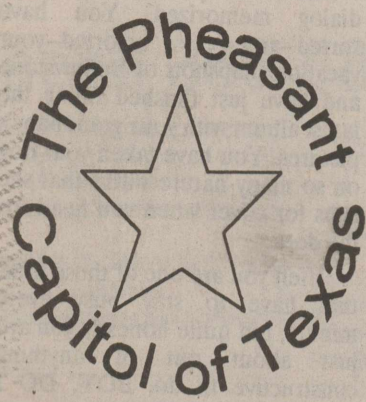


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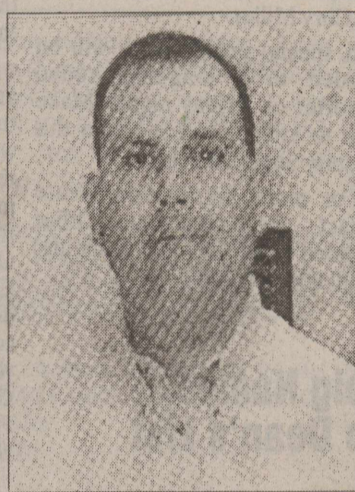
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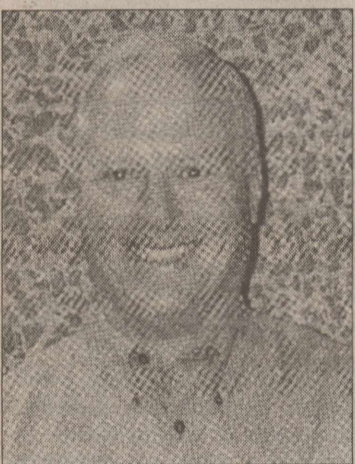


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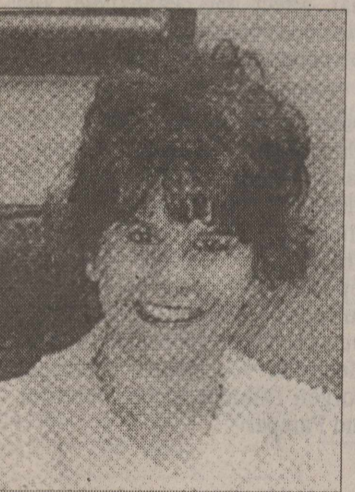
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IF YOU BORROWED THE TEXAS STEPPING STONES FROM THE DEPOT MUSEUM, PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE FRONT OF THE MUSEUM. NO QUESTIONS ASKED. THANKS!!!

Lollipop Junction To Sell Tickets

Lollipop Junction will start selling raffle tickets on a "Playhouse" at the "Ranch Rodeo" August 1 and 2nd. The Playhouse is to be given away at the Christmas Parade.

More details in later editions of the Star.

Jamboree Meeting July 24th

There will be a Jamboree Meeting on Thursday, July 24th at 7 a.m. at the Imagination Station.

Cowboy Church Every Wednesday

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

Gillenwaters Receives Ranch Rodeo Top Hand Award

Bill Gillenwaters was born in Harper county near Buffalo, Oklahoma on December 21, 1934. After graduating from high school he went on to P.A.M.C. in Goodwell, Oklahoma and earned a degree in Animal Husbandry. In 1954 he married his high school sweetheart Donna and was soon called to serve in the Army in Germany and France. After college Bill worked as a herdsman for several ranches.

In 1969 he became manager of Cimarron Feeders and remained there until 1988. He presently buys cattle for Ed Wright Cattle in Amarillo. Bill has been a supporter of 4-H and FFA. He has been recognized as a "Friend of 4-H", and also received the "Meritorious Service to 4-H Award." He has been a director of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, and is active in the Kerrick community where he serves as president. He serves on the Dallam County Underground Water Conservation Board and is a member of ACCORD, (Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development). He supports many charities by cooking calf-fries and BBQ.

Bill and Donna have two sons, Duane of Mooreland, Ok, and Jimmy of Amarillo. He has 3 granddaughters and come August 4th will have two grandsons. Bill still pastures his own cattle and owns a ranch in Freedom, Oklahoma. He and Donna have been a member of the First United Methodist Church for over forty years. Between ranching and buying cattle he still finds time to bowl and take the grandkids fishing at the ranch.

Bill is a true asset to his family, this community, and the cattle industry and is truly deserving of the years Stratford Ranch Rodeo Top Hand Award.

Congratulations Bill.

Renew Vehicle Registration On-Line

Valerie McAlister, Sherman County Tax Assessor/Collector, is pleased to announce a new and convenient option to renewing your vehicle registration-over the internet. Sherman County Tax Office is the latest to join www.TexasOnline.com, the official website of the State of Texas.

In order to renew your vehicle registration over the internet, you must have your renewal notice, your insurance card, and your VISA or MC handy. Go to the website listed above & click on vehicle registration renewal. Follow all instructions. Your sticker will be mailed to you in a few days. It's as simple as that! If you have any questions, call the tax office at 806-366-2150.

SCOT To Have Hamburger Supper

The SCOT organization will host a hamburger supper on Thursday, July 24, at SCOT Hall, from 5 to 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend, with a charge of \$5.00 per person.

The meal will include hamburgers fresh off the grill, and fixin's, baked beans, desserts and drinks. The food will be excellent, and it will be a good time for visiting.

SCOT urges everyone to join us for a good meal. Also, SCOT dance is coming up on Saturday, July 26 at 8 p.m. and we would invite anyone who is interested in dancing to come and join the fun.



Charlotte Straffus
Chief Financial Officer



Ronnie Pickens of the General Store with Gaynelle Riffe, looking over trees for the Cemetery. Trees given to the Cemetery and planted by Stratford Grain Employees are 5 Pansy Red Bud, 4 Washington Hawthorn, 2 Crab Apple, 2 Golden Rain, 2 English Oak, 1 Marshall Ash. If they don't survive the hottest week of the year, we still have the hole. Trees at a reduced price are still looking for a nice wet home.

Relief Route Thoughts

Please keep in mind that after the selection is made, it would be at least 10 years before any construction would begin. Today is the first day of the next 10 years. Let's give some thought to a plan.

Relief Route Alternative 1 East, projected cost \$10,638,200 for 5.429 square miles and 11 structures. (1) gives 6 opportunities for economic development on property at the exits: U.S. 287 South, State 15, US. 54 East, State 2677 (Beaver Rd), US 287 North (second phase) west US 54. (2) a solution to truck traffic trying to turn onto State 15 at the Dairy Queen or McKee Ave. (3) The grade separation of UP/SP and US 54 would be close to EMS but farther for Fire Department and the grade separation to the north over US 287 an BN/Santa Fe on the second phase of Relief Route is a about the same distance for both emergency vehicles. (4) In the first phase of the relief route, traffic for Business US 54 would continue through town. (5) create more traffic on State 2677 and right by my house. Chris Riffe says it is OK with him, he will just sell his house to Mcdonald's!

Relief Route Alternative 2 West, projected cost \$11,443,000 and 6 structures (1) Economic Development limited at 3 locations because of Rail Road right-of-way: US 287 south, US 54 west, US 287 north. (1) elevated road way over the scenic landfill. (2) a farther distance for emergency vehicles to cross both RR. (3) US 54 traffic east would still use business US 54.

Grade Separation Alternative 3, projected costs \$3,446,498, removal of 1 structure, overpass US 54 and UP/SP RR, elevated two lanes from North 3rd to South 3rd (1) It will solve the 4 way stop, Rail Road bottleneck on US 287, (2) while the fire equipment will be closer, the EMS will be farther (The other three crossing in town will still be open regardless of which plan is chosen). (3) I am unclear how traffic will reach US 54 or the exit ramps from US 287 grade separation. It will involve some one way streets. While this would be a quick fix. A relief route will still be necessary.

Stratford is still the only town between Dallas/Ft. Worth and Denver on US 287 that does not have four lanes through town.

The next public meeting will be in September.

Gaynelle Riffe, Transportation Chairman

State Fair of Texas & Tri State Fair Livestock Entries Available

All Sherman County 4-H Members planing on exhibiting a livestock project at either the State Fair of Texas or the Tri-State Fair may pick up their entry forms at the Sherman County Extension Office. Entries for the State Fair are due to the Extension Office by August 22, 2003. The State Fair will be held October 9-19, 2003 in Dallas. Entries for the Tri-State Fair are due to the Extension Office by August 13, 2003. The Tri-State Fair will be held in Amarillo on September 12-20, 2003. Please contact Leslie Neve at (806) 366-2081 for more information.

Coldwater Manor Competes In Senior Olympics

Senior Olympics was held at Guymon, Oklahoma. Nursing homes from Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas participated.

Coldwater Manor residents participated and did really well. A group of folks came in First place in Talent by singing "Blue Hawaii". The group: Lew Bruni, Violet Krueger, Gladys Evans, Gordie Ramon, Jerry Moore, Nellie Miller, Irene Butler.

From Coldwater Manor coming in First Place in Bowling was Jerry Moore.

Irene Butler got 2nd place in the WALK-A-THON.

Sherman County Lamb & Goat Validation Tag Orders Due

The Sherman County 4-H and Stratford FFA will be ordering state lamb and goat validation tags. If you are planning to exhibit a goat or lamb project next year at a State Livestock Show we need an accurate count of the number of projects here will be for the 2003-2004 show season. Please contact Leslie Neve, Sherman County Agriculture Extension Agent, at (806) 366-2081 to place your tag orders.

Station Raisin' Work Day July 12, 2003

Station Raisin' Work Day July 12, 2003 was a huge success. Community volunteers worked all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Thanks to each and everyone for your support, talent and labor.

There will be another work day Saturday, July 26, 2003 starting at 7 a.m. (before it gets too hot). Anyone willing and able to help is appreciated.

Also, check out the new community website. Pictures of the workday and fundraiser are on the fire department's portion.

Drama Workshop July 28-31

Terri Teig will be leading a drama workshop July 28-31 at the Imagination Station. She will teach three sessions during this time. The session are for ages 5 to 7 9:00 to 10:30, ages 8 to eleven 2:00 to 3:30 and for all over the age if 12 and up 7-8:30 p.m. Stage presence, pantomime, blocking techniques, costuming and understanding drama will be investigated. A performance for each group will be presented to the community on Thursday evening. The registration fee will be \$15.00 per participant. For more information call Terri at 727-4412.

Mary Allen Elementary Back-to-School Goods & Bake Sale

Saturday, August 2 from 8:30 until 1:00, Mary Allen Elementary will have a Back-to-School Sale. Stratford ISD employees and some Community friends have donated children and adult clothing, toys, various household and outdoor items, plus many "treasures" so far unnamed. There will also be a Bake Sale. The sale will be held at the Mary Allen Parking Lot. All proceeds will go toward the MAE Math and Reading Incentives Program.

Last year with your donations of money, staff provided the students with cookies, ice cream, soft drinks, pizza, t-shirts for our Camp-Out, awards for our Accelerated Reading program,

and other items and activities throughout the school year. Our staff and children work hard and we enjoy providing the children work hard and we enjoy providing the children various incentives for their hard work.

Special items have been donated and drawings will be held throughout the day for these items. If you would like to donate "treasures" for the Parking Lot Sale or goods for the Bake Sale please call Mary Pat Williams at 396-2050 or Ronda Mathews at 366-2291 before Friday, August 1. We will pick your items up for you. Come one come all Saturday, August 2 from 8:30-3:00 to find the bargains of a lifetime, along with good food.

Obits

Almarea Williams

Almarea Williams, 90, died Friday, July 18, 2003.

Services were held on Tuesday, July 22, 2003 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Brent Farney, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Williams was born April 15, 1913, in Toyah. She was a homemaker and had lived in Stratford since July 1994. She married Homer L. Williams on July 10, 1930. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband on July 14, 1999.

Survivors include a son, James E. Williams and wife, Elizabeth, of Los Lunas, NM; a daughter, Jeanne Marshall and husband, Gene of Stratford; three sisters, Dorothy Thomas and Ruth Morton, both of Big Spring, and Jessie Kinney of Springdale, AK; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Coldwater Manor Activity Fund, P.O. Box 1107, Stratford, TX 79084; or to Memorial Hospice, 224 E. Second Ave., Dumas, TX 79029.

City of Amarillo to Auction Surplus & Seized Vehicles & Equipment

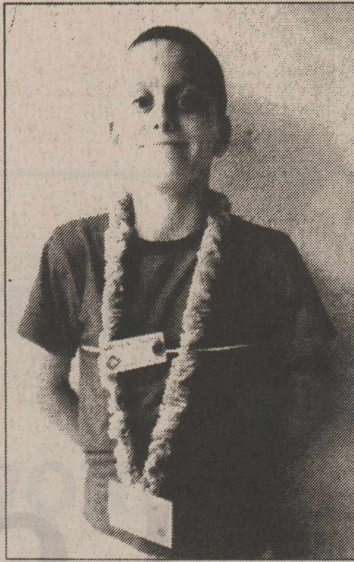
Amarillo, TX On Saturday, July 26th at 10:00 a.m. the City of Amarillo will sell all of its surplus or seized vehicles and equipment by public auction at the Central Services Complex (800 SE 23rd). The auction includes over 200 automobiles, pick-ups, heavy equipment and trucks. The auction will also include property seized and forfeited in the war against drugs. Seized property includes cars, pick-ups, SUV's, a motor home and an airplane. Additionally, the City of Amarillo has invited area municipalities to consign to the auction.

Assister & Associates, a national auction firm based in Amarillo will conduct the actual auction. "Nearly a dozen are government organizations have consigned property in the City of Amarillo auction" said Tom "Spanky" Assister, president of Assister & Associates. "Historically the City of Amarillo hosts the area's largest vehicle and equipment auction that is open to the general public" according to Assister.

In addition to the live auction, prospective buyers can review the items being sold and place absentee bids on-line at www.assister.com or contact Assister & Associates for a free brochure at (806) 373-0000. A preview of all items to be auctioned will take place on Friday, July 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 at the Central Services Complex located at 800 SE 23rd.

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board
To Report Suspected Child Abuse, Call
Kathie Altman - 366-5611
David Cross - 396-2396
Ken Forthman - 366-2586
Patsy Harland - 827-7568
Michael Meyer - 827-7453
Jesse Resendes - 769-4454
Bob Sweeten - 366-5848
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1-800-252-5400
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Matthew Chaffee

Lions Provide Free Summer Camp For Children With Physical Disabilities & Diabetes

Thanks to the Lions Clubs of Texas, many children with physical disabilities can look forward to an experience that all children dream about-going to summer camp! The Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville offers special camping programs that serve children who have physical disabilities and type 1 diabetes.

This summer, Matthew Chaffee of Stratford attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville; Matthew was sponsored by Doak Crabtree of the Stratford Lions Club.

The Texas Lions Camp offers camping sessions to children ages seven through 16 who have visual, hearing, or physical disabilities. The camp offers a wide variety of activities for camper's enjoyment, including arts & crafts, field sports, riding horses, swimming, theater, and camping out overnight. The camp is a nonprofit organization, fund by the Lions of Texas and private donations. Children attend the camp at no cost to themselves or their families.

Further information and camper applications may be obtained by contacting a Lions Club member in your area or by contacting the Texas Lions Camp at P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville, Texas 78029-0247; V/TDD (830) 896-8500; fax: (830) 896-3666. The Texas Lions Camp can also be found on the World Wide Web at www.lionscamp.com

Still The Best Value

Compared to other four-year institutions in Oklahoma and surrounding states, OPSU remains an educational best buy. Add that to the great location, small class sizes, and faculty committed to each student's education, and OPSU is the clear choice for defining futures. Despite recent tuition and fees raises, Oklahoma Panhandle State University still offers the best value per education dollar spent. The tuition and fees increases offset budget cuts mandated by the state of Oklahoma, and OPSU is committed to using resources conservatively while continuing to offer high quality higher education.

For Oklahoma residents, tuition for lower level courses will increase from \$56.05 per hour to \$61.66 per hour and non-resident lower level courses will increase

Arts in the Area
By Gaynelle Riffe
*** note new listing

June 6 "Texas"
Aug. 16 Palo Duro State Park 806-655-2181

June 10- Aug. 26 Starlight Theater Tuesday Concert Series 7:00 p.m.
Sam Houston Park on Western St. Amarillo

June 11 "Lone Star Rising" Lake Meredith
Aug. 17 Borger Chamber of Commerce 806-274-9050

July 31***** Drama Camp Production Teri Teig, Director
Imagination Station 6:00 p.m.

Aug 7,3,9 "Dreadful Doin's at Cider Mill" Melodrama
Dalhart LaRita Community Theatre 244-5646

Aug. 21-31 Buddy- The Buddy Holly Story
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-8991
www.amarillolittletheatre.org

Aug. 26*** Ringo Starr
Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096

Sept. 18-21 "Aaron Slick of Punkin Crick"
Guymon Community Theatre

Sept. 20***** Amarillo Opera "The Merry Widow" Mary Jane Johnson
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-SING

STRATFORD JAMBOREE
50th STRATFORD Ex-STUDENTS & TEACHERS REUNION
September 1953 AUGUST 1 & 2, 2003

Activities for ALL Ex-Students, Teachers and Families

Friday Night, August 1
7:00 p.m. Food & Visiting for all Ex's, Teachers, Families and Friends
County Exhibit Building S. Maple and 6th
Hamburgers—Ice Cream

8:00 p.m. Ranch Rodeo

Saturday, August 2
6:30-8:00 a.m. Chuck Wagon Breakfast
8:00-9:00 a.m. Cowboy Church
9:00-10:30 a.m. Visit Depot Museum & Stratford Schools

10:00 a.m. Old Timers Program Stratford First State Bank
11:00 a.m. Parade "Red, White and You" (Reunion Class Floats)

NOON Barbeque at City Park (Designated Class Areas- Bring Chairs)

2:00 p.m. Nine Hole Golf Scramble Stratford Country Club
Kids Games, Horseshoe Pitch City Park
Antique Tractor Pull Site to be decided

8:00 p.m. Ranch Rodeo

Sherman County Depot Museum
is sponsoring a
HORSESHOE PITCHING CONTEST
immediately following the barbecue on
Sat. Aug. 2 at the
East Side of City Park
\$10.00 a Team to Enter

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

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 August 19, 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. Financial aid available.

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

STRATFORD JAMBOREE PARADE "RED WHITE & YOU"

The Stratford Jamboree invites you to show off your town, organization or business in the Stratford Jamboree Parade, Saturday August 2, 2003. The Parade theme is "Red White & You".

Entries will be judged for awards: Theme Floats 1st - \$100.00, 2nd - \$80.00, 3rd - \$65.00
Commercial & Organization Floats (Separate Adult and Youth categories)

Riding clubs must be attired in long-sleeved western shirts, blue jeans, boots and hat. Individual Cowgirl or Cowboy 1st prize- \$35.00, 2nd - \$20.00 Riding Club - 1st prize- \$35.00, 2nd - \$20.00

Kiddie entries - Theme & Non-Theme, prizes ranging from \$7.50 to \$1.50

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

Please fill out this form below and return it to the Stratford Jamboree (Happy Bank) or the Chamber of Commerce by July 31, 2003.

For more information contact: Jim Taliaferro, Parade Chairman
366-3300(work) 366-5698(home)
Chamber of Commerce 366-2260
Stratford Jamboree (Trish) 366-2265

Stratford Jamboree Parade Entry PO Box 677 Stratford, Texas 79084
Chamber of Commerce PO Box 570 Stratford, Texas 79084

CIRCLE ENTRY AND INDICATE NUMBER IN GROUP

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

Number in Group _____

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

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

Ranch Rodeo

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce invites the community to enjoy the Ranch Rodeo scheduled for August 1 & 2. Each evening performance will begin at 8:00 p.m. (Hopefully the evenings will be cooler). All spectators will enter the arena area by using the central gate. Ticket prices are: Adult - \$3.00, Children - \$2.00. Infants are free. The programs will also be for sale at the gate and prices are a \$1.00. The Calcutta will be held at 7:30 on Friday night (Aug. 1).

The concession stand will be hosted by the Angel Tree Project. Mayrene Aduddell is the group leader, and the funds from the rodeo concessions will be used for the Christmas Project.

Teams have registered from the Texas Panhandle, Oklahoma Panhandle, and Northern New Mexico. Our hope is for 20 teams. The rodeo directors are James Gillenwaters and Jimmy Helmuth. Troy Snook will be our announcer from Hooker, OK. The secretaries are Connie Werner and Cory Miller.

A special presentation will be awarded to a long-time rodeo supporter on Friday night. Make plans to attend, and see who this "Mystery Supporter" is!

For more information please contact the Chamber Office (Located in the City Hall Building) or call 806-366-2260.

Teig Named To Dean's List

Abilene, Texas-The following students have been named to the Spring 2003 Dean's List and Dean's Honor Roll. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours. To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete 6-11 hours with an least a 3.5 grade point average.

Qualifying for the Dean's List from Stratford was Trisha Suzanne Teig, Communication. Trisha is the daughter of John and Terri Teig.

Scot News
By Jack Gore

Last weeks activities included Birthday Party and Bingo. Several attended both. Few people have been doing ceramics and the rest of you have stayed home by the air conditioners!!

This weeks activities include Board meeting on Tuesday, Hamburger cookout on Thursday at 5 p.m. All Scotters who bring a dish will not have to pay at the door, but all others that are invited will pay a \$5.00 minimum donation, but if you want to do both, you can. Dance Saturday, 26th 8 to 11 p.m.

EMT Association Needs YOU!!!!

Well folks, it is just about that time of year again. Soon the kids will be off to school or back to college or wherever it is our kids go in the fall. There is only so much "fall cleaning" that one can do and you have seen all the TV reruns to the point you have the dialog memorized. You have sorted--and resorted--your vacation snapshots of Yellowstone and have just finished filling the latest album with your grandbaby's pictures. You have taken your dog on so many nature walks that she runs for cover when you head for the door.

If you are one of those folks that have to stay busy every minute, but quite honestly you are just about out of anything constructive to do, BOY, DO I HAVE A SOLUTION!!!! become an EMT with the Stratford EMS.

Yeah, yeah I know what is going through your mind. "I could never do that stuff." "I'm too old to start something new." "I don't have time for it." "I would get car sick in the back of the ambulance." "I can't afford the class." "What if I hurt someone when trying to help them?" "I'll get claustrophobia in the back of the ambulance."

If you possess the desire to be an EMT, than all the excuses in the world you can think of can be worked through, but you have got to want it. If you are not sure, but just think you might like doing it, then jump in there and do it. Go ahead and become one of the EMT gang and feel good about doing something for your community. Stratford EMS needs you. The community needs you. Governor Perry needs you. President Bush needs you. GOD NEEDS YOU!

Classes start September 3 and will finish December 10. Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings starting at 7 p.m. Contact Stratford EMS at 396-2844, Jimmy Lanning at 366-2506, or Larry Norris at 396-2564 for the first step towards a very rewarding adventure.

Remember, a joy shared is doubled--so bring a buddy.

PACCE Elects Officers For 2003-04

The Panhandle Area Chamber of Commerce executives (PACCE) elected officers for the

2003-2004 year at their June Monthly meeting in Amarillo. The purpose of this organization is to provide a venue for executives to discuss activities in their communities, share ideas, educate the members on political issues that affect the Panhandle and award scholarships for members to attend Chamber Institute.

President for this year will be Dana Donahue of The Perryton Chamber. The President Elect is Paula Nusz of The Stratford Chamber. The Treasurer is Gary Mulberg of The Amarillo Chamber. Current members represent the towns of: Dalhart, Stratford, Spearman, Perryton, Dumas, Vega, Amarillo, Canyon, Memphis, Clarendon, Childress, Borger, Dimmitt, Tulia, Hereford, and Pampa.

District 4-H Record Book Judging Results

Nine Sherman County 4-H members competed at the District 1 Panhandle 4-H Awards Program Record Book Judging held July 17 in Amarillo. Connie Burton served as one of the volunteer judges for the contest.

Sherman County participants included: Walter Spurlock, Senior Shooting Sports; Jennie Spurlock, Intermediate Clothing and Textiles; Kaleb Horsford, Intermediate Swine; Eric Burton, Junior Foods and Nutrition; Jennie Witcher and Rhyann Burton, Junior Clothing and Textiles; Kyle Horsford, Autumn Witcher and Katahrina Pendergrace, Junior Swine.

Walter Spurlock took 2nd place in the judging competition.

4-H Awards Program Awards Record Book participation is the gateway to 4-H scholarships, educational tours and awards. For more information on 4-H Record Books and the Sherman County 4-H program, contact Susie Spurlock or Leslie Neve, Sherman County Extension Agents telephone 366-2081 or 366-2122. Sherman County youth ages 8 and enrolled in the third grade through age 19 are eligible for membership.

Kerrick News

by Marylou McDaniel

Ted & Joyce Irlbeck attended the wedding of their granddaughter Megan Roberts to Jason Keys at Childress on July 11. Then July 14-18 they went camping at Tres Ritas, NM with about 25 relatives. Among those in the group were Randy Irlbeck and daughters Anne & Mary of Irving, Lester Irlbeck of Austin, Tracy & Kishora Shersta & children Naomi & Michael of Detroit, MI, Jim & Belinda Roberts of Conlen, Rodney & Nichole Irlbeck of Arlington.

Nichole is spending the next couple of weeks with her grandparents.

Mike McDaniel did some dog-sitting for friends in Amarillo.

Arriving July 19 for a visit with the Leonard Hawkins family was Maylene Rish of Houston, MS. She is the mother of Peggy.

The Brady Schoonovers and Terry Schoonovers went to Wonderland Park Saturday. It was a birthday party for Tristen & Trevor Payne.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover are really happy these days as son Kelly (also known as Mike) and family are leaving the Houston rat race and moving to Folsom, NM next month. Mike can do his work from there. He and Shelby have two sons, Hunter 5 and Noah 4. Hunter will enter school at Des Moines. Instead of 13 hours away, the family will be only two hours away.

TEEA Enjoys Trip To Dumas

Ten members and guests of TEEA Clubs enjoyed a day in Dumas July 15. They visited the Museum, then had lunch at Albert's Restaurant.

Guests of Reyna Everett were her mother, Beatrus Gonzales of Mexico and daughters Ria and Sinead. Others were Jean Everett, Doris Dyess, Dorothy Dewees, DeeDee Dewees, Dortha Allen, and Marylou McDaniel.

Six Students & One Teacher Meet At Four Corner Cafe

Six students and one teacher from the North Fork school gather at the Four Corner Cafe on July 12th, 2003 for lunch and a lot of memories looking at pictures and scrapbooks.

North Fork School was opened in 1916 and closed in 1943 when the students were bused into Texhoma. It was located 22 miles northwest of Texhoma.

Students attending were Nola (Sade) Sheldon of Dumas, Faye (Sade) Cline and Bonnie (Sheldon) McCune of Boise City, OK, Ruth (Elliott) Ferguson of rural Texhoma, Winfield Scott of Sudan, NM, Randolph Scott of Durango, CO. The teachers were Mary June Clark of Texhoma.

Visitors included Sarah Ferguson, Bert Clifton, Carolyn Hegwood, Sylvia Spray, Shirley & Mike Scott, Velma Twyman, Jack and Rosalla Flanagan. Ruth Hollowell.

It is only by following your deepest instinct that you can lead a rich life, and if you let your fear of consequence prevent you from following your deepest instinct, then your life will be safe, expedient, and thin.

—Katharine Butler Hathaway



Hammock To Lead Church Service, Sat. Aug. 2, 2003

In conjunction with the Stratford Days-Ex-Students Reunion, Mike Hammock will lead church service on Saturday, August 2, at 8:00 a.m. at the County Barn or arena. Mike was nominated for the New Christian Country Artist award in 2001.

The first time you hear the music of Mike Hammock, you will have little doubt about the influence country music has played in forming his musical style. Mike has captured the Texas sound of country music with a Christian message that ministers to all ages. Whether he's ministering at cowboy churches, traditional churches, fairs, or rodeo's, his love for music and the sincerity he displays comes shining through!

Mike was born and raised in the heart of the east Texas piney woods between Toledo Bend and Sam Rayburn Lakes. He grew up enjoying the great hunting and fishing that area provides. Mike served his country in the U.S. Air Force and returned to make his home in Nacogdoches, TX. He lives there with his wife, Faye and their daughter, Amanda.

He started his singing career appearing on the many Country Music Opry's in Texas such as the Grapevine Opry, Charlie Pruitt Country Music Show, and the very well known Johnny High Country Music Show in Fort Worth, TX, where Le Ann Rimes got her start. After doing those for a few years, Mike formed his own band and started playing in the honky tonks and bars in Texas like many before him had done. But in April of 1991 he gave his heart to Christ, left that destructive scene, and hasn't looked back. Mike says, "All I want to do now is serve my Lord by ministering to others through the songs God has inspired me to write!!!"

Everyone is invited to join Mike on August 2 at 8:00 a.m.

Concentrate your energies and work hard. Launch out in new experiments. Never be afraid to have the courage of your opinions. Fix the lines you want to travel along and keep in them. That's all.

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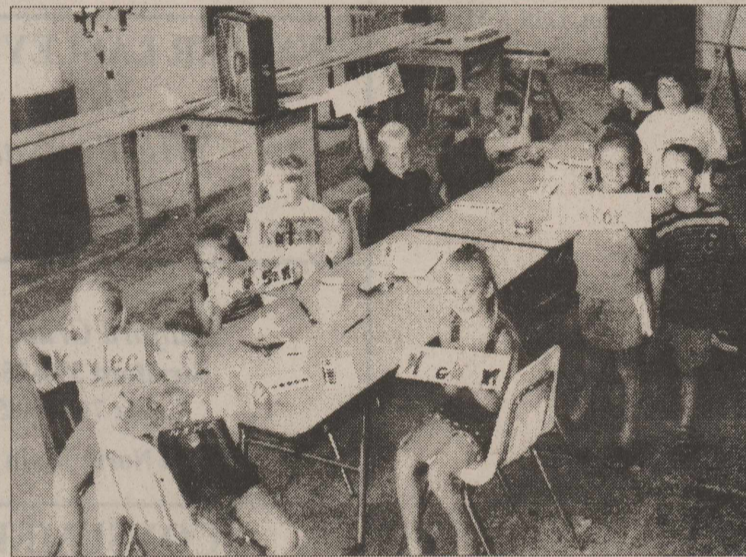
Births

Barrett Shafer and Tonya Black are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Alanna Kathleen. She weighed 8 lbs, 13 3/4 oz and was 20 1/2 inches long. Alanna was born July 10th at Coon Memorial Hospital in Dalhart, Texas.

Proud grandparents are Mike and Gale Shafer of Stratford. Great grandparents are Glenda McMenamy of Felt, Oklahoma and Guy and Mary Shafer of Haswell, CO.

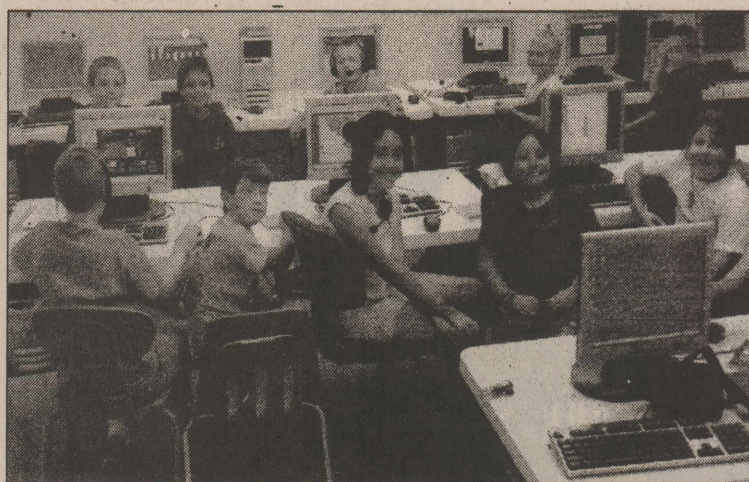
Mexican Turkey Burgers

1 1/2 lbs ground turkey
3/4 cup sliced California Ripe Olives
1/2 cup chopped green onions
2 tsps minced jalapeno pepper
1 1/4 tsps minced garlic
2 Tbls lime juice
2 1/2 tsps chili powder
1 tsp ground cumin, toasted
1/2 tsp ground sage
1/4 tsp kosher salt
4 (2.5 oz) onion rolls, split and toasted
4 oz avocado, sliced (optional)
1/2 cup prepared salsa (optional)



We want our children to grow up to be such persons that ill-fortune, if they meet with it, will bring out strength in them, and that good fortune will not trip them up, but make them winners.

—Edward Sandford Martin



Imagination Station Computer Class taught by Shanda Davis, Darlene Walker and Tina Duke L/R: Front: Tyler Gilliland, Kolten Rendon, Lidia Mendoza, Violet Conway, Monica Ramos; Back: Christian Confer, Layne Sims, Corey Sims, Tanner Wright. Not shown; Jacque Mayfield.

In a large mixing bowl, combine turkey, 1/2 cup California Ripe Olives, green onions, jalapenos and garlic. Season with lime juice, chili powder, cumin, sage and salt and mix thoroughly. Divide mixture into fourths and shape into patties. Grill turkey burgers over medium-high heat for 4-5 minutes on each side until cooked through. Place each cooked burger on the bottom half of a toasted onion roll. Top with remaining sliced California Ripe Olives. Garnish with avocado and salsa, if desired. Cover with top half of bun just before serving. Serves 4.

For more information and recipes visit www.CalOlive.org.

Main Street Art Watercolor Class Held

Shown above and at left, Main Street Art Watercolor Class held Monday, July 7 at the Imagination Station. Cindy Russell taught 26 students in three age groups assisted by Yvonne Pittman and Tiffany Confer.

Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money and power and influence. It is no more or less than faith in action.

—Henry Chester

In the elaborate wardrobe of human emotions, guilt is the itchy wool turtleneck that's three sizes too small.

—Dennis Miller

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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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

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Rev. Mark Metzger

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Morning Worship 10:50 am
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Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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God's Commandments For Christians

Those who support the right of homosexuals to live their life style openly would never call homosexuality a sin. Those who are in favor of killing babies in the womb never call it murder. On the other hand, there is the moral law of God summarized in the Ten Commandments. This law is very unpopular. After all, who does God think he is by imposing His standards of morality on us? This is the ultimate in arrogance! Man telling God what to do. Many who call themselves Christians are of the same mentality. They really believe that the Ten Commandments are for a bygone era. They use as a basis a verse in Romans 6:14 which says, "You are not under law, but under grace." But the Bible is not saying that the Ten Commandments are passe. The Bible is telling us that we do not earn our way to heaven by keeping the Commandments. We must trust in Jesus Christ. He lived a perfect life while on this earth. We must trust in His good works, not our own. We are all sinners. We need forgiveness. But those who are truly forgiven through faith in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ go on to display love for God. They love God because God first loved them in the sacrifice of His Son. How do these people display their love for God? Listen: "This is the love of God, that we keep His Commandments, and His Commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3). In other words, you show God you love him by doing what he commands. If you think that God's commandments are too much of a burden, you are not a Christian. Listen again, "The one who says, 'I have come to know him (that is God), and does not keep His commandments, is a liar' (1 John 2:4).

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Mary Allen Elementary
School Supply List
2003-2004

Pre-Kindergarten

- 1 - Box of Kleenex
- 1 - Back Pack
- 2 - Boxes of 8 Crayons

Kindergarten

- 3 - Boxes of Kleenex
- 4 - Glue Sticks
- 1 - Box of 8 Crayons
- 1 - Box of 16 Colors
- 10 - Pencils
- 1 - Scissors (Fiskar)
- 1 - School Box (small one)
- 1 - Rest Mat (No blankets, Exercise Mats, or Sleeping Bags)
- 1 - Pink Eraser

First Grade

- 1 - Wide Rule Spiral Notebook
- 12 - #2 Pencils
- 2 - Red Pencils
- 1 - Set of Colored Pencils
- 2 - Boxes of Crayons (No Fluorescent)
- 1 - Small Pencil Box
- 2 - Pocket Folders
- 1 - Pair of Pointed Scissors
- 2 - Large Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 - Large Roll of Paper Towels
- 10 - Pencil Erasers
- No Pencil Sharpeners

Second Grade

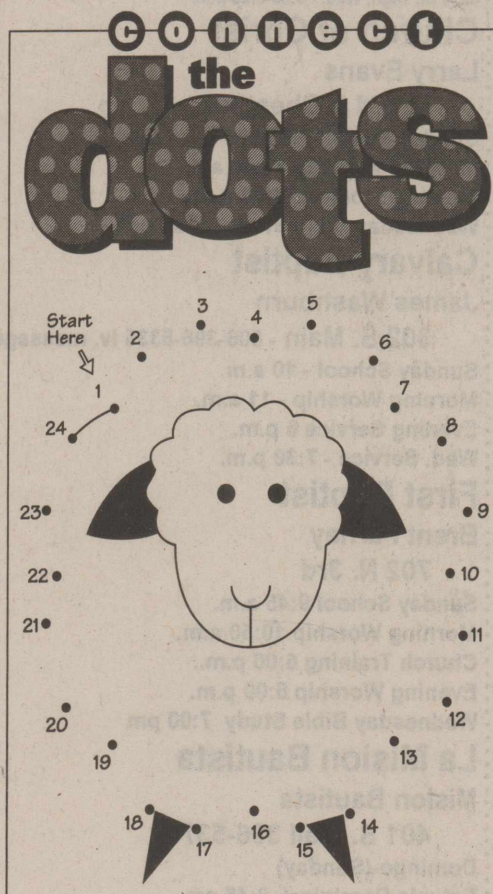
- 1 - Pencil Box
- 1 - Box Crayons 24 count
- 3 - Large Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 - Pair of Scissors
- 20 - #2 Pencils
- 1 - Box Map Color Pencils
- 3 - Red Pens
- 3 - 70 Count Spiral Notebooks (Wide ruled)
- 5 - Folders with Pockets and brads
- 2 - Pink Erasers (Big)
- 1 - 8oz. Bottle Elmers Glue
- 1 - Roll of Paper Towels
- 1 - pkg. loose leaf paper (wide ruled)
- 1 - pkg. multi-colored construction paper

Third Grade

- 1 - Box of 24 Crayons
 - 20 - Pencils
 - 2 - Red Grading Pens
 - 1 - Box Map Color Pencils
 - 3 - Boxes of Kleenex
 - 1 - Pair Scissors
 - 1 - 8oz. Glue
 - 1 - Glue Stick
 - 3 - Erasers
 - 2 - Pkgs. Loose leaf Notebook Paper (wide ruled)
 - 4 - Spiral Notebooks (60-100 pages)
 - 1 - Pencil Box
- No Trapper Keepers - they do not fit in desks
Please mark your child's things with his/her name

Fourth Grade

- 4 - Spiral Notebooks
 - 2 - Pocket Folders (WITH BRADS)
 - 3 - Highlighters
 - Glue
 - Glue Stick
 - Crayons
 - 3 - Boxes Kleenex
 - Zippered Pencil Bag
 - 12 - Pencils (No mechanical pencils please)
 - 5 - Red Grading Pencils or pens
 - Scissors
 - Ruler
 - Notebook Paper - (WIDE RULED - 1 large pkg)
 - Eraser
- Please mark your child's things with his/her name



Health Hints

PGA TOUR Golfers Spread The Word About Arthritis Treatment

(NAPS)—A recent study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reveals that as many as 70 million—or one in three—adults suffer from arthritis or chronic joint symptoms. This surpasses a previous estimate of 43 million persons with arthritis.

With so many people affected by arthritis, many Americans have a loved one with the disease. PGA TOUR golfers Brian Bateman, Joe Durant, Chris Smith and Mike Sposa are no exception. All four of their mothers have been diagnosed with osteoarthritis.

"My mom was diagnosed with arthritis about 10 years ago," said Mike Sposa, who recently finished in the top-10 at the 2003 Chrysler Classic of Tucson. "My mom is my biggest fan. She used to walk with me almost every round I played, but the arthritis really slowed her down."

The same was true for Bateman, Durant and Smith—arthritis was keeping their biggest fans out of their gallery.

Over the past few years, each mother went to her personal

- TIPS TO HELP B.E.A.T. ARTHRITIS**
- Pay attention to pain signals. Pain is a warning sign that something is not right with your body.
 - Talk to your doctor about arthritis, possible treatments and an exercise program that's right for you.
 - Call 1-877-480-BEAT (2328) for free information about arthritis, or log on to www.celebrex.com or www.arthritis.com

physician and was prescribed Celebrex (celecoxib capsules) for her osteoarthritis. Although individual results may vary, taking Celebrex has helped reduce arthritis pain. With less pain, they can spend more time cheering for their sons greenside instead of just watching them on television.

"Now that she found an arthritis treatment that works for her, she is back out on the course again cheering me on," Sposa continued.

Witnessing the success that their mothers have had managing the pain and stiffness of their arthritis, Bateman, Durant, Smith and Sposa have teamed up to take part in the B.E.A.T. Arthri-

tis" campaign: Boost Education of Arthritis Treatment. The campaign aims to increase awareness about arthritis and effective treatments for the condition.

"My mom is more active than she was five years ago because she went to her doctor to find an arthritis treatment that worked for her. I want to do what I can to encourage others to do the same," said Durant, who already has two top-10 finishes on tour this year.

Prescription Celebrex is not for everyone. People with aspirin-sensitive asthma or allergic reactions due to aspirin or other arthritis medications or certain drugs called sulfonamides should not take Celebrex. In rare cases, serious stomach problems, such as bleeding can occur without warning. The most common side effects in clinical trials were indigestion, diarrhea and abdominal pain. Celebrex should not be taken in late pregnancy. Tell your doctor if you have kidney or liver problems.

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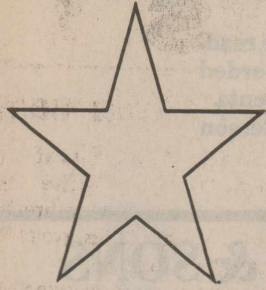
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—Primo Levi

The best advice I can give to any young man or young woman upon graduation from school can be summed up in exactly eight words, and they are—be honest with yourself and tell the truth.
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1/2 cup water
Flour tortillas, heated

1. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat and cook red peppers 2 minutes. Add chicken and cook 4 minutes or until lightly browned.
2. Stir in soup mix blended with water. Simmer 2 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink. Serve in warm tortillas.
Makes 4 servings

Baseball to me is still the national pastime because it is a summer game. I feel that almost all Americans are summer people, that summer is what they think of when they think of childhood. I think it stirs up an incredible emotion in people.
—Steve Busby

Houses for Sale

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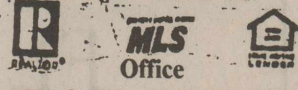
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- Communicate any changes in the mouth
- Share recent medical diagnosis
- Avoid beverages with caffeine or sugar on the day of your visit
- If your dental visit coincides with your mealtime, bring a healthy snack
- Wear comfortable clothing
- Bring a list of medication and vitamins (name and dosage)
- Jot down questions, and bring them with you

What to Expect at a Dental Visit

- Expect the dentist to perform a thorough examination, detect potential problems and provide an appropriate treatment plan.
- An exam may include some or all of the following procedures:
 - health history review
 - a soft and hard tissues examination (bone and teeth)
 - a complete oral and head and neck screening
 - periodontal disease evaluation and a detailed charting of your mouth and sometimes X-rays

SAFETY SENSE

Preventing Slips And Falls In Your Home

(NAPS)—The foundation for home safety may be right underneath your feet...your carpet. Slips and falls within the home are the leading cause of injury among children and adults over 65. For families living with a grandparent or young children, reducing the risk of slips and falls is a primary concern in creating a safe home. Here are some home safety ideas from experts at the Carpet and Rug Institute:



DON'T TAKE THE FALL!—Placing rugs and mats at entrances reduces the probability of a slip.

Whether there is a spill or water is tracked in from outside, when most flooring surfaces get wet, they become slippery. Carpet provides a stable, non-slip surface. If carpet does get wet, it maintains its ability to create traction and secure footing. Slips and falls can lead to serious injury, and sometimes even death. Carpet not only reduces the likelihood that a slip will occur, it softens the impact of the fall and its softness reduces the chances of injury.

Most carpet has an additional layer of cushioning underneath, further decreasing the chance of bruising or injury. Carpet also has the added benefit of helping reduce back and leg fatigue. Nurses especially agree that carpeting helps keep their feet and backs to a minimum.

Another way to reduce the probability of slip and fall injuries is to place rugs or mats by entrances, kitchen sinks, or areas where flooring is most likely to get wet. Rugs and mats will absorb the moisture, reducing the risk of a slip and fall injury further in the home.

Even while decorating, there are simple measures that homeowners can take to reduce the

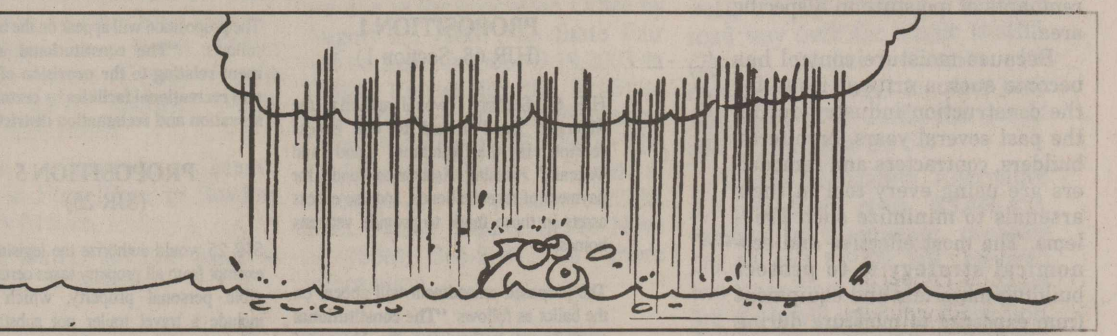
chances of tripping and falling within the home. Choose patterns that do not disguise the edge of steps, height differences and level changes. This is very helpful with "sunken" or "raised" rooms.

In rooms where handicapped or elderly individuals spend a lot of time, homeowners should avoid shag carpet or carpet with a thick pile height. These styles are more likely to get caught on walkers or shoes, causing tripping and possibly an injury. Level loop or cut pile styles or styles with low pile height, will provide all of the benefits of carpet, without the risk of tripping.

The softness and cushioning nature of carpet is ideal for family activity—whether it is the first steps of a toddler, the deliberate steps of a grandparent, the hurried steps of a busy adult or teenager, or the many steps of the homemaker.

Honesty of thought and speech and written word is a jewel, and they who curb prejudice and seek honorably to know and speak the truth are the only builders of a better life.

—John Galsworthy



Just because a storm forms over the ocean in the tropics doesn't mean that it's a tropical storm. A tropical storm has to have a wind speed between 39 to 73 miles per hour.

AgriPartner Report

Week of July 14, 2003

Dallam, Sherman, Hartley & Moore Counties

Corn borer moths are emerging marking the beginning of the second generation of borers. It is the second generation of corn borer that most often reaches the economic threshold on non Bt corn.

Spider mite infestations remain unusually light; however, increases can rapidly occur now that corn is in the reproductive phase and the weather is hot and dry.

Western corn rootworm beetles continue to emerge. These beetles feed on leaves and silk. They are capable of reducing pollination if silks are chewed to less than 1/2 inch. More importantly, they will lay the eggs that will become next year's rootworm problem if corn is planted back on that same land.

Western bean cutworm are active in corn primarily in the northwest portion of the Texas Panhandle. These cutworms are capable of causing considerable ear damage if not controlled when they reach the economic threshold. The economic threshold is when 14 percent of the plants are infested with eggs or larvae and corn is 95 percent tasseled.

Corn leaf aphids are the main insect infesting sorghum at this time. They are not considered an important pest but do provide a food source for aphid predators. These predators play a valuable role in greenbug suppression later in the season. A few greenbug colonies have been reported. Monitor these colonies for rapid development, for some sorghum fields are reaching that stage when greenbugs can quickly increase to economic levels.

Small black beetles are causing stand reduction in some newly emerged sorghum and sunflower fields. The 1/4 inch beetles have been determined to be in the *Blapstinus genus* which is a tenebrionid or darkling beetle. The beetle is generally considered a scavenger, but will in outbreak years cause some crop damage particularly to plants just emerging to the early seedling stage.

Cotton fleahoppers and Lygus bugs are important pests in squaring cotton. They feed on square causing them to shed. With much of the area cotton being late, producers can ill-afford to lose any squares to these pests. Monitor not only the number of these pests but also square retention in order to decide if an insecticide application is necessary.

Beet armyworm moths are being caught in area pheromone traps; however, no egg lay or larval activity has been reported from fields that are being scouted.

STATION RAISIN'

WORK DAY

TO BE HELD

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2003

7 A.M.

**PLEASE COME
IF YOU CAN HELP!!**

Knowledge Is Key To Controlling Moisture And Mold

(NAPS)—Ask your architect, builder, contractor or the remodeler working on your new family room about the biggest challenge they are facing these days. Chances are, the answer will have something to do with moisture and mold.

Virtually all construction materials, from carpeting and fabric to glass fiber insulation, lumber and drywall, can become breeding grounds for the growth of mold. The key element for such growth is the presence of moisture, which can result from a number of sources during a building's construction and even after it's occupied. For example, the use of wet building materials, plumbing system leaks, condensation from air conditioning systems and even minor job site flooding can leave remnants of moisture in a specific area.

Because moisture control has become such a critical issue for the construction industry during the past several years, architects, builders, contractors and remodelers are using every tool in their arsenals to minimize such problems. The most effective and economical strategy is to protect building materials and equipment from exposure to moisture during transportation, storage, construction and after completion of the building envelope.

As the construction industry and health experts grapple with the breadth and depth of the issue, as well as the potential health concerns it can pose, building material manufacturers are responding with new products that minimize moisture and mold.

United States Gypsum Company, which invented drywall, has introduced a new line of wall-board called SHEETROCK Brand HUMITEK Gypsum Panels. The

panels are moisture- and mold-resistant from front to back, and are designed specifically for use in interior areas susceptible to moist conditions.

Unlike other types of moisture- and mold-resistant gypsum panels, these panels are installed and finished in a traditional manner—without the need for additional steps that require extra labor.

Recognizing and addressing moisture in the building envelope is nothing new to U.S. Gypsum. In 1983, the company introduced DUROCK Brand Cement Board for use in wet environments, and in 2000 it developed FIBEROCK Brand Underlayment and sheathing products with AQUA-TOUGH water-resistant technology.

After carefully studying the moisture and mold issue, U.S. Gypsum has developed a number of informative resources on the subject and created a special section on its Web site (www.usg.com) devoted to moisture and mold. Homeowners can also call (800) USG-4YOU for more information.

Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love and something to hope for.

—Joseph Addison

Check Out These Web Sites:

To learn more about the benefits of Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT), visit www.seimensmedical.com.
The 2003 Avon Let's Talk Beauty Tour at www.avon.com/events.
People Living With Cancer at www.PLWC.org.
Cancer Treatment Centers of America at www.cancercenter.com.
For information on natural hormone replacement therapy supplements, visit www.vitacost.com.
For information on Exelon (rivastigmine tartrate) therapy, visit www.AlzheimersDisease.com.
For Lipton Recipe Secrets Onion Soup Mix recipe ideas, visit www.recipesecrets.com.
Recipes using pork rinds are available at www.rudolphfoods.com.
Fleischmann's Yeast at www.breadworld.com.
Recipes using German foods can be found on the German Agricultural Marketing Web site, www.germanfoods.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
SPECIAL ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 68, Section 1)

HJR 68, Section 1 would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans' Land and Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 51)

HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 55)

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 30)

SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 25)

SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residential dwelling.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 23)

HJR 23 would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 44)

HJR 44 would reduce the number of persons who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from twelve to six.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies to state and local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 18 applies only to local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 68, Section 2)

HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the com-

position of the permanent and available school funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 61)

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state."

PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 3)

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 16)

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 28)

HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue

notes or borrow money to fund highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years. The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."

PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 21)

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."

PROPOSITION 18 (HJR 59)

HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 19 (SJR 45)

SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's

authority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective September 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts."

PROPOSITION 20 (SJR 55)

SJR 55 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations."

PROPOSITION 21 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."

PROPOSITION 22 (HJR 84)

HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 13 de septiembre de 2003. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis llamando al 1/800/252/8683 o escribiendo al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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There is nothing that solidifies and strengthens a nation like reading of the nation's own history, whether that history is recorded in books or embodied in customs, institutions and monuments.

—Joseph Anderson

Mirth is God's medicine; everybody ought to bathe in it. Grim care, moroseness, anxiety—all the rust of life—ought be scoured off by the oil of mirth.

—Orison S. Marden

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