers. His hobbies included horse training, fishing, ranching, team roping, carpentry and fence building. He was a volunteer at Cornerstone Outreach Center.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, where he served in England as a member of the military police. Mr. Kirkwood was a man of strong Christian belief and believed his word was his bond; many of his business deals were conducted simply with a handshake. He was very proud of the achievements of his children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Vada; his parents, James Eric Kirkwood and Era Kirkwood; and three brothers, Bill Kirkwood, James Kirkwood and Doyle Kirkwood.

Survivors include two daughters, Vonna Ossenbeck and Kay Cross, both of Amarillo; three sons, Randy Kirkwood of Tarzan, Kerry Kirkwood of Tyler and Joe Kirkwood of Amarillo; a sister, Eunice Vaughn of Stratford; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Cornerstone Outreach Center, 1417 N.E. 15th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79107.

Health Awareness

Understanding Spina Bifida

(NAPS)—Spina bifida is a common birth defect of the spine that causes life-long disabilities. This birth defect happens very early in pregnancy before women even know they are pregnant. Over 70,000 Americans have spina bifida. Many more have a very mild form of spina bifida, called spina bifida occulta.



Not all people with spina bifida have the same disabilities. A person with spina bifida may need a wheelchair or braces in order to walk, have loss of bowel and bladder control, learning disabilities or may be allergic to products with rubber. Many people with spina bifida lead successful and productive lives.

Recent scientific studies show that all women of childbearing age should take a vitamin with folic acid every day—even when not planning a pregnancy. This reduces the risk of spina bifida up to 70 percent because folic acid is a B-vitamin that helps build healthy cells. In addition to folic acid, genetics and maternal environmental factors are involved in spina bifida.

To learn more, call the Spina Bifida Association of America at 1-800-621-3141 or visit www.sbaa.org.

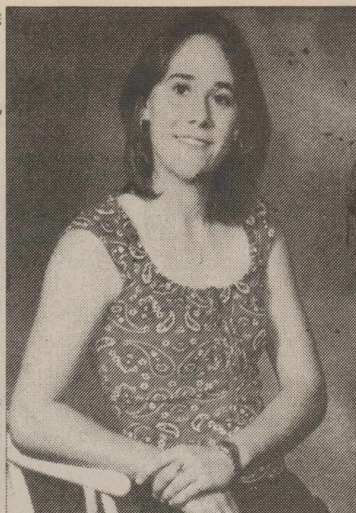
Letter To The Editor

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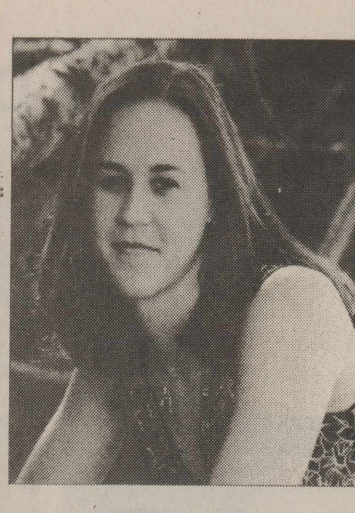
My name is Lavoy Oates and I live approximately 60 miles south of Ft. Worth which puts me 7.5 hours away from the nicest folks I have ever met. Period. I discovered y'all's prairie dog kingdom last year and have been to the Stratford area several times since. Every person I have met in and around the Stratford/Dumas area was extremely nice and always had a nice work to say. If the rest of the world could pattern their behavior after y'all's I guarantee we would have a better world. Once again Thanks for the hospitality. Especially Paula at the Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely
Lavoy Oates
P.O. Box 41
Glen Rose, TX 76043
254-898-3234

P.s. If any of you are overran by prairie dogs do not hesitate to call me. Not only will I help alleviate the problem but I will give you a case of Dublin Dr. Pepper which is made with Imperial Pure Cane sugar. The only thing better is Grandma's banana pudding.



Katie J. Moore



Whitney A. White

Scholarships Awarded

Dalhart Credit Office recently awarded the Burke Bell Memorial Scholarship to Katie J. Moore of Sunray and Whitney A. White of Dalhart. This is the seventeenth 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. Applicant's were selected from the Association's territory of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman and Moore counties.

Ms. Moore is the daughter of borrowers Ellis and Sharon Moore and plans to attend Wayland Baptist University. Her major will be Education and plans

to pursue a career as a High School English teachers. While attending Sunray High School she has participated in the marching and concert band, cross country, basketball, track, student council, National Honor Society and Spanish Club.

Ms. White is the daughter of Curt and Kay White and plans to attend Texas A&M University. her major will be agriculture and plans to pursue a career in an agriculture related field. While attending Dalhart High School she has participated in student council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, Student Crimestoppers, cheerleading, basketball, track, UIL Number Sense, UIL Literary Criticism and Superfans.



Penrod Honored With Shower

Tami (Davis) Penrod and new daughter-to-be were honored with a baby shower on Saturday, June 7, 2003 in the home of Sandy Newcomb. Shown from left, Ann Mitchell, Diane Coaly, Tami Penrod, Vicki Penrod, and Dixie Ewers.

Honor Roll

Mary Allen Elementary Honor Roll 6th Six Weeks.

3rd grade - Ryhan Burton, Marcos Garza, Ransom Lermon, Tori McGinnis, Justin Mungia, Braiden Palmer, Perla Reta, Jesus Ruedas, Jared Saloga, Gabriel Tarango, Jesus Vasquez, Chance Walker, Autumn Witcher, Julie York.

4th grade - Heidi Brooks, Matthew Chaffee, Brianda Chavoya, Lindsy Confer, Matthew Correll, Megan Crabtree, Bryce Cummings, Kevan Eldridge, Christopher Hart, Kyle Horsford, Kelsie Keener, James Loveday, Kimberly Melton, Taylor Melton, Miranda Olivas, Michael Ortega, Kimberly Ricks, Rubi Rueda, America Terrazas, and Tyler Wright.

Lollies Lines
By Lorelyn Powers

Hello to all this beautiful 76 degree summer morning. The plants are growing, the weather has been something for us all to wonder about, like I have always heard if you do not like what the weather is doing just wait a minute and it will change.

Everyone is busy with trips and vacation bible school and t-ball and baseball and summer school, yard work.

One thing that is coming up is the School reunion and Jamboree. There are still wedding showers and baby showers and wedding anniversaries.

Now to wish all of you a safe 4th of July and to take care of yourselves and be kind to one another.

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Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- June 6 "Texas" Palo Duro State Park
- Aug. 16 AC's "June Jazz" on the steps 7:30 Amarillo College, Washington St. Campus
- June 10, 17, 24 Starlight Theater Tuesday Concert Series 7:00 p.m. Sam Houston Park on Western St. Amarillo
- June 15 "Oklahoma" Children's Theatre 2:00 p.m. Panhandle State University, Goodwell
- June 11 "Lone Star Rising" Lake Meredith Borger Chamber of Commerce 806-274-9050
- Aug. 17 Johnny Rivers ALT Special Event Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 www.amarillolittletheatre.org
- June 14 "Les Mis'erables" Panhandle Students Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-3096
- July 10-12 "Dreadful Doin's at Cider Mill" Melodrama Dalhart LaRita Community Theatre
- Aug 7,8,9 Buddy- The Buddy Holly Story Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 www.amarillolittletheatre.org
- Aug. 21-31

The sweaty players in the game of life always have more fun than the supercilious spectators. —William Feather

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Ladies Celebrate "420" Years

These are the "Ladies of Kerrick" who were given a Birthday party Sunday. All had a milestone birthday during this year. Marjory Munden was hostess for the 92 attending. From left, Pat Boren, Jo June McDaniel, Thelma Smith, Mary Olsen, Joyce Irlbeck, Lynn Wells.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

You've heard about someone giving and party and no one came?? Marjory Munden gave a party and everyone came! Sunday afternoon at the Community Center there was big birthday party for six Kerrick or former Kerrick residents.

With a total of 420 years, the ladies greeted relatives and friends. All have had or will have birthdays this year. They are Thelma McDaniel Smith of Dumas, Lynn Crabtree Wells of Stratford, Joyce Palmer Irlbeck of Kerrick, Mary Crabtree Olsen of Oslo community, Pat Carroll Boren, Jo June Whitson McDaniel, Kerrick.

There was a goody table of various yummy foods. Lots of visiting and laughter. Many brought gifts and cards.

They found a huge funeral type spray of red roses & lilies with a card reading, "Rest in Peace, Old Ladies of Kerrick". Thelma Smith's son Ron Hutchison was the culprit!

Marjory says she had lots of cleanup help from Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Terry & Barbara Schoonover, Ted Irlbeck, Gary Mathews.

There were 92 registering. They came from Boise City, Logan N.M., Arnold Mo., Lubbock, TX, Stratford, Clayton NM, Conlen, Goodwell OK, Longview TX, Dumas, Denver CO, Amarillo, Dalhart & Kerrick.

R.J. and Mary Hill, Bill Boren, Karen Pulliam, Kenneth Wells, Fern Allen, Inalue James, Colleen Irlbeck, Jeanette Lunsford, Denise, Denton & Charley Crabtree, Scott & Maura Hutchison, Sherri & Lori Hutchison, Ron & Samantha Hutchison, Mike, Merilee & Marylou McDaniel, Patti McDaniel, Roger & Mary Crabtree, Nadine Miller, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Minnie Hampton, Penny & Linda Whitson, Ted Irlbeck, Leo & Elaine Horne, Peggy, Leonard & Chandra Hawkins, Paulagean King, Mailese Methews, Roy

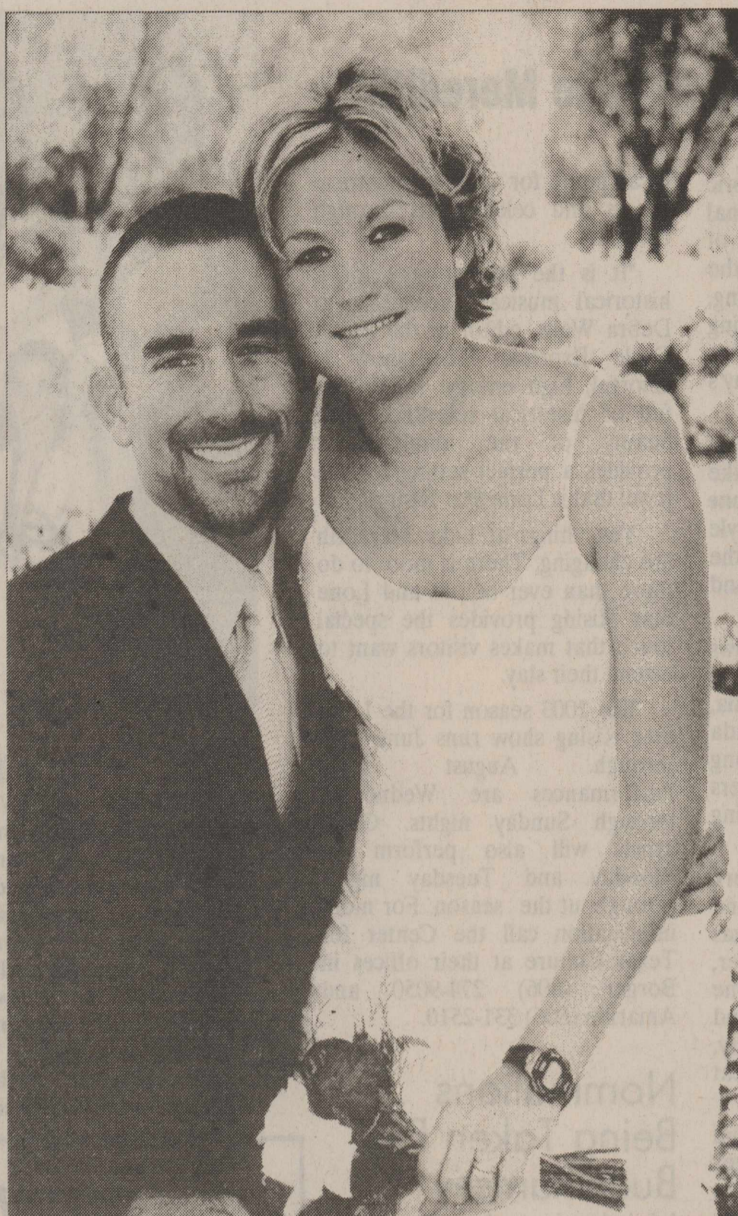
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Ralph Hampton came home from hospital June 5.

Gary Hudgens had his great nephew, Alvie Hudgens of Keyes, OK., visiting with him for a few days recently.

Here for the birthday party and guests of Marylou McDaniel were daughter Patti McDaniel and Linda Levin, both of Denver. They attended Dumas Doggie Days parade and visited with Thelma & Duane Smith. Their other guests were Sherri & Lori Hutchison of Arnold, MO. Ron & Samantha Hutchison, Longview, TX, Scott & Maura Hutchison, Lubbock, TX.

There will be an ice cream supper at the Kerrick Community Center on June 20th at 7 p.m. Ted & Joyce Irlbeck and Kenneth & Lynn Wells are the hosts. Bring your favorite dessert or ice cream.



Vows Exchanged

Kelli Wight and Nathan Brockman, both of Friona, TX were united in marriage on May 28, 2003 in a double ring ceremony in Las Vegas, Nevada. The bride is the daughter of Ken & Barbie Wight of Stratford, TX and the groom is the son of Tommy Brockman of Friona, TX and Pat Waller of Grand Prairie, TX.

The bride was given in marriage by her father Ken Wight. Matrons of honor were Kaci McBryde and Keri Walden, sisters of the bride of Stratford, TX.

Groomsmen were Adrian Farris, of Amarillo, TX and Kory Mitchell, of Lubbock, TX.

A wedding reception was held at the Luxor Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The couple reside in Friona, TX.

The people, and the people alone, are the motive force in the making of world history.

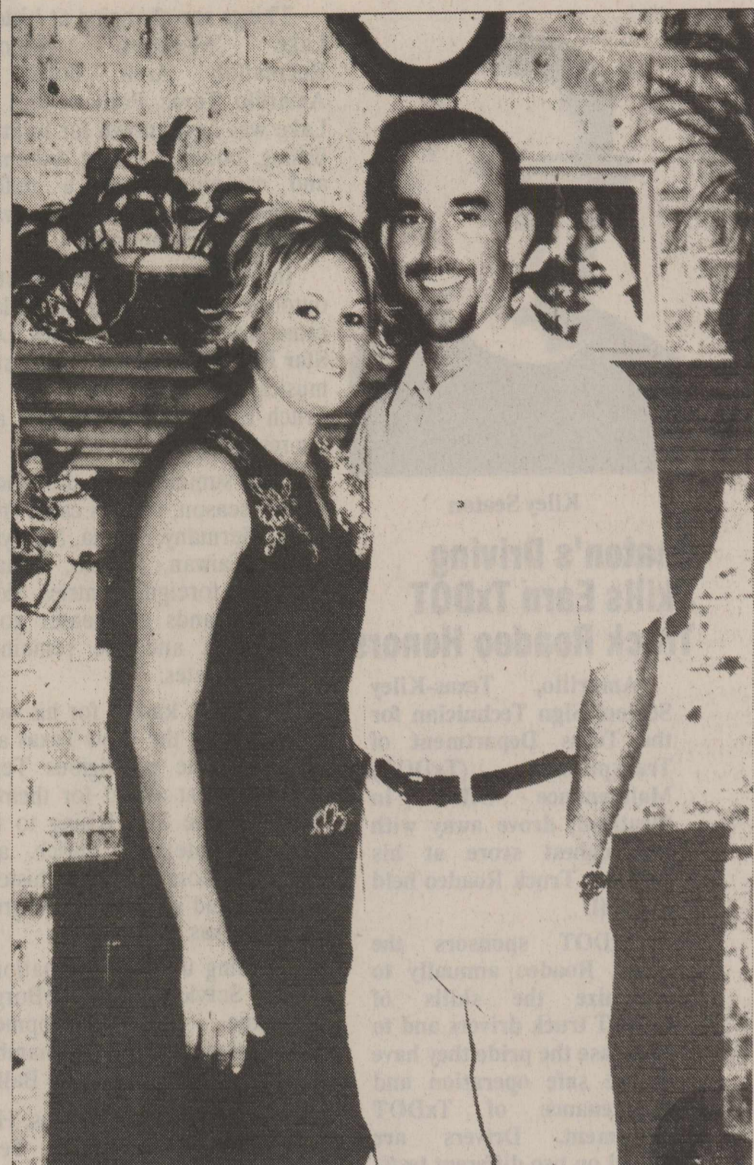
—Mao Tse-tung

You can't get spoiled if you do your own ironing.

—Meryl Streep

Marella United Methodist Church Calf Fry Fund Raising Supper

At the
Plainview School - Griggs, OK
Saturday, June 21, 2003
5:30-7:30 p.m.
(Calf fries - brisket - slaw - potatoes - beans - and dessert)



Couple Honored With Shower

Nathan & Kelli (Wight) Brockman were honored with a couples shower on Saturday, June 7, 2003 at the home of Mike & Brenda Brownlee.

For the Ultimate Hamburgers:

- 3 pounds ground chuck
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs such as parsley, rosemary and chives
- 8 slices chilled roasted garlic butter, 1/2-inch thick (about one tablespoon each)
- 8 hamburger buns
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

In a large bowl, combine meat with herbs, salt, and pepper. Separate meat into 8 equal portions and shape into loose balls. Gently press a slice of chilled roasted garlic butter into the center of each ball. Enclose the butter with the meat and form a 1 1/2-inch thick burger.

Grill or broil the burgers until centers are no longer pink. Serve on toasted hamburger buns with desired toppings.

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You


The Submission Of Husbands

A lot of homes these days are pressure cookers ready to explode. One reason is that husbands fail to live in submission to the law of love. For the most part, husbands expect their wives to bow to their desires. After all, a man's home is his castle. Isn't a husband the king of his household? Well, not exactly. The Bible does say, "the husband is the head of the wife," and that "wives ought to be (submissive) to their husbands in everything" (Ephesians 5:23 & 24). But the Bible also says, "Husbands, love your wives, just as also Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her" (Ephesians 5:25). Yes, if you are a husband, you must love your wife to the extent that you are ready and willing to give up your life for her. But that's a very tall order, you say. I agree. But do you choose to stand aloof from this law of love? Then you are saying something quite dramatic about yourself and your relationship with God. You see, 1 John 4:7 & 8 says, "Beloved, let us love one another. Love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love." This is the crux of the matter. Too many husbands do not know God. They are not born again of God's Spirit, the Spirit of love. So, their homes and marriages lack love. Now if your marriage is plagued with a lack of love, you'd better consider your need to really know God. It is only as He fills you with His Spirit that you will be able to submit to the law of love. Only then will you love your wife as God expects.

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Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
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Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7:00

St. Joseph Catholic
6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:30a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)
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 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist
James Washburn
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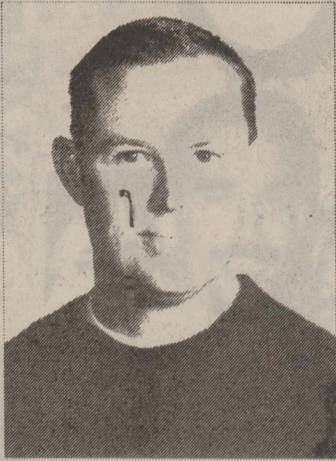
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Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m..
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Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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What's Happening At Lake Meredith?



Kiley Seaton

Seaton's Driving Skills Earn TxDOT Truck Rodeo Honors

Amarillo, Texas-Kiley Seaton, Sign Technician for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Maintenance Office in Stratford, drove away with the highest score at his section's Truck Rodeo held in April.

TxDOT sponsors the Truck Rodeo annually to recognize the skills of TxDOT truck drivers and to showcase the pride they have in the safe operation and maintenance of TxDOT equipment. Drivers are scored on two different tests. First, they are tested on how well they can spot safety defects on equipment. Then, they drive through an obstacle course designed to simulate truck maneuvers encountered during a normal workday. Seaton scored the most points in the Stratford competition and went on to compete against 30 other drivers in the district wide competition.

Seaton is a graduate of Stratford High School. He has been employed with TxDOT since 1994.

A Foundation For The Children

(NAPS)—Today's career-oriented military means more fallen service members will leave behind a spouse and children—like Gunner Sergeant Joseph Menusa who served in the Marine Corps for 14 years, saw action in the Gulf War and left behind a wife and three-year-old son.

The Fallen Heroes Last Wish Foundation is leading the way in providing additional money to families of fallen service members to supplement military death benefits. It was founded by Dan O'Dowd, the father of two sons and CEO of Green Hills Software, because he believes that "the last wish of any parent who falls on the battlefield is not for a medal or a parade, it is: please take care of my children."

"The U.S. government provides a one-time \$6,000 payment, \$948 per month stipend and optional \$250,000 life insurance policy paid over three years, but this is not enough," said O'Dowd, who started the Foundation with a personal contribution of \$100,000, and he's paying all overhead costs. The Foundation is giving 100 percent of the donated funds to the children of service members who died in Operation Iraqi Freedom, with a minimum goal of \$5,000 per child. Donations in any amount are appreciated and O'Dowd will match all contributions until the first \$500,000 is raised.

For more information on the Fallen Heroes Last Wish Foundation, visit www.lastwishfoundation.org.

Things are changing at historic Lake Meredith National Recreation Area north of Amarillo, Texas. Prior to 2001 the Lake was best known for hunting, fishing, boating, hiking swimming and camping. Over a million visitors enjoyed the waterway's amenities each summer.

In June 2001, a new facet in outdoor entertainment at the lake came into being. The show *Lone Star Rising*, a western, Texas-style musical took the stage at the Fritch Fortress amphitheater and the rest is history.

Last summer for the shows second season, visitors came from Chile, Germany, Russia, Malaysia, China, Taiwan, Mexico, Canada and other foreign countries, along with thousands of theater goers from Texas and the remaining forty-nine states.

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focal point for various theatrical events and celebrations through the years.

"It is the perfect spot for a historical musical," according to Debra Wells, editor of the *Fritch Eagle Express*, "The show is colorful, high energy, funny and full of historical relevance. The beauty of the amphitheater provides a perfect setting for the jewel that is *Lone Star Rising*."

Yes, things at Lake Meredith are changing. There is more to do there than ever before and *Lone Star Rising* provides the special touch that makes visitors want to extend their stay.

The 2003 season for the *Lone Star Rising* show runs June 11th through August 17th. Performances are Wednesday through Sunday nights. Guest artists will also perform on Monday and Tuesday nights throughout the season. For more information call the Center for Texas Culture at their offices in Borger (806) 274-9050 and Amarillo (806) 331-2510.

Nominations Being Taken For Buck Ramsey Heritage Award

The Nara Visa Cowboy Gathering is taking nominations for their Buck Ramsey Heritage Award to be presented on Sept. 20, 2003, at the annual Gathering. The award is given to an individual, family or ranch that reflects the "Spirit of the Est." Heritage is defined as "Something handed down from one's ancestors or the past as a culture or a tradition passed on to a later generation."

Some of the criteria and guidelines for choosing a recipient are from the following:

Someone from northeast New Mexico or northwest Texas

Family homesteaded in the area

Long-term commitment or active participation in ranching and livestock industry

Has retained many "cowboy" or "western" traditions & culture

Multi-generation involvement in ranching

Community involvement

Neighboring

Agriculture producer

Responsible in part for rangeland improvement

The Buck Ramsey Heritage Award was donated by the First National Bank of New Mexico. Melvin Keith of the AV Cattle Co owned by Dee McCarty was the recipient of the award last year. He has worked for the McCarty Ranch for 42 years and has instilled the tradition and values of the Western lifestyle to his children and grand children.

Nominations should be made in story form, depicting the qualifications for the award. Please send biography to the Nara Visa Cowboy Gathering, Drawer 6 or Box 3, Nara Visa, NM 88430 by July 1, 2003.

One great difference between a wise man and a fool is, the former only wishes for what he may possibly obtain; the latter desires impossibilities.
—Democritus



The Varsity and J.V. Cheerleading squads just finished up a three day instructor camp. The camp was held here in Stratford. Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) offers a private camp. They send a certified instructor. These are usually current college cheerleaders or they have recently graduated from college. The reason for doing this the last three years is it gives instruction to both squads. If we went to an out of town camp the varsity squad would be the only squad to go. The private camp gives a more intense and specialized instruction. The squads received a superior rating on all areas of instruction. The girls worked very hard for three days and learned a lot of new material. They are very excited to show it off during the upcoming sport seasons. Shown standing left, J.V. Cheerleaders Chelsi Thiessen, Cassi Garza, Merilee McDaniel, Instructor Kim Kuhns, LaRissa Luna, and Allison Baskin. Seated from left, Varsity Cheerleaders Kayla Robertson, Amber Larence, Lindsay Stein, Yadira Ortega, Audrey Navarrete, Jamie Valenzuela, and Heather Seiler.

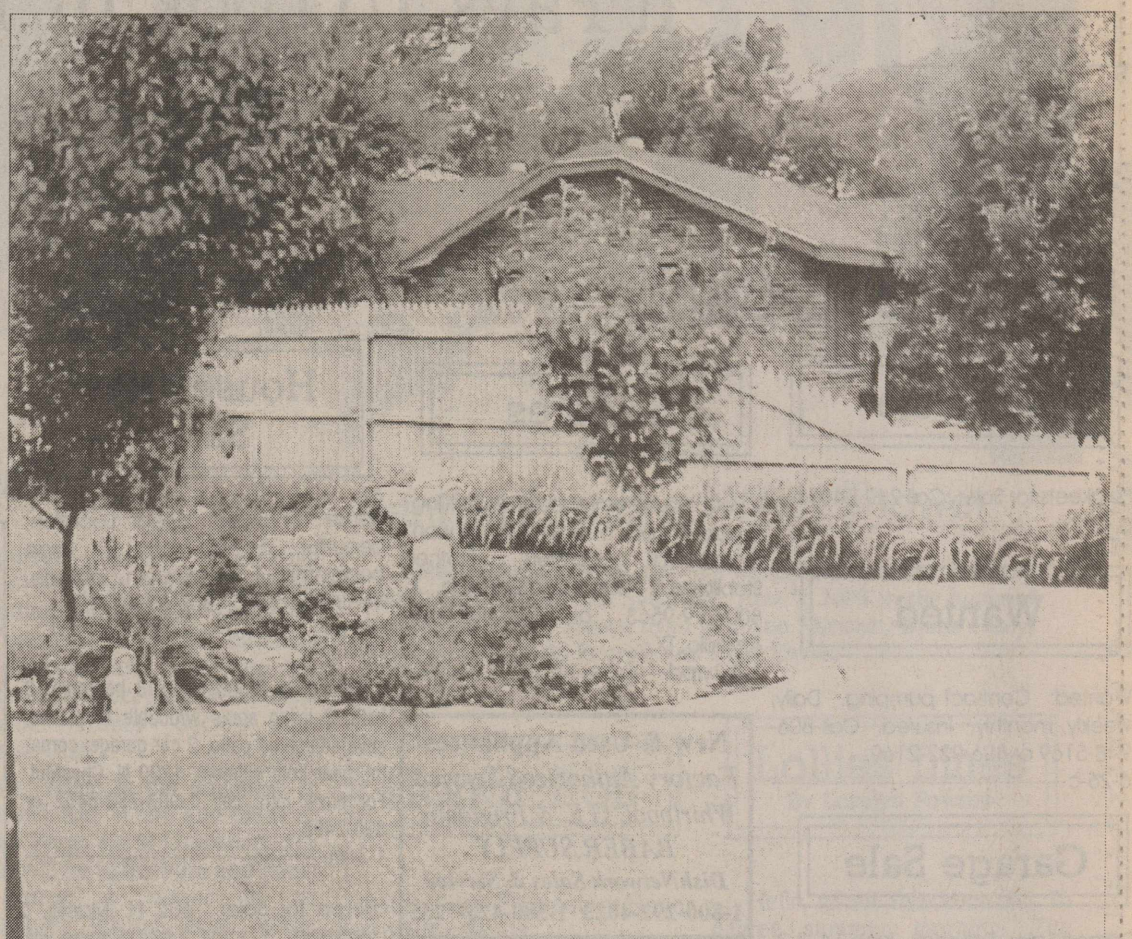
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West Texas Comets Takes Tourney

West Texas Comets won the Mid America Youth Basketball Tourney in Clayton, NM May 31-June 1. They won all six games over teams from Denver, CO, Clayton and Moriatiy, NM, Amarillo & Dalhart. From left, Coach Jeff Pervine, Shadley Audrain, Victoria Bela, Lauren Urban, Rhia Everett, Lynn Bela, Kathy Riffe. Next, Diana Solis, Kellyn King, Whiney Moffet, Merilee McDaniel, Candie Bell, Adrianna Blanco.

Scot To Sponsor 2nd Annual Garden Tour



SCOT will sponsor their 2nd annual garden tour on June 22 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 and the group will meet at Roxy Park. Among the yards to visit are the Ann Johnson and Mary & Curtis Carter yards. Watch for more next week. Shown above, part of Ann Johnson's yard.

Shown above, Mary & Curtis Carter's yard that will be on SCOT garden tour on June 22nd.

Why Should I Lose Weight??

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic June 17, 2003

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Stratford Family Medical Clinic, 1220 Purnell, in Stratford on June 17, 2003.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

According to the National Institute of Health, 55 percent of the U.S. population is considered overweight or obese. People who are overweight have increased risks for high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, high cholesterol, heart disease, stroke, gall bladder disease, osteoarthritis, sleep apnea and other breathing problems and certain cancers. Any one of these health risks can cost a person not only many dollars, but also their ability to live independently during their older years.

Being overweight is one of the many health risks we can ignore with no visible threat to our health until we reach 40 to 50 years of age. Suddenly, you might find your blood pressure or blood sugar is

high at a health fair or routine health check up. The first thing most health care professionals will tell you is lose weight and increase your physical activity.

Can losing weight and increased physical activity really have an effect on problems like blood pressure, blood sugar, and heart disease? The answer is clearly, yes!

Many studies have shown that losing 7% of your weight can have a positive effect on the problems such as high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, and the other problems listed above. However, losing weight is not easy. Many people say, "Well, I will just take pills for these problems—that is a whole lot easier." Ask anyone

taking medication on a regular basis about the ease and cost of medicines—they most likely will say medications require a lot of effort and money.

Losing weight and increasing physical activity are easier with support from other people trying to achieve the same results. Walk Across Texas is a way to increase your physical activity with group support.

Whether you want to increase physical activity or lose weight or do both, please check with your health care provider and never change the dose of any of your medicines without your doctors advice. Taking action now could have an important impact on the quality of your life now and in later years.

Guymon Chapter, No Man's Land Historical Society Meets Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m.

Guymon Chapter No Man's Land Historical Society meets Thursday, June 12, 7:00 p.m., at the Pioneer Showcase, 502 N. Main. The public is invited to attend. Dressed in an Army uniform of the period when the Sand Creek Battle was fought, Maxie D. Lisman will speak about the Sand Creek Site north of Lamar, Colorado, where there are numerous Calvary Forts. He will also share Indian artifacts of our general region. Maxie Lisman

earned his BS in Science in 1961 from the West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas. He did graduate work in Anthropology and Archeology at WTSU and UCLA at Long Beach. During the summer, he has worked with the summer program in Archeology at the Square House Museum. Also, he has worked in numerous archaeological sites in the Texas Panhandle region, New Mexico, Arizona, and Colorado.

 The main thing needed to make men happy is intelligence.
 —Bertrand Russell

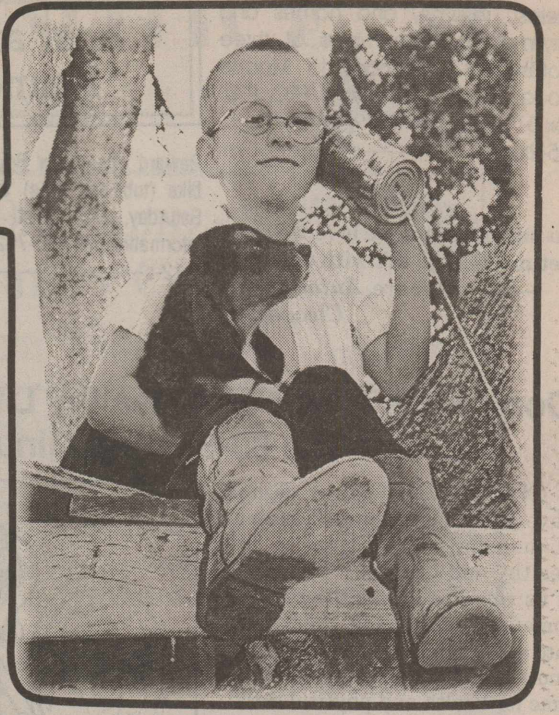
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