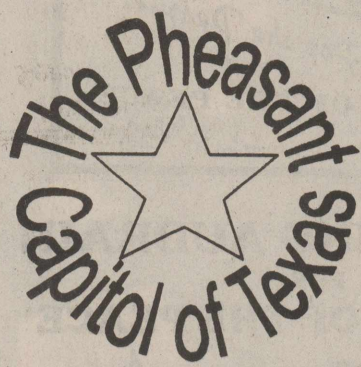


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Texas Panhandle Peace Officers Hold Meeting Thursday, Feb. 2

The Texas Panhandle Peace Officer Association held their meeting in Stratford on Thursday, February 2, 2006. Shown above is Nancy Kimball (representing XIT) presenting a check to Sheriff Jack Haile for a donation towards the meal. Other contributors were First State Bank of Stratford, Happy State Bank of Stratford, Cactus Feeders, Dean Cluck Feedyard, Lasley and Sons Feedyard, Iowa Vet Supply. Also contributing were Swift, Moore's Food Pride, Flying Barbecue Sauce and Browns Meal Locker. There were 82 in attendance, Eight Chief of Police, Twelve Sheriffs and DPS Troopers, Texas Rangers, Etc. also attending. Kenneth Chambers-TSCRA Brand Inspector presented the program and Bo DeArmond Moore County Sheriff and president of the Association welcomed everyone and led the program.

Last Speech Tournament Of The Season Held

By Terri Teig

Our last speech tournament for the season was held on Friday and Saturday at Tascosa. It was a large tournament with schools from Houston and the Dallas area. We broke three to the semi-finals and were pleased. Those attending were Anne Brookes-prose, Jessica Meroney-

poetry, Siarra Valenzuela-poetry, Evan Haile-prose, James Daniels-domestic extemp and impromptu, Trena Maiwald-poetry and impromptu and Ashley Duschl-original oratory, domestic extemp, and impromptu. Those breaking to semi-finals were Evan, Trena, and Ashley. We have had a great year and have gained a lot of experience. We thank the board and school system for their support.

2006 School Board Election

The Texhoma Texas Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on Saturday May 13, 2006 at the Texhoma School (4th & Denver) from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The first day to apply for a place on the ballot is Monday, February 11, 2006 and will continue through March 13, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. You may apply at the Superintendent's office, 4th and Denver Street, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. School will be closed on February 13, 2006 for vacation. Information concerning applications during this time will be posted on the window at the school.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Monday, May 1, 2006 and continue through May 9, 2006. Early voting will be conducted at the Superintendent's office from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day. Board members whose term will expire are Jay Blume and Jay Murphy. Holdover members are Vicki Freeman, Christina Smith, and Cody Cartwright.

Meeting To Be Held Monday

Community Responders and Self Help meeting Monday, February 13, 2006, 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.

Prayer & Praise Service Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m. First United Methodist Church

Millie Hacker Retires From Depot Museum

Millie Hacker has retired from the Depot Museum. She has been a valuable worker and a wealth of information for visitors to the Museum. Millie has been at the Museum for 9 years and been very beneficial to both the Museum and the community.

The Museum Board is pleased to invite you to a Retirement Party for Millie on Sunday Feb. 12, 2:00-3:00 P.M. at the Depot Museum. There will be a money tree for Millie. If you would like to give please contact Ann Wells at 396-2527 and leave message. Please come by for refreshments and help us honor Millie's many contributions.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 13, 2006. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so from February 11 through March 13, 2006. You may apply at the Superintendent's Office, 503 N. 8th Street, from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. The Office will be closed for Spring Break March 6th - 10th, but will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on March 13th.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Monday May 1st and continue through Tuesday May 9th. Early voting will be conducted at the County Court House in the District Clerks Office, 701 N. 3rd Street, Stratford, Texas 79084 - Hours: 8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00 Monday thru Friday.

Board members whose term will expire are Gareed McBryde, Patti Vincent, and Brent Spurlock. Holdover members are, Joe Reinart, Steve Hays, Barney Willborn and DeWain Trayler.

SEVERE WEATHER PLANNING FOR TEXANS

February 26, 2006 through March 4, 2006 has been set for Severe Weather Awareness Week. Texans are urged to make plans and be prepared in the event of severe weather before it strikes.

Your family should have an Emergency Supply Kit which should include the following:
First-aid kit
Cash (power outages means banks and ATM may be unavailable)
Road maps
Battery-operated radio and flashlights with extra batteries
Important documents and records, photo ID, proof of residence
Three-day supply of non-perishable food, one gallon of bottled water per person per day, coolers for food and ice storage
Fire extinguisher
Blankets, sleeping bags and extra clothing
Extra medications and prescriptions, hearing aid and other special medical items
Eyeglasses and sunglasses
Toilet paper; clean-up supplies, duct tape, tarp and rope
Can opener, knife, tools, booster cables
Special supplies needed for babies, older adults or pets

Remember to change perishable supplies and water every six months.

City of Stratford To Hold Election

The City of Stratford will hold an election on Saturday, May 13, 2006 to fill three places on the ballot. The expiring terms are: David Brown, Mayor; Bryan Mungia, Councilmember; and Keri Harris, Councilmember. These are two-year terms. Beginning Monday, February 13, 2006 anyone interested in filing for a place on the ballot may pick up a packet from City Hall, 518 N. Third, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. The last day to file for a place on the ballot is March 13, 2006. Early voting begins May 1, 2006. For further information, you may contact City Hall at (806) 366-5581.

Relay for Life

The Sherman County Relay for Life Committee has already begun making plans for the 2006 Relay on June 2. We are excited about the success of last year's Relay and are looking forward to the upcoming Relay.

There are already ten teams committed to raising funds for the American Cancer Society and there are currently 3 teams - Jr. High School, Methodist Church, and Happy State Bank who have already begun their fundraising projects.

Greg Wright and Terri Teig are in charge of entertainment again this year. It was reported that Greg already has several good leads on some talented bands.

At our Relay for Life committee meeting in January, American Cancer Society representative Heather Bailey and other committee members discussed Stratford possibly hosting a driver training class for persons that are interested in helping cancer patients with transportation to and from their treatments in Amarillo. Heather is also interested in contacting a local hair salon to see if they would volunteer to keep an assortment of wigs for cancer patients in our area.

If you're interested in getting involved with the Sherman County Relay for Life please contact Stacy Metcalf @ 366-2035 or Laurie Gilliland @ 366-3520.

Lunch and Learn Meeting Thursday

By Susie Spurlock

Lunch and Learn TEEA will meet Thursday, February 9 at 12 noon in the educational room of the County Extension Office. The program will be "Nutrition and the Mind". All members are invited and guests are welcome also.

Lunch will be served at a cost of \$5.00 per person. Interested participants are asked to call the Extension Office at 366-2122 by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 8th so that adequate preparations can be made.

Educational programs conducted by the Sherman County Office of Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.



Mikella Newsom



Charlotte Strafuss

First State Bank Announces Promotions

George B. Odom, President of First State Bank, announced that Charlotte Strafuss has been elected a Director at the bank's annual stockholder's meeting. Charlotte has over 16 years banking experience and serves as the Chief Financial Officer of the bank. Charlotte, a native of Hartley, resides in Dalhart with her husband Chad and 7 year old triplets, Brooklyn, Blakely, and Brenton.

Mikella Newsom was named Cashier for First State Bank. Mikella, who joined First State Bank in June of 2005, has over 10 years of banking experience. Mikella resides in Dalhart with her husband John and their son Rex.

Both Charlotte and Mikella have strong agricultural backgrounds, with both of their husbands involved in farming. "These promotions indicate total confidence by our Board in their abilities to continue the strong traditions of First State Bank," stated Odom. First State Bank has offices in Stratford, Dumas, and Dalhart.

The High Ground of Texas takes Marketing Team to 2006 World Ag Expo

The High Ground of Texas will be sending a team of over 75 community members and regional Tailgate Party Sponsors to the World Ag Expo 2006 on February 14-16, 2006. Contacts made from this show will continue to add to the successful recruitment and expansion of the dairy industry and the various value-added agriculture projects into the West Texas region.

The World Ag Expo is the largest event of its kind in the world and is held each year at the International Agri-Center in Tulare, California. Based on the shows current growth and momentum in the agriculture and dairy industry, this internationally recognized event will attract exhibitors and visitors from 50 states and more than 75 foreign countries. There will be over 1,500 exhibitors and over 200,000 attendees at the show. In addition to over 2 million square feet of exhibits, the show also offers over 100 seminars on a variety of ag-related topics and hosts the HiTech Heritage Complex, The Farm Equipment Museum, and the Agriculture Learning Center.

Additional industries will be targeted during the show, including Heifer Replacement Companies, Dairy Veterinary Services, Dairy Processing Plants, Manufacturing Companies of Ag Equipment, Implement Companies, Livestock Transportation Companies, Ethanol, Distribution Centers, Ag-Service Suppliers, and more. Since 1999, the marketing efforts of the High Ground of Texas at the World Ag Expo has resulted in over \$200 million dollars of new investment and hundreds of new jobs in the region. Since that time, the High Ground has welcomed more than 55 new dairies to the region with 10 more currently under construction. Over 60 additional permitted sites are available in the High Ground.

The High Ground of Texas will also be hosting a hospitality event, the "4th Annual High Ground of Texas Tailgate Party" to be held on Wednesday, February 15th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the VIP tent on the show grounds. This annual Tailgate Party continues to be a huge

success, serving over 500 potential clients each year, resulting in over 150 visits to the region and numerous dairy expansions to the area. Additional inquiries have also been made following the event by other ag-related businesses soliciting information about possible expansion projects.

Back by popular demand, food will be provided by the Cattle Exchange of Canadian, and the music will be provided by the band "Texas Crossroads" from Shamrock.

Major Sponsors for this special event include First Ag Credit, Enviro-Ag Engineering, Americrete Construction/Dairy Contractors of Texas, Don Pool Construction, Brandon Reid Construction, Select Milk Inc., Lonestar Milk, Inc., and Dairy Farmers of America. Brown, Graham & Company will be sponsoring the entertainment and DeLaval, Inc. is sponsoring the meal. In addition, over 60 Regional Partners continue to help host and sponsor this exciting marketing event. And new to this year's event, the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation is sponsoring a Hospitality RV to be located in the parking lot of the World Ag Expo for the pleasure of all prospects, regional dairymen and guests of the High Ground.

Representatives from Perryton, Dumas, Dalhart, Stratford, Hereford, Friona, Muleshoe, Amarillo, Tulia, Plainview, Dimmitt, Brownfield, Childress, Canadian, and Shamrock have made their plans to attend the 2006 World Ag Expo. Sheila Martin, Regional representative for the Texas Department of Agriculture will also be participating with the High Ground marketing team.

The High Ground of Texas is a regional economic development marketing coalition that represents the northern 60 counties in West Texas. The High Ground targets several industries in their annual diversified marketing plan including manufacturing, food processing, ethanol, dairies, plastics & packaging, corporate headquarters, value-added agriculture, metal fabricating, biotechnology, value added meat processing, and more. The High

OBITS



JOHN W. WOODS, age 93 (1912) died Tuesday, January 31, 2006 in Amarillo. Funeral services were held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, Feb. 3 at First Christian Church of Amarillo with Rev. Robert Ziehmer and Tom Curl officiating. Music was performed by, Dale Riggs and Ron and Leslie Boerger.

BURIAL was at Miami Cemetery, Miami, TX. Arrangements were by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia. Visitation was held Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006 from 5-6 P.M. at Schooler Funeral Home.

Mr. Woods was born in Ft. Worth, Texas on December 10, 1912 to John and Eugenia Woods. In 1930, he enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 17. While in the Navy he earned his GED. The Navy commissioned him as an officer in 1945 and he served on several ships as a medical officer with duties of Prosthetic Dental Technician and the officer in charge of preparing the dead for burial at sea. Mr. Woods received a medical discharge in 1947. Following his discharge he enrolled in North Texas State University and received Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Education and taught school for eleven years in Corcoran, CA, Pampa, TX and San Antonio, TX.

Mr. Woods married Leona Parker in her parents' home in Miami, TX in April 1954. Soon after their marriage he entered Saint Mary's University in San Antonio where he studied for a law degree and received a Doctorate of Jurisprudence in law. Following law school he and Mrs. Woods moved to Stratford, TX where he became Sherman County Attorney. He also served 14 years as Justice of the Peace of Sherman County and then served as Sherman County Judge until his retirement.

While in Stratford, Mr. Woods was active in the First Christian Church where he served as a deacon and a member of the presiding board. He was also a member of the Stratford Lions Clubs and the legal advisor to the Cold Water Manor Nursing Center. At the age of 88 he completed a 10 year research project of writing a full length book on the Sherman County Cemetery. It is written in genealogical form and can be used for research on families' histories; one of the aims in writing the book was in hopes that every unmarked grave in the cemetery would have names on them. Two of his Stratford friends took the project and indeed made headstones for many of the unmarked graves. Immediately following the publishing of the book the ownership and all proceeds were turned over to the Sherman County Historical Society by Mr. Woods.

Since moving to Amarillo in 1995, Mr. Woods has been a member of the First Christian Church, The Friendship Sunday School class, and the Seniors Happy Timers of the church. He and Mrs. Woods have made their home at The Continental since October 2000.

In January of 2006 Mr. Woods received the pin and certificate for being in the Masonic Lodge for seventy years.

Other organizations that Mr. Woods belonged to are: the Dumas Masonic Lodge #1009

AF&AM, Khiva Shriners of Amarillo, Knights Templar of Texas, Scottish Rite Freemasonry of El Paso, Grand Royal Arch Chap. of Texas, Amarillo Council 134 and 196, York Rite Bodies of Amarillo, The U.S.S. Columbia CL56 Association, The Retired Military Officers Association,

The American Legion Post 0262, and the State Bar of Texas. He has been listed in the Who's Who in America since 1969.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods began to be visitors to the Rio Grand Valley in 1954 and later bought a winter home in McAllen where they enjoyed many great times among the Winter Texans and relatives in the area.

Mr. Woods was preceded in death by four brothers, three sisters and a nephew Jerry Curl of McAllen, TX

Mr. Woods is survived by his wife, Leona and a sister Alvro Dormon and husband Leo of Virginia Beach, VA Other survivors include: Sister-in-law Mary Alice Curl of Amarillo, Brother-in-law Clifford and Ethyle Parker of Albuquerque, NM Brother-in-law Frank and Joan Parker of San Antonio, Sister-in-law Mary Woods of Shreveport, LA and Sister-in-law Mary Woods of Arlington Heights, IL. Nephews: Tom and Lynda Curl, Paul and Beverly Parker, Perry and Mary Woods and Mark Woods.

Nieces: Linda Parker, Shari Parker, Barbara and Bob Morse, Leslie and Ron Boerger, Carroll and Jon Maus, Betty and Jimmy Dowded and a number of great nieces and nephews and eleven great-great nieces and nephews.

Burial was at the Maddox-Parker section of the Miami, Texas Cemetery following the service.

Officiating at the graveside service was Frank Parker, Clifford Parker, Tom Curl, Ron and Leslie Boerger and Bob Morris, Linda Parker and Kennedy Shuler.

MEMORIALS: Scottish Rite Children's Hospital, 222 Welborne St, Dallas, TX 75219, BSA Hospice P.O. Box 950 Amarillo, Texas 79176, HOPE (Helping Others Past Emergencies) 1300 South Jackson, Amarillo, Texas 79101 or First Christian Church, 3001 Wolflin, Amarillo., TX 79109

To shorten winter, borrow some money due in spring.
—W.J. Vogel



John Robert Bolf
1944-2006

John Robert Bolf, 61 of Stratford, died Sunday, February 5, 2006 in Amarillo.

Memorial services were at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel. Private burial was at Llano Cemetery. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Mr. Bolf was born December 9, 1944 in Levelland, TX to Robert & Mildred Bolf. He was a long time resident of Stratford, TX. John was a man of many "hats, lifetime entrepreneur, with ventures including his very own "Johnny B's" seasoning, award-winning cook. He was a car dealer in Dalhart, TX. He was also a concrete contractor, antique dealer and restorer as well as an avid hunter and collector of Indian artifacts.

John is survived by two daughters, Shanna & husband Robbie Carnes and Leah Wiley, all of Amarillo; a son, Jeff & wife Cindy Bolf of Yukon, OK; sister, Delores Golbraith of Eastland; his father, Robert Bolf of DeLeon, TX; and six grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully request all donations be made to John Bolf memorial fund, 5504 Westgate Dr., Amarillo, Texas 79106

Philip Montague Smith IV

Philip Montague Smith IV (Monty), 54, of Williamsburg, passed away December 7, 2005.

He was born October 5, 1951, the son of Philip (III) and Flo

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- Box of Chocolates..... \$15.00
- Chocolate Covered Strawberries..... \$25.00
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MEMORY CLASS SERIES TO BEGIN

FEBRUARY 10
By Susie Spurlock

Your memory is only as good as the information that your brain takes in-if you don't learn it to begin with, you will never remember it. Master of Memory, the first lesson will explore how your brain takes in new information and processes it. You will discover that there are several different ways to learn new things and may be surprised at how you yourself learn new information.

In other class sessions, participants will learn different memory strategies, how different foods and nutrients may affect your brain's function and ability to remember, and types of medications how they affect your memory. In addition, medical conditions that affect memory will be explored and how exercise benefits your body and mind.

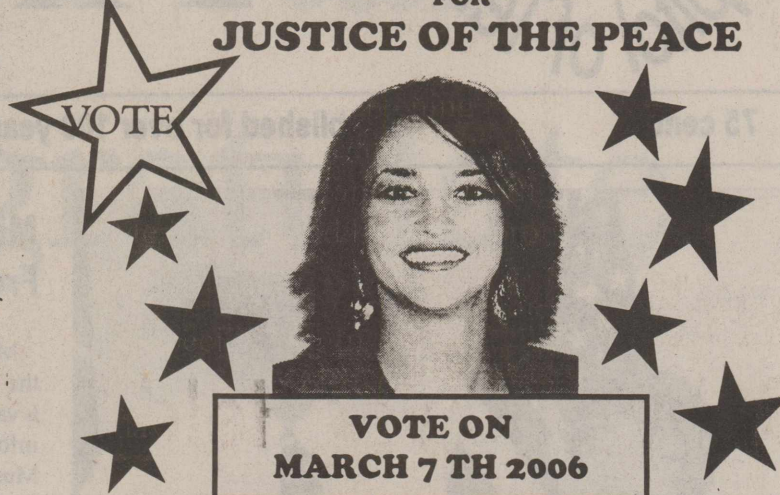
Keenagers of Texhoma will be offering "Master of Memory". The three-lesson class series will be offered February 10, 24, and March 10 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Texhoma Community Center in Texhoma. There is no charge for the class.

Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences will be teaching the series. Topics will include how the brain takes new information and processes it, memory strategies, role of nutrition, medications and how they affect the memory, memory problems, and importance of exercise.

Pre-registration is encouraged so that adequate materials will be available to class participants. To register, contact either Mrs. Ola Mae Rhoden at 827-7495 or the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122. Extension educational programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

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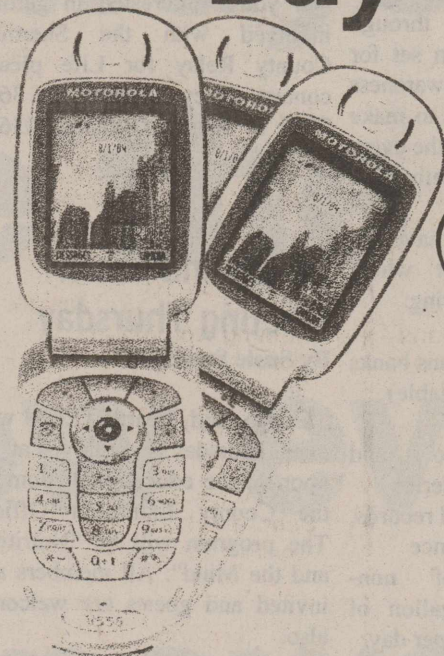
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Happy Valentines Day

The Language of Flowers

By Julie Willard
Let's Make Arrangements

Valentine's Day is less than one week away! Have you gotten your order in at Let's Make Arrangements? This week we are going to look at floral signatures. I hope everyone is learning and loving the language of flowers.

Floral signatures include:

Natural-People who are casual, earthy and prefer the outdoors. Flowering or green plants, meadow flowers and woody accents suit this personality best.

Romantic-People who are generous, spontaneous and extravagant. Bouquets of soft colors, light fragrances and accents of lace or ribbon might suit romantics.

Expressive- Individuals who seek personal betterment and are attracted to the unconventional - from new age to the arts. Exotic flowers and unusual combinations of shape, color and texture will match their creativity and artistic bent.

Traditional- people who are trustworthy, family oriented and prefer classic styles. They appreciate lush arrangements with a great variety of flowers.

Contemporary- Individuals who are cutting-edge trendsetters and enjoy living in the moment. Vogue styles such as monochromatic bouquets or arrangements with a few, large vibrant flowers are favorites.

A little Q&A

Do certain flowers mean certain things? What if I send the wrong thing?

There are no rules when it comes to sending flowers. With a little thought and help from Let's Make Arrangements, it's virtually impossible for you to send the "wrong thing." Consider the recipient's age, gender and floral preferences (if you are aware of any). Share details about the personality of the recipient with your florist and she will customize your arrangement and ensure the recipient's delight.

What do the different rose colors mean? Is red always for passion?

In Victorian times flowers had assigned meanings, but even then there was much discrepancy. A man would commission his florist to create and a bouquet, and thereby a "special message," to his beloved. It was up to the lady receiving the flowers to decipher their meaning. Today there are so many flowers and colors that this tradition no longer applies. Red roses are traditionally associated with romantic love, but this is not a universal rule by any means. Flowers have a much broader vocabulary.

Is it cheaper to order flowers that are in season? How do I know what flowers are in season?

Simply ask your florist what flowers are in season and the best value. Flowers come into flower shops from every corner of the world and every flower is in season somewhere almost all the time! Seasonal varieties are often less expensive when in great abundance. For example, roses are a super value in summer because it is their peak growing season.

If my girlfriend loves a certain flower and I want to get it for her birthday, can I special order it?

Certainly. Be sure you know the name of the flower, and if there's a certain color you'll need. Call your florist one to two weeks in advance if possible, as she may have to special order the flowers. The sooner your florist can order the flower, the better your chances are of having it in time for the special day.

Where do flowers come from?

The abundant varieties you see in flower shops today come from growers all over the world - Europe, Australia, Africa, South America, the United States and more. More flowers are available now than ever before and modern shipping technology allows product fresh from the field to be transported to the marketplace in a matter of hours.

How do I know what to order?

Let's Make Arrangements is a treasure trove of arrangement styles, new flower and plant varieties and gift items. Here are a few tips on working with your florist to create a truly personalized gift:

- Tell your florist about the recipient's personality. Is the recipient a dramatic person? Or perhaps romantic, artistic, traditional or outdoorsy? What are some of his or her hobbies and interests? Do you know the recipient's favorite color or flower? The simple selection of a flower in the recipient's favorite color can really personalize an arrangement.

- If you are ordering flowers for someone's home, what is the home like? Is it traditional? Or perhaps casual, Victorian, country or contemporary? Florists are experts at the art of expression. Let your florist help you look great by creating a highly personalized gift.

What information should I have on hand when I call the florist?

If you are having the flowers delivered, have the recipient's full name, address and telephone number ready. Any special information such as a work number or times the recipient will be at home are also helpful. Determine your budget before the call and have your payment information ready. Be sure to write out what message you would like to include on the enclosure card. (Your florist can offer suggestions if you're not sure what you want the card to say.)

Can a florist make a special design for me?

Absolutely. That's what florists do best! Describe to your florist what you have in mind or ask for creative suggestions. Nothing is more personal than a made just for you floral arrangement.

I never know what to write on the enclosure card. Where can I find some suggestions?

You might want to look at poetry or a book of quotes for ideas. Ask your florist what might be appropriate. Florists have seen thousands of cards and probably have a few ideas to suit your particular occasion.

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I have had a great time researching and writing these articles. I hope they have taught you some new things you did not know already about flowers. If you have any questions or would like more information, come by Let's Make Arrangements. And DON'T FORGET...VALENTINE'S DAY IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th! Let's Make Arrangements has all you need to make this a great Valentine's Day!

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR NOMINATION



ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

Student council will be hosting a Blood Drive through Coffee Memorial Blood Center on Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the old gym. It will be from 8:30 to 3:30. This is a great opportunity for the SISD staff, SHS students, and community to support a vital service to our area.

Twelve Jr. High students are preparing for the Sherman County Spelling Bee. The county contest will be held on Feb. 15, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. at the Texhoma school auditorium. Those students on the Jr. Division team are: Alex Asher, Megan Brooks, Tera Harris, Haydee Rojas, Tyler Seward, and M'Lynn Wells. Sr. Division members are Sunny Russell, Braden Hamilton, Tyler Wright, Jace Delgado, Heidi Brooks, and Mark Hand. Good luck to all these students as they represent our school at the county contest!

Mrs. Glass's Environmental science has created comic strips and board games to learn the functions of the cell organelles. Many of their games, complete with instructions and games pieces, have been modeled from games like Monopoly and Guess Who. They are playing the cell organelle games they designed and built themselves to learn how

the cell operates.

Biology—they are studying DNA and will be in the lab extracting DNA from bananas and strawberries. They soon will be working with Microsoft Photo story to demonstrate how DNA replicates.

Anatomy & Physiology—Now that they have finished their Power Point presentation on how the muscle works, they will be learning the 34 muscles in the

lower extremities...on their quest of learning all of the muscles. The students are dissecting chicken wings to see how the wing operates and to identify muscles, bones and tendons. Their next project is a claymation replica of the human muscular system. They will be sculpting the muscles of the body, learning their names and location and attaching them to their skeletons.

Saturday is an ACT Test date and the day some students will leave for the San Antonio Stock Show.

Friday, February 3rd the Life Skills class held another craft bazaar with a Valentine theme. Items for sale included bracelets, key chains, Valentine pins, and decorated ink pens. Those making included in this activity were Stephanie Molina, Tyler Pickens, Raul Reta and Brian Zinck.

In conjunction with Presidents Day, February 20, the junior high and high school ESL students

researched and made a display of the 43 Presidents of the United States. The display on the wall near the counselor's office also includes historical trivia on each president and famous presidential quotations. Did you know Jimmy Carter was the first president born in a hospital, that Andrew Jackson's supporters trashed the White House at his inauguration or that Andrew Johnson was the only president to receive a speeding citation on a horse?

Mrs. Hand's 6th grade reading classes just finished the novel Number the Stars. The setting of this book is Europe during WWII. The students did a study of the origin of their surnames. Each name was traced back to a

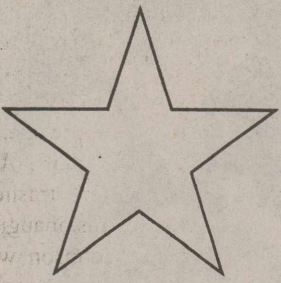
European country. Once that country was determined, they made a flag from that country. On Friday, they will be serving the 5th and 6th graders a dish they each prepared from that country.

Can you believe it? Friday is the end of the fourth six weeks!

It seems like we just got back from the Christmas holidays. That means report cards will be going out next week. It also means just two more six weeks until summer!

One kind word can warm three winter months.
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Land for Sale: Section 66 and South 1/2 of Section 67 Block 8. Capital Syndicate sub-division. Dallam County CRP to 9-30-2007. Contact Trust Dept. at First State Bank of Stratford 806-396-5521. 10-23-tfn

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House for Sale: 3 bdrm, 1 1/4 bath, brick, great location by elementary school. Call 366-3485. 1317 N. Division. 9-22-tfn

For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath-2 1/4 bath, CH/A detached garage, Big back Yard with storage building, close to school. Call 366-2401. 5-5-tfn

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Consumer

(NU) - You're in the market for a boat and you'd love to buy one at the next boat show. But which boat is the right one for you? It's hard to know, especially if you're a first-time buyer. One helpful resource is BoatTest.com, a site that allows prospective boat buyers to compare boats by type, size and manufacturer. After you specify what you're looking for, BoatTest.com generates a head-to-head comparison of all the models that fit your criteria. After narrowing down your options, go to the manufacturer's dealer locator through BoatTest.com to get more information and pricing.

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The Sherman County Commissioners' Court will accept sealed applications to serve as the Depository for County funds and County/District Clerk Registry funds until Monday, March 6, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Applications will be opened at that time. The depository contract will be discussed and awarded at the March 13, 2006 meeting of the Sherman County Commissioners' Court. Applications must include a general description of depository services to be provided; service charges; interest rates to be paid on commercial checking and interest bearing checking; interest rates on time deposits of 30,60,90,12,180,360 days and 24 months; and the Interest rate to be charged to tie county on short-term loans. Applications should be presented to Tern Carter, Sherman County Judge at the Sherman County Courthouse, Room 206, Stratford, Texas 79084. The Public Funds Collateral Act (Article 2529d, Vernon's Texas CM Statutes) governs the type, level substitution, possession, release, and method of valuation of the security necessary to secure the deposit of public funds, Terri Carter, Sherman County Judge. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, February 9, 2006, Thursday, February 16, 2006 and Thursday, February 23, 2006.

Cards of Thanks

The Sherman County Stock Show Board would like to thank the following people for their contributions that made the 2006 Stock Show a success: The county employees for the help in setting up and taking down everything, Clay Myers for Auctioneering, Reed & Sons for the use of their truck to take the pigs to market. To all of the volunteers that helped with weigh in, the show and the auction. To the ladies that helped at the head table and during the auction. To Connie Biddy and Stephanie Sellers who organized the buyers meal, and the students that served the meal. The following businesses donated items for the buyer's meal: Betty's, Express Lanes, Ted Alien, Cactus Feeders, and Dumas Feeders. Thank you especially to everyone that either bought an animal or contributed to the auction. Without everyone the Stock Show would not be a success.

I want to thank the wonderful folks of Stratford that made my Christmas a brighter one. God Bless each one.
Erma Houston

To the Class of 2008.
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LOCAL ANNUAL WRITER'S SEMINAR

The Amarillo, Texas Chapter of Inspirational Writers Alive! announces its annual seminar to be held on Saturday, April 22, 2006. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at Kingswood United Methodist Church, 4801 S. Austin, two blocks east of S. Georgia, Amarillo, Texas. At the same location on Friday, April 21, 7:00 p.m., a Meet the Speakers covered dish meal will be served.

Sessions include keynote address on Writing Effective Dialogue, by Rodney Morris, Senior Editor, Multnomah Publishers. Morris will also offer limited one-on-one sessions. Micro-keynote talks will be The Power of Poetry by Vivian Stewart and Interviewing for Feature Writing by Donna Smith, who will also conduct workshops on How to Find Ideas for Writing & Selling What You Write and poetry. All sessions will have Q&A time.

Contest categories will include poetry, devotionals, and articles. Two special contests will focus on a biblical creative nonfiction story, and a nostalgic story. Entry deadline is April 1.

For seminar brochure which includes detailed contest guidelines, e-mail Jerry McClenagan at iwa06seminar@yahoo.com or write him at PMB 107, 5600 Bell St, Suite 105, Amarillo, TX 79109.

Obits

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Smith, in Warrenton, MO. He grew up in McCredie and Williamsburg and graduated from Fulton High School in 1969.

Monty received a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from Westminster College in 1973. While at Westminster he was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. In 1986 he received a Bachelor's in Architecture from the University of Kansas. He was currently pursuing a Master's in Historic Preservation at the University of Missouri, during which time he studied abroad in England, Ireland and Portugal.

Monty worked as a historic preservationist for FEMA after the 1993 flood throughout the Mississippi River floodplain region. However, the lasting proof of his skill and talent can be seen in his watercolors ranging from rural Missouri landscapes and wildlife to ancient European architecture. No matter how far he traveled he always came back to the farm in Williamsburg.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Phil (II) and Margaret Smith of Williamsburg and Bob and Minnie Burgess of Stratford, TX, and his father, Phil M. Smith III of Williamsburg. Aunt Bettie Ledbetter of Amarillo and one uncle, Jim Johnson of Stratford and two cousins Robbie Payne, Columbia, MO and James Johnson of Stratford, TX.

Survivors include his mother, of the home, three sisters, Ellen and Rev. John Koehler of Joplin, MO, Sharlyn and Dr. Greg Swenson of Rapid City, SD, and Barbara Smith of Joplin, MO; four aunts: Peggy & Dudley Payne, Columbia, MO and Jean Smith, Williamsburg, MO and Ann Johnson, and Bobbie and Oscar Wilson of Stratford. Two uncles: Rex Burgess of Spearman & Leo Ledbetter of Amarillo, three nephews, four nieces, two great-nephews and one great-niece.

After a family graveside service led by Rev. John Koehler, a memorial service was held at 11 a.m. in Williamsburg, Mo. at the Nine Mile Presbyterian Church. With Rev. Jim Cruickshank officiating.

Spring, summer, and fall fill us with hope; winter alone reminds us of the human condition.
—Mignon McLaughlin

The 7th grade Lady Elks beat Booker 30-6 in their last game of the season on January 30th. Kelsie Keener was high point with 7 points followed by Kimberly Melton with 6 points and Rubi Rueda with 5 points.

The 7th grade Elks beat Booker 39-15. Tyler Wright was high point with 14 points followed by Bryce Cummings with 11 points and Kyle Horsford with 10 points.

The 8th grade Lady Elks lost 17-25 to Booker. Sunny Russell was high point with 7 points followed by Angie Rosales with 4 points.

The 8th grade Elks beat Booker 28-13. Braden Hamilton led the Elks with 16 points. Luis Ortega added 7 points.

The J.V. Elks lost to Gruver 60-30 on Tuesday, January 31st. Angel Resendes and Sandro Gomez led with 8 points each followed by Brent Reed with 6 points. On Friday, February 3rd, the Elks lost 21-25 to Sunray. Nelson Rodriguez was high point with 11 points followed by Angel Resendes and Sandor Gomez with 4 points each.

The Stratford Elks lost 30-47 to Gruver on Tuesday, January 31st. Brant Cummings led with 15 points followed by Kaleb Horsford with 7 points. On Friday, February 3rd, the Elks beat Sunray 46-44. Brant Cummings led the Elks with 14 points followed by Kaleb Horsford with 13 points.



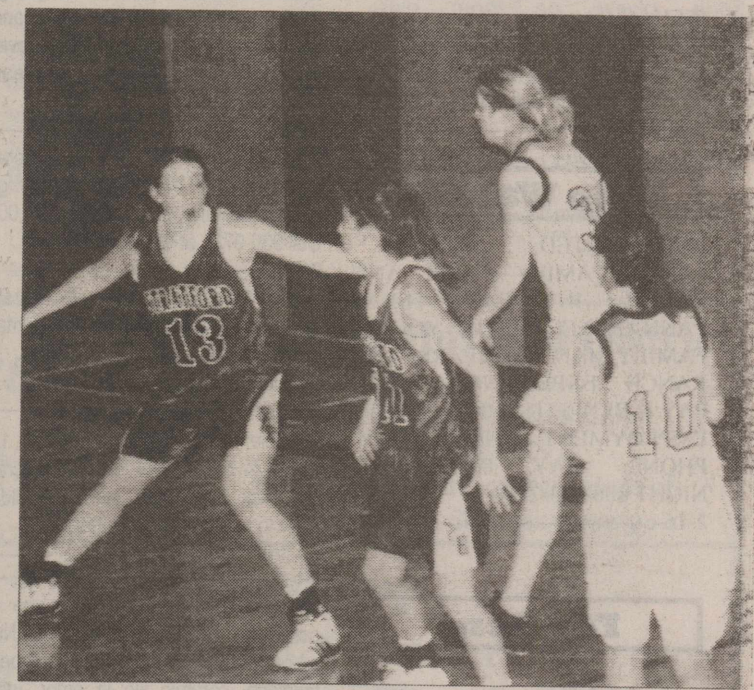
J.V. Elk Sandro Gomez shoots the ball against Gruver.



J.V. Lady Elks on defense against Gruver, #45 Krista Reta, #13 LaRissa Luna, and #15 Kelsey Stein.



Stratford Elk #12 Case Crabtree against Gruver.



Lady Elks #13 Allison Baskin & #11 Cassie Garza on defense against Gruver.



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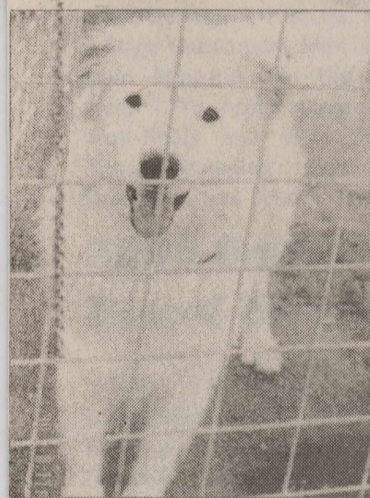
LET OUR OLD MEN HAVE THOSE ROCK'IN CHAIRS-WE GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO Entertainment for the "Rock'in Red Hatters" of Stratford was provided by: Heidi and Kathy Brooks and Nathan Bennett and Derrek Hager. (shown above and below)



Pet of the Week

Scot Talk

By Mary Hill



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

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

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



Lake Baikal in Siberia, Russia is the deepest lake in the world. Its deepest part measures 5,371 feet—slightly more than one mile.

As we get into a new month (AGAIN!!), we will just take note of a few of our usual activities.

Bingo will be on February 2nd and the 16th at 7 p.m.

Game night is on Friday, February 10 at 7 p.m.; crafts meet at 5 p.m. on the 7th and 21st; the birthday party is at 2:30 on the 16th.

The Board meeting will be at 5:30 on the 21st, and our big event, the luncheon, will be on the 23rd.

One special event next month is the trip to Hereford on March 4 to hear the Braschler Music Show from Branson, Missouri. Our group will leave SCOT Hall at 11:30, and the show starts at 2:30. Tickets have already been purchased, but there is a possibility that more could be obtained. Anyone who is interested could get information about it at SCOT Hall.

We have word that Max and Dicy are now at the Clairmont Retirement Center in Amarillo, and that they are doing well. We wish them the very best.

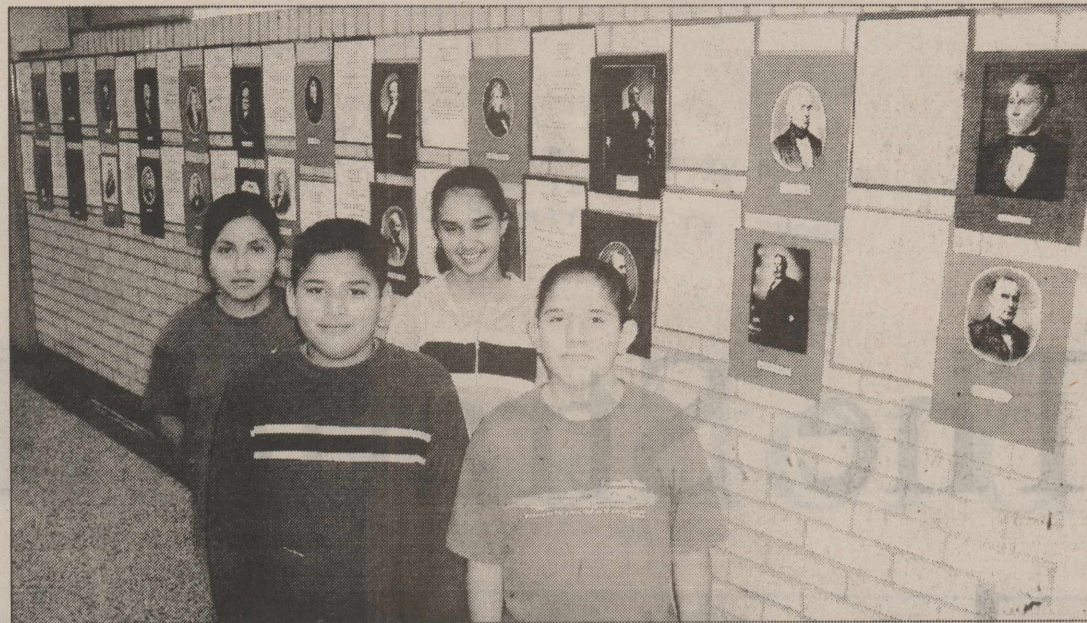
7th Annual Crop Production Clinic

The 7th annual Crop Production Clinic will be held at the Oklahoma State University, Panhandle Research and Extension Center on Thursday, March 9, 2006 at Goodwell, OK. The clinic will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m.

Topics and speakers will include: Utilizing Mesonet in Crop Production, Al Sutherland, OSU; N Rich Strips, Roger Gribble, OSU; GPS and Precision Ag., Randy Taylor, PhD, OSU; Irrigation Efficiency, Mike Kizer, PhD, OSU; Cotton Production & Planting Dates, Rick Kochenower, OSU

There are 6 total C.E.U.'s for certified crop advisors approved for the clinic, including 1.0 Nutrient Mgt., 2.0 Soil & Water Mgt., and 3.0 Crop Mgt.

Kim's Ribs is provided for those attending meetings. Please RSVP by March 3rd to (580) 349-5440.



(Shown at left) Mrs. Carthel's junior high and high school classes made a display of the 43 U.S. Presidents. Some of the students participating include (left to right) Ana Reyes, Neftali Valenzuela, Griselda Mayorga, and Rafael Guerra. Nice display!!!

"Gardening with the Masters" Lecture Series Scheduled

AMARILLO The Potter/Randall Master Gardeners will hold a series of lectures designed for beginning gardeners Feb. 23 through April 6 at the Amarillo Public Library Southwest Branch, 6801 S.W. 45th Ave.

"Gardening with the Masters" will cover everything from soil preparation to plant selection. The lectures by local members of the Master Gardener program will run from 7-8 p.m. each Thursday. Classes are free to the public and no registration is required.

The programs are sponsored by Potter/Randall Counties Master Gardener Association and Texas Cooperative Extension in Potter County.

The following is a schedule of the classes and presenters:

- Feb. 23, Vegetable Gardening, Cheryl Ray;
- March 2, Landscape Design, Barbara Harrington;
- March 9, Soil Preparation and Shrubs, Doris Rogers;
- March 16, Trees, Kelly Sims, certified arborist;
- March 23, Roses, Don Glenn;
- March 30, Drought Tolerant Plants, Stacie Lloyd; and
- April 6, Perennials, Annuals and Containers, Barbara Harrington.

New York Times Fiction Best Sellers at the Sherman County Public Library

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2. The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
3. The Hostage by W.E.B. Griffin
4. Mary, Mary by James Patterson
5. S is far Silence by Sue Grafton
6. Every Breath You Take by Judith McNaught
7. The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell by Lilian Jackson Braun
8. At First Sight by Nicholas Sparks
9. Turning Angel by Greg lies
10. All Night Long by Jayne Ann Krantz
11. Death Dance by Linda Fairstein
12. On the Run by Iris Johansen
13. The Camel Club by David Baldacci
14. The Lighthouse by P. D. James
15. Predator by Patrick Cornwell
16. The Five People You Meet In Heaven by Mitch Albom
17. Forever Odd by Dean Koontz
18. A Feast for Crows by George R.R. Martin
19. Consent to Kill by Vince Flynn
20. Long Time Coming by Sandra Brown
21. Light From Heaven by Jan Karon

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