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Attention Readers!

Due to Doctor's appointments the Stratford Star Newspaper will be closed Wednesday, August 6, 2003 and Friday, August 8, 2003. Thank you.



Pet of The Week

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

This is a great program but we sure could use your help in making it better. Donations of food, towels, blankets and/or money are greatly needed and appreciated.

For more information or to mail donations, please contact:

DIANE TRULL
1302 Conlen Ave.
Dalhart, TX 79022
244-3216
Thank you

High School Student Registration Set

Registration for high school students new to Stratford schools will begin August 4. Students may register at the high school office between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. To register, students must reside in the district, have a parent or other adult responsible to sign for them, an immunization record, and past school records. If you do not have the school records, the Stratford High School Staff will be glad to secure them for you.

Students who completed class preference sheets in the spring, may pick up their schedules and locker assignments in high school room 1 using the following schedule.

Seniors-Thursday, August 7, 1:00 p.m.
Junior-Thursday, August 7, 2:30 p.m.
Sophomores-Friday, August 8, 1:00 p.m.
Freshman-Friday, August 8, 2:30 p.m.

Students who are required to get a TD booster during the summer should bring that record to the high school office. Classes begin Monday, August 18, 8:15 a.m.

Cowboy Church Every Wednesday

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

New Business Grand Opening

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce invites the community to the Grand Opening of "Cecy's Place" located in the small red brick building on Main Street (across from the post office). The Grand Opening will be Saturday, August 16, from 11 a.m. till 12 noon.

"Cecy's Place" will serve breakfast burritos and coffee (beginning at 5:00 a.m.) Fresh mixed fruit, "sub" sandwiches and plans include a daily "plate" special (tamales, enchiladas, etc). Ice cream will be available for the "sweet-tooth!"

The Drive-up window will make the new business a "quick-stop" on Main Street. Call ahead (366-3635) and have no waiting!

Mark your calendar meet us on main street for samples of this fine food and a visit with your friends.

The art of progress is to preserve order amid change and to preserve change amid order.
—Alfred North Whitehead

Mary Allen Registration For New Students

New students, PreK-4th grade, entering Mary Allen Elementary for the first time need to register sometime during the week of August 11 thru August 18th if you have not already done so. Mary Allen Elementary will be open from 8:30-3:00 beginning Monday, August 11. To enroll a student at Mary Allen Elementary, the student will need a valid birth certificate, current shot record, and social security number. Classes for the 2003-2004 school year will begin Monday, August 18th at 8:15. If you have any questions please call Mary Allen Elementary at 366-3340. We are looking forward to a good school year.

Middle School Registration

Stratford Middle School registration will begin the week of Monday, August 11, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please call the office at 366-3320 for requirements from Monday, August 11 through Friday, August 15, 2003.

The first day of school is Monday, August 18, 2003. Classes will begin at 8:15 a.m.

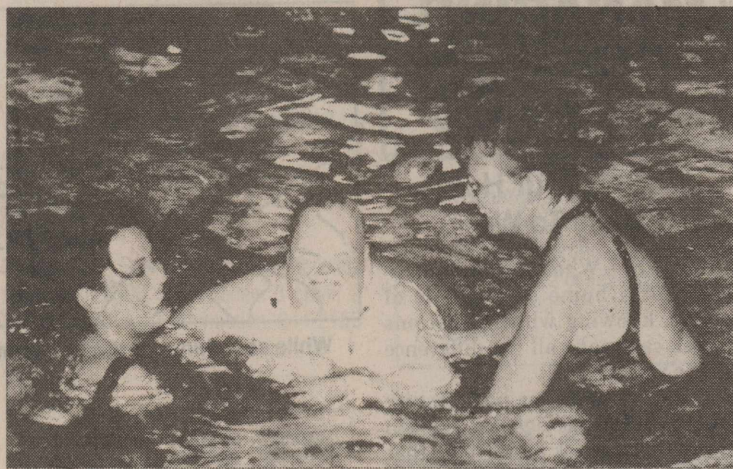
Lollipop Junction To Sell Tickets

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.

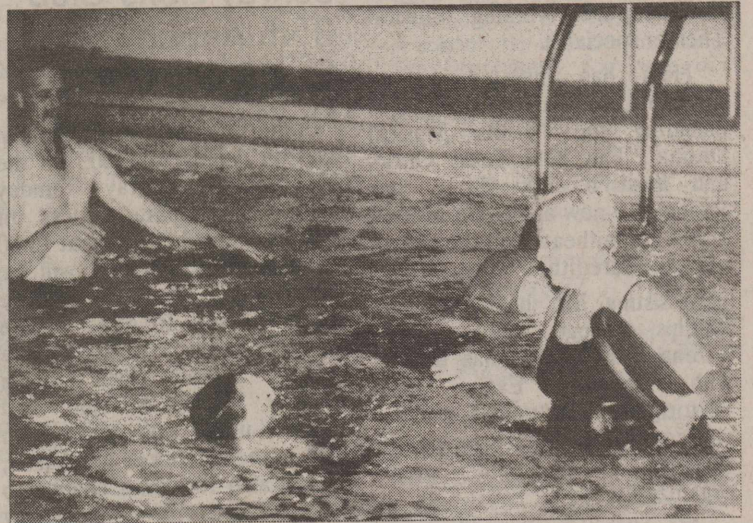
More details in later editions of the Star.

Fund Set For Cano Family

A special fund has been set up at The First State Bank of Stratford for the Cano family who suffered losses from a fire at their home last Tuesday.



Shown above helping Linda McKinney, center, at Special Olympics Swimming Practice last week from left, Michelle Estes and Linda's sister Cindy Larance.



Helping Brian Zinck, center at Special Olympics practice, Steven Pickens and Carol Zimmer.

Special Olympic Team

Stratford now has its very own (swimming), Golf, Bowling, Special Olympic team. They are called "The Stratford Patriots". They are currently participating in the Aquatics and will have their big meet on August 16th in Amarillo at the Amarillo Town Club.

Several of these athletes have been participating in Special Olympics for many years, but they

had to be a part of an Amarillo team. Bringing this team together was possible by a lot of hard work from volunteers and donations from the following companies and individuals: The Smith Agency, XIT Communications, Stratford's First State Bank, First State Bank-Happy, Miles Smith, Rick Reinart, and Johnny Pulliam. We want to say a special "Thank you" to these businesses and individuals for

their contributions. And also thank you to all the coaches and volunteers that have given their time to help us. Your contributions, whether they be money or time, play a major part in helping these young athletes grow.

Thank you Stratford for your support and come watch us participate anytime!

Rodeo Results

Wow, What a weekend! Lots of activities, visiting and fun. The Ranch Rodeo was a great community activity. We had a surprise team show-up on Friday. That made a total of 18 quality teams. We had teams from Stratford, Dalhart, Dumas, Texhoma, Guymon, Clarendon, Kenton, OK; Kerrick, OK and Clayton, NM. The 8:00 start time was great for the cooling effects of the evening.

Our Rodeo winners are:
1st place Rafter S-Clarendon, TX
2nd place-Cactus Feedyard-Cactus, TX
3rd place-Walter Lasley & Sons, Stratford, TX.

Take time and thank our sponsors-Cimarron Feeders, XIT Communication, Cline's Corner, Iowa Vet, Cattlemen's Livestock Comm. Bobby Edmond Horse Sales, Sheriff Jack Haile, Allen Insurance, Stratford Grain Company, Seaboard Farms Inc., Charles Langen Chevrolet, Dettle Feedyard, Stratford First State Bank, Dalhart Federal Savings/Loan, 1st National Bank of Texhoma, Coronado Feeders, Tevebaugh Veterinary Services, United Supply, Happy 1st State Bank, Collingwood Grain, J.L.

Maintenance, Texhoma Livestock Auction, Brown's Meat Locker, The Branding Iron, Cattle Call, Everett Brothers, Sunray Coop, Phil Like motors, Rhea Chumley, Bain Tire, Gene Messer Ford, Betty's Queen O'Crene and Ted Allen-Moorman Manufacturing.

Our staff included announcer Troy Snook, Secretary-Connie Werner, Judges-Blake Confer & Aaron Smith, "National Anthem" was performed by Tiffany Duke, Flag guards-Roy Allen & Jordan Confer, Calcutta Auctioneer-Dale Reagon, Concession Stand-Angel Tree Project/Mayrene Aduddell, Superintendents- James Gillenwaters-Jimmy Helmuth, gatekeepers-Stratford Chamber General Board.

The Stock was provided by Horses-Robert Etbauer-Goodwell, OK Steers-Mc3 Cattle Comp-Randy McCracken, Stratford, Cows/ Calves-Ricky Elliott-Texhoma, Special Thanks to Judge Crippen & Commissioners, Asher and Tillery, Sherman County Library-Sandy Baskin, Sheriff's Office for security, Kim McCracken and LaRenda Wright and Jamboree Committee.

Hopefully pictures coming soon.

Back To School Hamburger Supper

Stratford ISD Board of Trustees and Administration would like to invite you to our annual Back to School Hamburger Supper. The supper is free to the public. We will serve hamburgers, chips, tea or water. Come meet our staff and have an evening of good food and conversation. The supper will be held in the High School Cafeteria on Monday, August 11 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Come join us!!!

More Fair, Rodeo & Reunion Pics in Next Weeks Edition



Reunion Class 1953 L/R Johnny Summerour, James Lowe, Roy Lee Newman, Alvin Bachman, Martha Crabtree Ellison, Lyle (Buzz) Wakefield, Joe Everett. Also attending: Serafin Ramon, Dorothy Arnold McCain, Jean Garoutte Moore, Letha Fedric Brasell, Juanita Sandfer Thomason.



Stratford Ex-Student Class 1954 planning next year's reunion July 30-31, 2004. L/R Rita J Neal Trimble, Jeannie Wells Brannan, Jo Wayne Harding Summerour, B.A. Donelson.



Imagination Station "Red, White and Pirates Too" Parade Float. Look for "Captain Abdul's Pirate School" exhibit coming to the Imagination Station.

Frank Phillips College Now Accepting Students For New Program

Frank Phillips College in Borger, Texas is now accepting students for a new Theater, Dance and performing arts program.

Interested students should call the College immediately to be included in the fall classes.

Besides preparing participants for performing as actors, singers and dancers the performing arts initiative will be dedicated to producing entertainment attractions for the tourist industry.

Tourism is the biggest industry in the world. It is the 3rd largest industry in Texas.

Director of the Frank Phillips Theater, Dance and Cultural Tourism Program will be Neil Hess, award winning musical Theater specialist.

Hess has initiated several successful Tourism ventures including the "Texas Musical Drama", The "Old Texas Opry", and most recently, "Lone Star Rising" the new attraction located at the amphitheater on the shores of Lake Meredith.

Assisting Mr. Hess at Frank Phillips College will be Jerry Vizona. Mr. Vizona has danced with several East Coast Performance Companies and has choreographed extensively for various shows and dance organizations.

Mr. Vizona is currently dance captain for Lone Star Rising.

Neil Hess was winner of the prestigious Texas Cultural Trust Award for theater for the year 2000. Other recipients of awards at the 2000 ceremonies included Willy Nelson, Van Cliburne, Tommy Lee Jones and Debbie Allen.

Mr. Hess has also received the Amarillo Globe News accolade for artistic achievement, the Dallas Dance Council Award for contributions to the art of dance and the Golden Nail award for theater excellence. He is also a member of the Tascosa Hall of Fame.

Tri-Corner Art Club By Shirley Durham

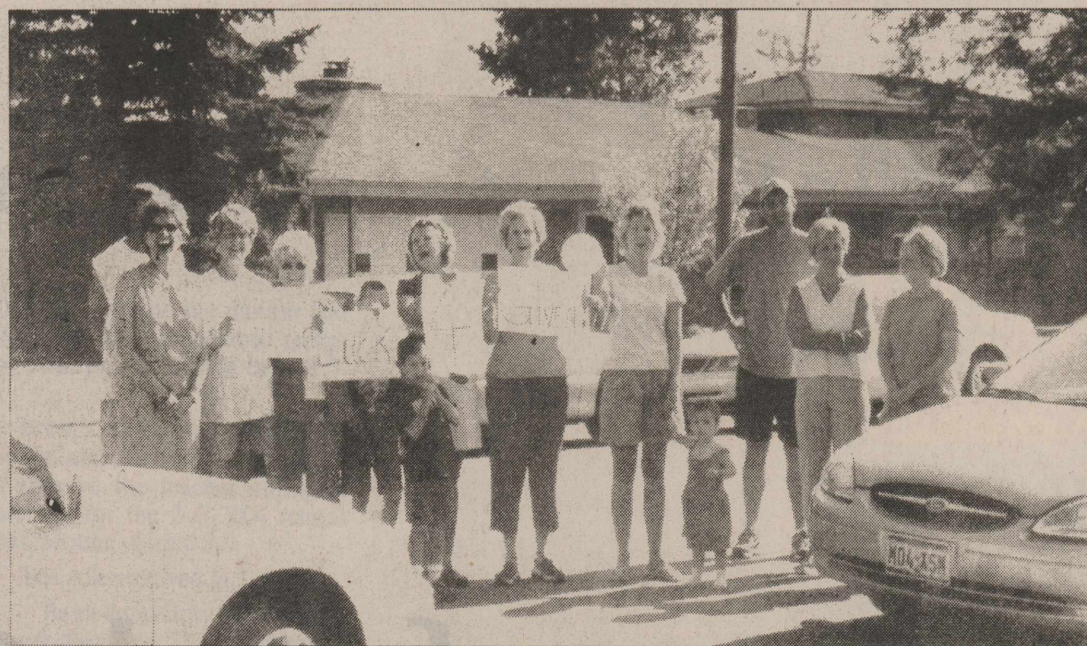
Tri-Corner Art Club met Tuesday, July 29th at the County Barn. Members present were Mary Hill, Anita DeBord, Dicy Stephenson, Millie Hacker, Velma Blake, and Shirley Durham.

Officers were elected: Mary Hill-President, Millie Hacker-Vice President, Mary Jo Cox-Secretary and Shirley Durham-Reporter.

We will be exhibiting paintings at Depot Museum and will have an Art Show there on Sunday, Sept. 28 from 2 to 5. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given away.

Members enjoyed viewing the Martha Harrison exhibit at the Museum following the meeting.

We would welcome anyone interested in joining the Art Club.



"Forgiven" Given a Send-Off

The group "Forgiven" recently went to Denver, Colorado to compete in the Day Wind Christian Talent Search. They came in second. Congratulations to the Group that consists of Randy Hunsaker, Brad Thiessen, Mike Cummings, and Greg Wright. Shown above is a small group of neighbors and friends that gave the group a send-off!

Sunray Lions Club 35th Annual SUNRAY FUNDAY

Come join the fun in Sunray, Texas on August 16, 2003 for the 35th annual Sunray Funday Celebration. A parade kicks off the day's events beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Sunray Lions will be serving their famous barbecue cooked by the BEAST, Moore County's longest rural mobile cooker. Serving will begin promptly at 11:26 a.m. and continue until 1:01 p.m. With every barbecue ticket purchased, you will also receive a chance to win a 32" RCA TV donated by Broxson's in Sunray. Ticket prices are \$6.00 in advance and \$7.00 on Funday. "Pokey" the Clown will be here again this year with his Jr. Ranch Rodeo. A stick horse auction will begin immediately after the barbecue followed by a turtle race, the Jr. Ranch Rodeo and other games. A variety of booths for crafts, games, etc. will be available for rental.

In conjunction with Funday this year will be an All-School Reunion. Registration will be from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. in the High School Band Hall on Friday, August 15. There will be a golf tournament on Friday morning and a Street Dance on the City Square Saturday evening from 8:30 to midnight. Music will be provided by DJ Joe.

For more information contact:
Funday Chairman: Sid Whiteley 948-0554
Booth Rental: Greg Smith 948-4111
Parade Entry: H.A. Carter 948-4121
School Reunion: Pam Goolsby 948-5668

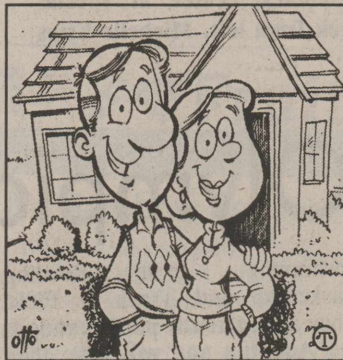
Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly start remedying them—every day begin the task anew.
—St. Francis de Sales

MANAGING YOUR MONEY

Putting Your Home Equity To Work

(NAPS)—When you are shopping for a home equity line of credit, knowing which questions to ask can make all the difference in the world.

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If you apply for a home equity line of credit, look for the plan that best meets your needs.

Read the credit agreement carefully, and examine the terms and conditions—including the annual percentage rate (APR), the costs of establishing the plan and the repayment terms.

The Federal Reserve Board has a brochure to guide consumers through the process.

When Your Home Is On The Line: What You Should Know About Home Equity Lines Of Credit shows homeowners how to get and manage a home equity line of credit, complete with a checklist, glossary and where to go for help.

To learn more or order a brochure visit www.federalreserve.gov or write to Publications, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551.

A handful of patience is worth more than a bushel of brains.
—Dutch proverb

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- June 6 "Texas" Palo Duro State Park 806-655-2181
- Aug. 16
- June 10-26 Starlight Theater Tuesday Concert Series 7:00 p.m. Sam Houston Park on Western St. Amarillo
- Aug. 26
- June 11 "Lone Star Rising" Lake Meredith Borger Chamber of Commerce 806-274-9050
- Aug. 17
- Aug 7,8,9 "Dreadful Doin's at Cider Mill" Melodrama Dalhart LaRita Community Theatre 244-5646
- Aug. 21-31 Buddy- The Buddy Holly Story Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 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
- Sept. 18-28 "Proof" Adult Drama Amarillo Little Theatre/Adventure Space 806-355-9991 www.amarillolittletheatre.org



While searching for the Fountain of Youth in 1513, Juan Ponce de Leon discovered Florida.

50-211 (Rev. 6-01/6)

2003

Property Tax Rates in SHERMAN COUNTY

This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for SHERMAN COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,999,712	\$	\$
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,999,712	\$	\$
Last year's tax base	\$ 489,238,107	\$	\$
Last year's total tax rate	\$.40874 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,001,136	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 453,884,088	\$	\$
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.44089 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.44089 /\$100		
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.45411 /\$100		
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 2,001,136	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 453,884,088	\$	\$
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.44089 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.47616 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ -0- /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.47616 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.47616 /\$100		

50-179 (Rev. 6-03/12)

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If SHERMAN COUNTY adopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.44089 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2002 taxes by \$ 3522.00

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
LATERAL ROAD	17,027.
GENERAL FUND	774,000.
RECORDS MGMT	4,600.

Schedule B - 2003 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	\$	\$	\$	\$
(expand as needed)				
Total required for 2003 debt service	\$	\$	\$	\$ -0-
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$			\$
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$			\$
- Excess collections last year	\$			\$
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2003	\$			\$
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only _____ % of its taxes in 2003	\$			\$
= Total Debt Levy	\$			\$

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at SHERMAN COUNTY TAX OFFICE

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To Report Suspected Child Abuse, Call

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David Cross - 396-2396
Ken Forthman - 366-2586
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Michal Mier - 827-7453
Jesse Resendes - 769-4454
Bob Sweeten - 366-5848

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**Kerrick
News**
by Marylou McDaniel

Lollies Lines
By Lorelyn Powers

Bill & Pat Boren and friends from Sheridan Lake, CO., Dennis & Teresa Weber, attended The Irish Tenors concert in Denver July 26. They went to the pre-concert dinner. They spent the night with Connie Weber.

Joe Bill Boren spent Sunday night with his parents. He was on the way to Albuquerque and his new position as Dean of Wayland Baptist Campus there.

Francis & Mary Jo Ondracek celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 2 with a backyard party. Hosts were their children and grandchildren. Marylou McDaniel was among the many who attended.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover were in Folsom, NM Friday night for a neighbor's birthday party. Saturday night they attended the 25th anniversary celebration for Perry & Kim Hitchings.

Kylee Gillenwaters was excited to welcome a baby brother on July 25. Born in Amarillo, Kaiden James weighed six pounds, one ounce and was 18 1/2 inches. Parents are Jimmy & Sundy.

Grandparents are Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Kerrick, and Donna Ryan of Amarillo.

Kylee spent a couple of days with her grandparents last week.

Duane & Stephanie Gillenwaters and children Jacy, Dasan and Tala spent the weekend.

All came for the presentation of the honor to Bill Friday night. Bill was given the Ranch Rodeo Top Hand Award.

Congratulations, Bill, you deserved it!

Whitewater Bay in Oklahoma City was the destination of 18 members of Chandra Hawkins' Sunday School Class and five adults. They spent Friday night there. The group was from the First Assembly of God. They earned money for the all expense paid trip by selling items.

Peggy Hawkins was one of the adults going.

Note: Hope that all of the Sherman County Residence and all of the people who were here for the School reunion and the Jamboree are home and rested. For it was a big weekend and now that August is here School and activities will be starting in fact Football practices started this morning and school starts the 18th so summer is nearly over and fall is on its way. We would hope all have taken some sort of trip but if you have not take sometime and just get away it does good and then we hope all will be ready for what ever comes our way. This morning temp is 87, cloudy so enjoy because before long it will be fall and then winter so I want all to take care of yourselves and be kind to one another.

Teen Challenge

Teen Challenge began in 1958 as a ministry to teenage gangs and was started by David Wilkerson in New York City. Since that time it has spread all over the world.

Teen Challenge of West Texas began in 1971, when the film, "The Cross and the Switchblade," came to Odessa. Christian, godly, men who had a desire to reach people moved a trailer to the back of the theater. After each showing, there was an invitation given which resulted in men and boys coming to the trailer for salvation and prayer. As more and more people came to the trailer, there was the realization of a need that had to be fulfilled. This became the embryonic stage of the ministry of Teen Challenge of West Texas.

As a result of this outreach, there was desire to minister to those with life controlling problems and disciple them. The Cowden Foundation furnished a house at 2-1 N. "C" Street in Midland in order to accomplish this purpose. This house became the intervention phase of Teen Challenge and held 12 students. Since that time, in 1984, an outreach was started by the same group of men in El Paso that became known later as El Paso Challenge. Also, in 1984, another man was touched by the program and donated 70 acres for a campus 5 miles south of Midland. In 1986, there was another couple who were impressed to furnish a facility in order to house, feed, and educate the students. With a new home out of the city, the house on "C" Street became the Re-Entry Home and housed those students ready to re-enter into society as productive citizens.

Since 1986, Teen Challenge has expanded to include the dormitory and cafeteria, the Mabee Shop, Office Learning Center, Chapel, Carpenter Shop and RV Cottage and pad. There are also 8 staff houses on the South Campus and 1 in town. Development currently has begun in order to build 8 new staff duplexes that will accommodate the growing student population which numbers around 62 men.

Our purpose is to evangelize people who have life controlling problems and initiate the Christian discipleship training to the point where the individual can function as a Christian in society, applying spiritually motivated, Biblical principles to relationships in the family, local church, chosen vocation and community.

Four things come not back—the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life and the neglected opportunity.

—Arabian proverb

Seek those who find your road agreeable, your personality and mind stimulating, your philosophy acceptable, and your experience helpful. Let those who do not, seek their own kind.

—Jean Henri Fabre



Vows Exchanged

Jennifer Rene King and Benjamin Joseph Hangartner were united in marriage on Friday, July 25, 2003 in the First Baptist Church of Canyon. Reverend Jerry Stewart, performed the wedding ceremony. Parents of the couple are Keith and Tami King of Stratford and Jay and Julie Hangartner of Garland, TX.

Jennifer's formal gown of white embroidered English net is hand beaded in a dramatic scalloped design. Dainty silver accents in the embroidery embellish the strapless bodice and fitted body of the gown, which flares softly at the hem, and flows in a chapel-length train.

Jessica Audrain, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor and Jerod Hangartner, brother of the groom was the best man. Bridesmaids were Ashlie Lasley, Joi Pearce, Alexis Beck, Katie Keating, and Tarah Foster. Groomsmen were Josh King, brother of the bride, Price Pointer, Brian Evans, Bryant Cook, and David Fazio. Ushers for the ceremony were Danny Cerecedes, Keaton Fails, and Rick Leach.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Country Home Weddings of Canyon. Serving at the cake tables were Chelsea Kelly, cousin of the bride along with Jenny and Angie Petri, cousins of the groom.

After honeymooning in Maui, the couple will reside at 4101 W. 45th, Apt. #1604 in Amarillo.



Phelps Honored With Shower

Tiffany Phelps was honored with a baby shower on Saturday, July 26, 2003 in the home of Debbi Vandiver. Shown from left, Jan Shields, Sherry Phelps, Tiffany, and Connie Reinart.

"Lost & Found" To Perform

"Lost & Found" will be performing at the First Assembly of God Church on Sunday evening August 10 at the evening service time 6:00 p.m.

Demonstrating the power of Jesus Christ to conquer life controlling problems through Music and Testimony.

Everyone is invited.

When one door closes another door opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the ones which open for us.

—Alexander Graham Bell

Births

Dax and Macy Haight welcomed new brother, Wiley Grant, July 1, 2003. Wiley was born at BSA Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 8 lb. 5 oz and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Proud parents are Gregg and Lori Haight of Gruver. Grandparents are Raymond & Betty Wiley of Stratford & Charles and Linda Haight of Gruver. Paternal Great Grandmother is Loree Hall of Tyrone, OK.

He that never changes his opinions, never corrects his mistakes, will never be wiser on the morrow than he is today.

—Tryon Edwards

The Nitty Gritty On Tile

(NAPS)—Tile can be one of the toughest surfaces in the home to clean, but less-than-clean tile is not tough to spot. The experts at Merry Maids offer these tips for blasting tile grime for good:



Bright, clean tile: now that's something to smile about.

• Loosen Up—Before cleaning bathroom tile, run a hot shower for five minutes to steam dirt loose.

• Brighter Bathroom—Wash dull tile with a solution of vinegar and water, then polish with a soft towel.

• Grout Grunge—To keep white grout joints clean, wash with a solution of one to two tablespoons chlorine bleach in one quart of water. Dry thoroughly, then apply an acrylic sealer or three coats of lemon oil. Let dry one hour between coats. Never use bleach on colored grout.

• Mildew Miracle—Remove mildew and make tiles sparkle by sponging them off with a solution of ammonia and water.

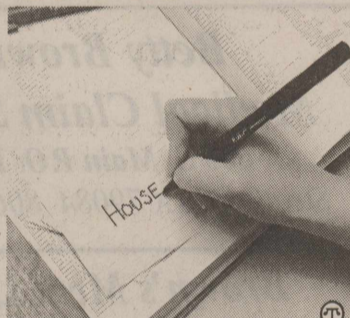
• Soot Solution—Remove soot from fireplace tiles with a mixture of lemon juice and salt, then rinse.

For more information on residential cleaning, visit the Web site at www.merrymaids.com or call 1-800-MERRYMAIDS.

INGENIOUS IDEAS DEPARTMENT

Capping The Problem

(NAPS)—Researchers have recently come up with a simple solution to one of life's little—but vexing—problems.



Drawing the line at markers that dry out, many people are turning to a new kind of permanent marker.

The problem: You're using a permanent marker during a move, a presentation, a homework assignment or a project. Unfortunately, you forget to put the cap back on, and—the marker dries out in almost no time flat.

The solution: Now there's a new kind of permanent marker that keeps on working even if you leave the cap off for up to two weeks. This fine flowing ink is water- and fade-resistant and can be found in BIC Grip Permanent Markers that also feature rubberized grips to add comfort and control to your writing.

The markers, which come in two styles, are available in black, blue, red or green inks.

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First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Bob Sweeten
5th & Main
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
No Sunday Evening Worship
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

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

St. Joseph Catholic

Father William A. Gorman
6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Larry Evans
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

James Washburn
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Brent Farney
702 N. 3rd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

La Mision Bautista

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401 S. Wall 396-5376
Domingo-(Sunday)
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am Estudio Biblico &
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Creation and Evolution

Science is in the forefront today. To present any theory to the world which is not backed by scientific experimentation is the height of folly. In keeping with this high view of science, a recent edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica tells us that to be truly scientific, with every theory, we must hold out the possibility of it being proved false. Without this, a theory is really not scientific. But according to this definition, one of the most commonly accepted theories should be rejected as totally unscientific. It is the theory of evolution. Is it possible to run highly controlled scientific experiments to either prove or disprove how life evolved on this planet? No, we cannot recreate the supposed conditions on planet earth millions of years ago. Not only so, most people in the scientific community rule out the possibility that the theory of evolution might be false. So this theory, the theory of evolution is not scientific! The theory of evolution is really a philosophy or a belief system. It is something in which many scientists and other people actually do believe. To believe in evolution does have advantages. If you believe in evolution, you do not have to believe in the God of the Bible. You do not have to believe in sin. You do not have to believe in Jesus Christ, the Savior from sin. But you pay a great price. You pay the price of being unscientific. More importantly, you pay the price of dying in your sins.

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Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.
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Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
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Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

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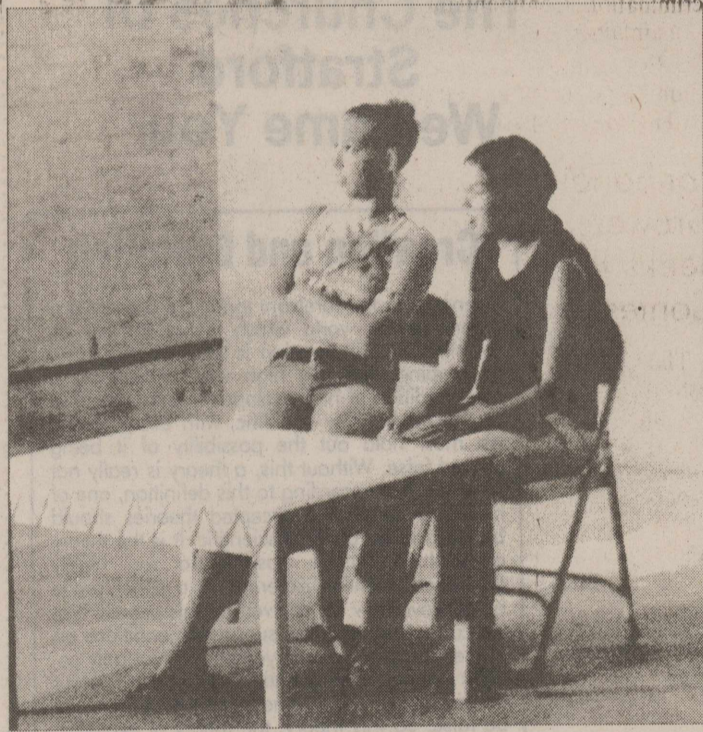


Lady Elk Basketball Camp-Big Success

24 young ladies between the 9th and 12th grades attended this camp this past week from Monday to Wednesday. The girls started at 9 a.m. in the morning, took a 1 1/2 hour break at 12, and then went 3 more hours in the afternoon. Phyllis Jones, the assistant basketball coach at Levelland High School, ran the camp for the Lady Elks. Coach Jones helped the young ladies reemphasize their fundamentals and started working on drills and offensive schemes that will help the Lady Elk teams during the 2003-2003 season. This camp allowed the young ladies to get a head start on the year and also gave them the opportunity to get together as a group to discuss those things that will need to be important for the Lady Elks to be successful. All these girls need to be commended for taking time out of their summer schedules to attend the camp. Good luck to all the Lady Elk athletes as they begin the new year.



Drama II Camp - M'Lynn Wells, Violet Conway, Jordan Page, Tera Harris, Monica Ramos, Heidi Brooks. Imagination Station Drama Camp Theatre Production directed by Terri Teig was held July 31st.



Drama III Camp - Trisha Teig, Alyssa Johnson, Anne Brooks.



Drama I Camp - Sean Sims, Mary Ann Spurlock, Torri Pounds, Alex Farney, Mazie Vincent, Taylor Wright, Kathy Brooks, Ty Hess, Tiffany Torres, Rubie Torres, Amber Torres, Landry Davis.

Crispy Buttermilk Fried Chicken

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 fryer chicken (3 pounds, cut into 8 pieces)
- 1 cup Atkins® Bake Mix
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Vegetable oil for frying

Directions

1. In a large bowl, mix buttermilk and lemon juice. Add chicken; toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate at least 3 hours.
2. Drain chicken and pat dry with paper towels. Place

mix, salt and pepper in a plastic or paper bag. In two batches, add chicken and shake to coat. Place chicken on wire rack and let dry 15 minutes.

3. Heat oven to 350°F. Heat 1/2" oil in a large skillet and, in two batches, fry chicken 4 to 5 minutes per side, until browned. Drain on paper towels and place on a baking sheet. Bake 30 to 35 minutes, until chicken is cooked through; turn pieces halfway through baking time.

Servings: 4; Prep time: 20 minutes; Marinate time: 3 hours; Bake/Cook time: 40 minutes; Nutrition Per Serving: Carbohydrates: 6 grams; Net Carbs: 3 grams; Fiber: 3 grams; Protein: 46.5 grams; Fat: 37 grams; Calories: 620

Atkins offers a free newsletter with product updates, low-carb diet tips and recipes. For more great recipes, look for *Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution* (Harper Collins) and *Atkins for Life* (St. Martin's Press). For more information, visit www.atkins.com.

Man is a history-making creature who can neither repeat his past nor leave it behind.

—W.H. Auden

Experience is not what happens to a man; it is what a man does with what happens to him.

—Aldous Huxley




The greatest asset of any nation is the spirit of its people, and the greatest danger that can menace any nation is the breakdown of that spirit—the will to win and the courage to work.

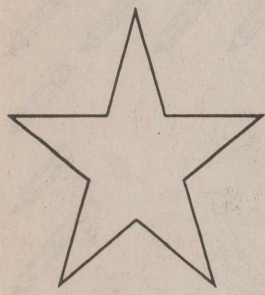
—George B. Cortelyou



Camp ABC Graduation Held

ABC Camp Graduation - Top row: L/R: Mary Ann Spurlock, Laurie Spurlock, Tyler Gilliland. Middle Row: Brady Cross, Russell Spurlock, Kade McBryde, Laynee Burr, Gage Brooks. Bottom Row: RaeLeigh Willborn, Allie James, Aaron Evans, Colten Lanning, Jaycie Wheeler, Carlee Metcalf. Not pictured: Helpers Jennie Spurlock and Stacy Hays. (In insert, Carlee Metcalf, who had her face covered in photo above.)

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8-7-c

For Sale: 25 KVA Generator - \$2,000. Call 753-7398 or 366-5398 lv. message.
7-10-tfn

For Sale: Used Go-Cart, Excellent condition. Runs REALLY good. 366-2571.
8-7-c

THE General Store now has Fusion Paint.
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Wanted

Wanted, a babysitting, house keeping job. Will come to your home. Available August 15th...reference is Carolyn Tarver 806-396-5810. Letty Barajas 806-366-5986.
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8-7-tfn

Nice 2-bedroom Trailer House for rent. \$300.00 a month, \$100.00 Deposit. Call 935-6702.
7-10-tfn

For Rent: 2 Bdrm House, HUD approved. 102 S. Wall. 396-5708 or 681-8406.
7-24-3xp

Garage Sale

Yard Sale: 218 S. Wall, August 9 9 a.m. to ? Clothing, household items, sewing machine, tire rims, too much to list.
8-7-c

2 Family Garage Sale-611 N. Maple. Baby items "Meghans cleaning out her closet"
8-7-c

Moving Sale: 600 N. Pine, Appliances, clothes, furniture, misc. Saturday, August 9 8 to ?
8-7-c

Garage Sale Saturday 7:30 to 4:00. 1202 NW 2nd St. Loft bed, movies, books, lots of stuff.
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10-30-c

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—According to experts at the Peter Coppola Salon in New York City, it's a good idea to look for hair care products with soy proteins and UV protectants. For example, the new TRESemmé Total Colour Care shampoos and conditioners are specially developed to add twice the shine to colored hair and address the needs of women with different types of color-treated hair. Formulated with citrus extracts, the Total Colour Care Healthy Highlights shampoo and conditioner gently cleanse and condition to keep blonde and highlighted hair bright. The Total Colour Care Vibrant Color is formulated with UV Protectants to keep darker, colored hair looking rich and vibrant. To learn more, visit www.tresemme.com.



To make skin radiant during warmer weather, you need to exfoliate, recommends Didi Gluck, beauty director at Marie Claire. You can do this daily if you use a gentle exfoliator with natural exfoliants. Cosmopolitan experts suggest you exfoliate your body dry before you get in the shower to rinse off. A dry exfoliation, before you shower, will work to slough off the dry, flaky, skin. You may want to try St. Ives® Invigorating Apricot Scrub, which uses 100 percent natural exfoliants.

It is widely assumed that Henry Ford invented the automobile. Although false (the automobile was conceived and born in Europe in the late 1800s), this popular misconception is a tribute to the man who dreamed of building reliable automobiles that millions could afford. Ford, the world's second largest automaker, will celebrate its 100th anniversary this year with a variety of activities and events. For more information, visit www.ford.com.

Houses for Sale

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

For Sale: 2 Story House, 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths, easy clean storm windows, lots of closet space, lg. back yard with large fences, side corner lot. 615 N. Fulton, 806-396-2860.
6-19-8xc

For Sale: 3850 Sq. Ft. living area, 4 BR, 2 1/2 baths, basement, covered patio, 2 car garage, corner lot w/circle drive. 420 N. Chestnut. Call 806-396-2348.
7-10-tfn

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

House for Sale: 3 BR, 2 Bath, carport. 802 N. Fulton. Call 396-2403.
7-10-4xc

Pretty brick home, 602 N. Maple, red tile roof, 2378 Sq. Ft. plus 650 in Garage. 2 or 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. \$80,000. Call 396-5946.
7-31-tfn

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House for Sale: 3 bedroom, 1 bath-brick home. Extra Large yard. Close to school. Metal storage shed, Totally remodeled. 907 N. Maple. 396-2498 after 5 p.m.
7-7-tfn

Trailer House For Sale: 2 bedroom, 2 lots, 305 S. Wall \$10,000. Call 935-6702.
8-7-tfn

Our mother's home at 712 N. Maple, 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, fireplace, central heat and air, 1 car garage, 2 metal storage sheds, chain linked fence, family room, close to school, built in oven and range, vinyl siding and, new roof. For more info, call Marty 806-366-2053.
8-7-tfn

LAND FOR SALE: Sherman County, Texas, near Stratford 1 section: Irrigated farm land, new well w/good water. Underground pipeline for 2 center pivot sprinklers. Pasture area w/windmill, draw w/dam. Some CRP. No Realtors, call 620-624-9241.
8-7-c

Help Wanted

Sherman County Extension Office is taking applications for full-time secretarial position. Must have good public relation skills, experience in computer application skills of Window, Quicken, and Word Perfect in addition to email, web page management, internet, and telephone skills. Record keeping skills and self initiative a must. Experience preferred. For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, CEA-FCS at 806-366-2122. Applications may be obtained at the Sherman County Extension Office located at 301 N. Third Street, Stratford. Sherman County is an EEO employer.
7-24-3xc

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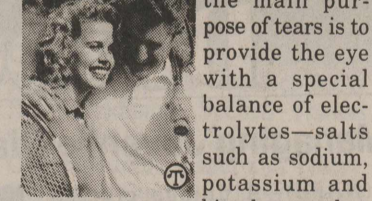
Stratford Area Youth Care Agency has an opening for the Director's Position at Lollipop Junction. Business experience needed and for other qualifications and job description, contact any board member. Wesley Spurlock, President 806-396-2864 home or mobile 806-753-7215 and leave message.
7-31-2xc

The Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office is now taking applications for Dispatcher/Jailer. Applications may be picked up at the Sheriff's Office, Sherman Co. Courthouse, 701 N. 3rd, Stratford, Texas. Dispatcher/Jailers are responsible for running the radio, law enforcement computer, and handling inmates. Shift work. All training is provided, computer skills a must. EOE.
7-31-3xc

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is hosting a **CORRECTIONAL OFFICER HIRING SEMINAR** at the Dalhart Unit Thursday, August 14, 2003 7:00 p.m.
For more information call 806-249-8655

Eye on Health Dealing With Dry Eye

(NAPS)—Scientists have made a surprising discovery that could increase your comfort if you ever suffer with dry eyes. Previously doctors thought that preservatives made artificial tears sting or burn and limited their effectiveness. So, many artificial tears don't contain preservatives. Now, scientists have discovered that the main purpose of tears is to provide the eye with a special balance of electrolytes—salts such as sodium, potassium and bicarbonate that other tissues get from blood. Artificial tear solutions that wash out or change this electrolyte balance can be harmful, leading to irritation. That's why no matter how much or how often you use traditional artificial tears your eyes may never seem to really get better.



If you have dry eyes, recent research may be useful.

As a result of their research, doctors have developed TheraTears®, an artificial tear that's preservative free and contains a patented electrolyte balance shown to match that of human tears. Each drop provides the same electrolyte balance as the normal tear film and provides soothing dry-eye relief that's healthy for the eye. "TheraTears comes in three varieties," said Jeffrey P. Gilbard, M.D., inventor and Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School, "Preservative-free for persistent dry eye, in a bottle with a disappearing preservative for mild dry eye irritation, and in a liquid gel for nighttime." The advance is so significant, said Dr. Gilbard, he created a format for every dry eye need.

For more information, visit www.theratears.com.

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Panhandle Peanut Growers Association Seeks Pageant Contestants

The 13th Annual Peanut Festival Queen Pageant will be held in Wellington, Texas on September 6, 2003. The Panhandle Peanut Growers Association sponsors the pageant each year to provide scholarships for area young ladies. The pageant is open to girls in high school.

Contestants will be judged on poise, interview, sportswear, and evening gown. Entry fee is \$50.00 and entries are needed by August 28, 2003. Photos and information about the contestants will be featured in the Welling Leader. Please contact Lennie Sims, Pageant director, 806-447-2709 or contact the Welling Leader at 806-447-2550 for entry forms.

AgriPartner Report

Week of July 28, 2003
Dallam, Sherman, Hartley and Moore Counties

Southwestern and European corn borer moths increased in numbers over the past two weeks. Check plants for eggs and small larvae, for second generation corn borer often reach infestation levels that justifies an insecticide application.

Some increase in spider mites has been reported, but, in general, infestations remain relatively light. Closely monitor this pest over the next few weeks, for they can rapidly increase this time of year.

Corn earworm can be found feeding on silk and developing grain. As these larvae complete development in corn and emerge as moths, they will seek alternate hosts such as cotton, soybeans and sorghum.

Greenbug colonies can be found in area sorghum. Expect rapid development over the next few weeks, for many sorghum fields are at the stage when greenbugs can quickly increase to economic levels.

Sunflower moth is the key pest of sunflower. They are most often seen resting on sunflower heads especially early morning and evening. Apply insecticide to control sunflower moth when fields just begin to bloom. A second application may be required five days later to fully control the moth.

Soybean stem borers are active. This longhorned beetle will be active over the next few weeks laying eggs in both sunflowers and soybeans. Larvae eventually girdle plants increasing lodging potential. No control recommendations are available. If infestations are observed, harvest as early as possible to limit yield losses.

Light bollworm infestations have been reported in area cotton. Both high temperatures and natural enemies have prevented these early bollworms from becoming an economic problem.

Boll weevil trap catches have been very low in all eradication zones in the Texas Panhandle.

Cards of Thanks

We want to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers, visits and phone calls. Stratford is a wonderful community.

Boyd Spurlock & Family

We want to express how grateful we are for all the support, clothes, food and prayers we have received when our house burned. A "special" thanks to our Volunteer Fire Department. You have all made a very difficult time much easier to deal with. Thank you all so much!

The Cano Family

News for Women

Want To Feel Safe Again?

(NAPS)—Millions of American women—at least one in four—find themselves in a destructive relationship at some time in their lives. Women who suspect they are in this type of a situation should ask themselves the following questions:

- Does your husband or boyfriend ever push, shove or hit you?
- Does he track your every move?
- Does he threaten you?
- Does he keep you away from family and friends?



Women in destructive relationships: help is available.

If this sounds like you, you are not alone. You do have options. You can work out a plan to help keep your family safe. Emergency support such as safe housing may be available. You may be able to seek court protection.

If you or someone you know would like more information, call the National Center for Victims of Crime at 1-800-FYI-CALL or visit www.nvcv.org.

It is delightful to transport one's self into the spirit of the past, to see how a wise man has thought before us, and to what a glorious height we have at last reached.

—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Creativity in science could be described as the act of putting two and two together to make five.

—Arthur Koestler

There is no easy method of learning difficult things. The method is to close the door, give out that you are not at home, and work.

—Joseph de Maistre

School Board Minutes

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, July 17, 2003 in the High School Library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Garec McBryde, Steve Johnson, Brent Spurlock, Ricky Reed, Ted Allen arrived at 7:52 p.m., Jim Taliagero, Superintendent.

Board members absent: Patti Vincent.

Guests present were: Doak Crabtree, Rick Reinart, George Odom, BA Donelson.

Mr. Taliagero led the invocation.

Mr. Taliagero went over the district's monthly recognition. Tiffany Duke was selected as a recipient of the Ray von Rosenberg Oral Interpretation Scholarship through the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Mr. Taliagero gave the superintendents report. The cost of transportation for the month was .17 cents per mile. Monthly expenditures are at 78.21% and revenue collected at 91.52%. Tax collections are at 97.63%. He then gave the Investment Report. SEE ATTACHMENT.

Ricky Reed made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to approve the consent agenda. Discussion was held. Motion carried 5-0.

Joe Reinart made the motion and Garec McBryde seconded to approve the expenditures for the CN3 grant. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Taliagero went over district meal prices for the 2003-2004 school year. The prices are as follows: PK-8th students-\$1.25, high school students \$1.50, Teachers \$2.50 and guest \$3.00.

Preparing The Lawn For Winter Leads To A Beautiful Spring

(NAPS)—Homeowners can increase their chances of a great looking lawn next spring by winterizing their lawn this fall.

Weed control, fertilizing, mowing, raking and aerating are all important steps to ensure a desirable lawn in the years to come, advises Briggs & Stratton's Yard Doctor Trey Rogers, Ph.D., a turf-grass expert who serves as a consultant to the engine manufacturer. "Many of the lawn care troubles homeowners face in the spring, like weeds and poor grass growth, can be avoided by better preparing the lawn for winter," says Dr. Rogers.

Tips from the Yard Doctor on how to best winterize the lawn include:

- Control broadleaf weeds such as the dreaded dandelion in early fall when they germinate. Apply a regular broadleaf herbicide at a low rate because the weeds are still quite small.
- Fertilize in the fall because when a lawn goes dormant in the winter, well-nourished roots will continue to grow in soil temperatures above 35 degrees.
- If grass will be covered by a blanket of snow in the winter, cut the grass a bit shorter than one-third of the grass blade at the end of the mowing season. This will remove leaf blades that turn brown and go dormant during the winter. It will also make the yard look greener earlier in the spring.
- When raking, remove large piles of leaves, twigs and other debris from the lawn. These elements break down slowly, suffocating the lawn and contributing

Ricky Reed made the motion and Steve Johnson seconded to accept the meal prices. Motion carried 5-0.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Joe Reinart seconded to approve the teacher appraisal calendar for the 2-3-2004 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Ted Allen arrived at 7:52 p.m.

Bank depository proposals were discussed. Two proposals were received. They are as follows: First State Bank Happy, Stratford Branch

CD's CD Rates @ "Asked"

T-Bill Rate + Variable

Basis Points, depending on term rate

7-179 days = +.25

180+Days = .35

Checking-91 Day T-Bill + .25 Base Points

T-Bill Rate figured off of average weekly rates set the first Monday of each month from the preceding month's Monday average.

First State Bank-Stratford

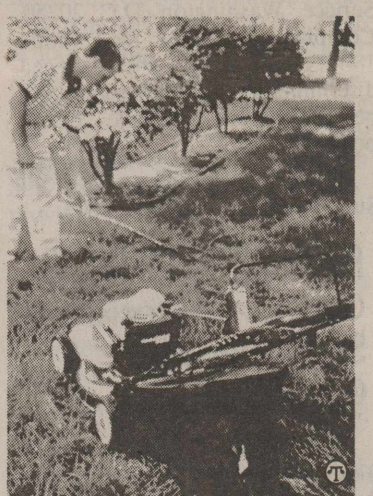
CD's All CD Rates at +.35 over "Asked", T-Bill Rate OR Lobby Rate

Checking-.5 Variable

Ricky Reed made the motion and seconded by Garec McBryde to accept the First State Bank Stratford proposal as presented to serve as bank depository. Motion carried 5-0, Brent Spurlock abstained.

Discussion was held on the 2003-2004 budget, staffing, keys for building, hamburger supper, school board evaluation and legislative items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Yard Doctor Trey Rogers recommends removing twigs and other debris from the lawn before winter to ensure a healthy, beautiful lawn in the spring.

to rot, mold and other diseases. Grind up leaves and return them to the lawn to add nutrients to the soil.

• Aerate in the fall to help break up compacted soil and remove excess thatch, allowing fertilizer nutrients, sunlight and air to infiltrate the soil.

"Remember that too much or too little of something isn't always a good thing," says Dr. Rogers. "The right combination of weed control, fertilizing, mowing, raking and aerating will help ensure that the lawn is ready for next spring and looking better than ever."

Visit www.yarddoctor.com for more tips, including region-specific advice.

HEALTHY IDEAS

(NAPS)—To stay safe, healthy and productive this summer, drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids to prevent dehydration. If you drink alcohol, wear a life jacket around water and avoid operating a car or boat. Keep a remedy handy to prevent hangovers, such as Freedom from Hangovers. Found in GNC and Rite Aid stores or at www.doublechaser.com, Chaser is an all-natural supplement that absorbs hangover-causing elements in beer, wine and spirits.

If you or a family member must visit the ER this summer due to a severe laceration, you may want to know about alternatives to stitches. Innovative treatments, such as DERMABOND—a topical skin adhesive, are available in more than 85 percent of hospitals nationwide and may reduce the pain and anxiety associated with getting stitches. It is as effective as traditional skin closure meth-



ods in repairing wounds. Once applied to a wound, DERMABOND forms a strong, flexible bond in just under three minutes, is water-resistant and has been proven in a laboratory study to provide a microbial barrier which keeps infection-causing germs out. Because it naturally wears off, there is no need to return to your physician for removal.

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Fruits and Vegetables

It's Rainbow Season: No, Not The Weather—The Produce Selection

(NAPS)—What's healthful, colorful and most abundant this time of year? Fresh fruits and vegetables.

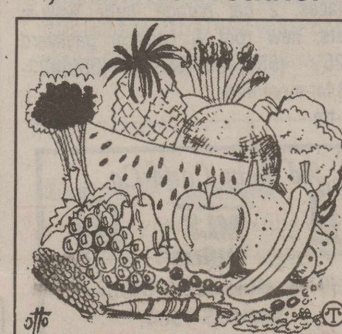
Supermarkets and produce stands are overflowing with a huge selection, which makes it especially easy to follow the advice of the experts at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). They say that by filling your shopping cart with a rainbow of fruits and vegetables—green, yellow-orange, red, blue-purple and white—you'll be likely to get a powerhouse of nutrients that promote good health.

NCI encourages consumers to eat fruits and vegetables from each of these color groups:

- Green—Peas, green beans, asparagus, mixed greens, kiwi-fruit, grapes.
- Yellow-Orange—Bell peppers, corn, peaches, apricots.
- Red—Strawberries, cherries, watermelon, tomatoes, beets.
- Blue-Purple—Blueberries, blackberries, plums, eggplant, radichio.
- White—Nectarines, cauliflower, sweet onions, leeks, garlic.

The rainbow of choices make it that much easier to meet the daily recommendations: Most young children should eat 5 servings of fruits and vegetables; older children, teen girls and most women should eat 7; teen boys and most men should eat 9 a day.

It's one of the easiest and most refreshing things you can do for your health. Here are some deli-



Seasonal fruits and vegetables offer an abundance of variety in the produce department.

cious and easy ways to include fruits and vegetables in your meals:

- Sunny Fruit Salad**
Provides 4 people with 2 fruit servings each
- 1 cup strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 1 cup blueberries
- 4 apricots, pitted and sliced
- 1/2 cup cherries with stems removed, pitted and halved
- 1/2 cup raspberries
- 1 container (8 oz.) low-fat vanilla yogurt
- Combine fruit in a bowl and toss with yogurt. Serve.**
- Versatile Marinated Vegetables**
Provides 4 people with more than 2 vegetable servings each
- 1 medium zucchini, diced

- 1 medium yellow squash, diced
- 1 cup halved grape tomatoes
- 1 cup corn
- 3 Tbsp. minced red onion
- 1 tsp. each, olive oil and balsamic vinegar
- 1/8 tsp. each, salt and pepper

Toss all ingredients in a bowl. Serve alone or over mixed greens or hot rice. Use as a pita filling, or spoon over grilled chicken or fish. Store refrigerated up to two days.

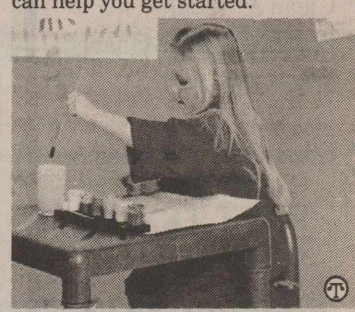
Party Cooler
Provides 10 people each with more than 2 fruit servings.

- Vegetable cooking spray**
3 cups balls or cubes of cantaloupe, honeydew, and watermelon
- 1 mango, diced into 3/4-inch squares
- 1 (6-ounce) can pineapple juice
- 1 (25-ounce) bottle sparkling white or red grape juice, chilled
- Spray a rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray; place melon balls and mango in a single layer, and freeze for at least 1 hour. Divide frozen fruit among 10 large glasses.**
- Top with pineapple juice, then with grape juice. Serve.**
- For more tips and recipes, visit www.5aday.gov.

KIDS CORNER

Stylish Book Covers

(NAPS)—It's back-to-school time and what better way for kids to get in school mode than by being creative. Forget about those plain brown paper bag covers of the past, today's students can get crafty and make their own unique masterpieces. The following tips from the Hobby Industry Association (HIA) can help you get started:



Creating your own book covers is a fun project.

Cover the book with a piece of solid colored paper (20" x 25"). Open book and place it spine down on paper and trace around book, allowing 1" on the top and bottom, 2" on each side, then cut. Keeping book placed with spine down, fold top and bottom 1" in. Fold each side 2". Trim any excess.

Decorating ideas

- Choose a theme such as sports, music, favorite hobby, flowers, pets, etc. Find patterned or bordered paper corresponding with the theme, then add other adornments such as stickers, die-cuts, pop-outs and/or rubber stamps.
- Create a "superstar collage" cover. Cut out pictures of favorite celebrities, musicians and quotes out of magazines. Then glue all over the cover.
- Make an eye-catching glittery cover by using metallic paint pens, glitter sticks, sparkles, and rhinestones as decorations.
- Scrapbook it. Use some of your favorite photographs to decorate a special cover that resembles a scrapbook page chock full of fun memories.

For additional craft projects and tips, log onto www.i-craft.com.

Diabetes & You

Managing Juvenile Diabetes: New Glucose Monitoring Device

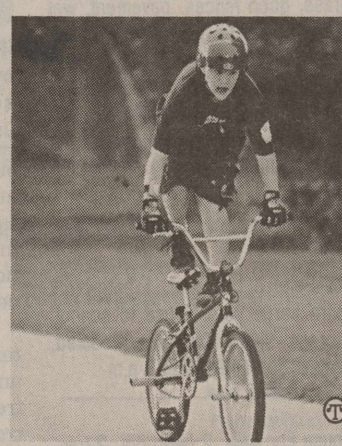
(NAPS)—A unique glucose monitoring system may help children who suffer from diabetes and their parents who must help to monitor glucose levels.

Some 17 million people in the U.S. suffer from diabetes—about 150,000 of whom are less than 20 years of age. Every year, close to 13,000 new cases of diabetes are diagnosed in children. The risk of developing diabetes is higher than virtually all other severe chronic childhood diseases. The fifth deadliest disease in the U.S., uncontrolled diabetes can lead to heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure and kidney disease.

Fortunately, there's now a way for children with diabetes and their parents to intensively monitor glucose levels—helping to detect hypoglycemia before a severe episode happens.

Used successfully by many adults with diabetes, the GlucoWatch® G2™ Biographer, developed and manufactured by Cygnus, Inc. and marketed and distributed by Sankyo Pharma Inc., is also approved by the FDA for use by children and adolescents, aged seven to 17.

This accurate, reliable and convenient device differs from finger-stick blood glucose monitoring in



A unique monitoring device may have a huge impact on improving care for children and adolescents with diabetes.

- It measures and displays glucose levels automatically, as frequently as every 10 minutes.
- It works non-invasively, collecting glucose through the skin, not from blood.
- It creates an "electronic diary" that can store more than 8,500 glucose values that can be reviewed at the touch of a button, or uploaded into a software program, helping detect trends and track patterns in glucose levels.

• Users can set personal glucose alert levels; an alarm can sound if readings are high, low, or likely to be low within 20 minutes.

The device consists of two main parts: the durable G2 Biographer, that is worn on a person's forearm; and the AutoSensor, a single-use disposable component that attaches to the back of the device and allows for glucose monitoring for up to 13 hours.

"As any parent will tell you, you always worry about your children, their safety and well-being—even more so if your child has diabetes," says Sonia Cooper, president of the non-profit Children with Diabetes Foundation and mother of a 13-year-old son with diabetes. "We've had some frightening times—especially at night when his glucose levels dipped too low. Now we can all rest easier knowing the alarm will beep and wake him. As a result, he's now able to go to sleepovers at friends' houses."

The GlucoWatch G2 Biographer is available by prescription only and is intended to supplement, not replace, conventional blood glucose monitoring.

To learn more, call toll-free: 1-866-GLWATCH; or visit www.glucowatch.com.

No matter what the form of the government, the liberty of a people consists in being governed by laws which they have themselves made.

—Abraham Cowley

Leadership involves remembering past mistakes, an analysis of today's achievements and a well-grounded imagination in visualizing the problem of the future.

—Stanley C. Allyn

Liberty will not descend to a people, a people must raise themselves to liberty; it is a blessing that must be earned before it can be enjoyed.

—Benjamin Franklin