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Mitts Named Citizen of the Year

Citizen of the Year Martha Mitts is shown above with her family at the Annual Stratford Chamber of Commerce banquet held on Monday, March 13, 2006. Martha was very deserving of the award. Shown above left to right are Louise Dettle, Bess Stone, Roy McAlister, Valerie McAlister, Martha and Melvin Mitts. Congratulations Martha!!!!



2006 recipients of the XIT Rural Telephone Education Program scholarships were announced by Kathy Duggan, Assistant Manager Internal Operations. Award winners were (left to right) shown above Allison Baskin, Cricket Hudgens, Haley Buckles, Marie Hefley, Kayla Frerich and Cheyenne Ziemann. Shown at Right is James Spurlock, Cooperative Board President, as he welcomes everyone to the meeting.

SPAGHETTI DINNER SUNDAY MARCH 26, 2006

The Depot Museum will host a Spaghetti Dinner Sunday March 26 at the County Barn from 11:30 to 1:30 Free Will Offering Mark your calendar and Please come out and support the Museum Thank You - The Museum Board

Stratford Youth Baseball Association Organizational Meeting

The Stratford Youth Baseball Association will be holding its annual organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the Stratford High School Library. Anyone who has input or questions concerning the baseball association should plan on attending.

All those who are interested in coaching a team in T-Ball, Machine Pitch or Little League this year, need to contact Jared McBryde at 366-5307 before the meeting. Coaching slots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis and coaches attendance will be required at the organizational meeting on the 28th. If you have any questions, please call 366-5307.



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Relay for Life Lions Club Presents Check

On March 15th the Relay for Life committee met and discussed some fun activities we want to add to this year's relay. One item that will be adding is, giving awards to teams and businesses that raise the most money and have the greatest amount of spirit. Another plan is to have a theme for the Relay. It will be, Saddle up for a Cure. Also, it would be wonderful to have a team of Survivors. If you are a survivor we need you to be on a Relay for Life team. Please let Michelle Lutes know that you are interested. (396-2065)

We have nine teams participating at this time, with four teams: Methodist Church, Junior High School, Happy State Bank and Bunko Babes already raising money. Great Job!

Prom Items Needed:

White Christmas lights (any kind icicle, etc.) Extension cords, spotlights, multiple outlet-strips, chaser lights. Please mark items w/name and call Shari Hudson @366-5398, Ronna Riffe@ 366-2180 or Cindy Russell-@727-4671 ASAP. Prom's April 8th.

The Stratford Lions Club recently made a donation to the Stratford Fire Department. Griff Lasley, presented a check to Jack Gore and Dean Hauser, members of the Fire Department. The Fire Department has been very busy lately with all of the grass fires that have occurred. The rain and snow was a much welcome relief from the very dry conditions. Editors Note: I apologize to the Lions Club and Fire Dept. The picture I took of the presentation did not turn out.

ATTENTION JUNIOR PARENTS

Attention Junior Parents: We are still decorating for prom on Tuesday nights at Wesley Spurlock's barn on Beaver Road at 7:00 p.m. We will meet on Thursday, March 23rd due to Open House on Tuesday, March 21st. Some of you will still be involved with Mary Allen Open House on Thursday!



Young Named Business Person

Linda Young was named Business Person of the Year at the Stratford Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet held March 13, 2006. Another person very deserving of this special honor. Shown above with Linda is husband Robert. Congratulations Linda!!!!!! She is a very busy lady.

Notice:

The Sherman County Public Library will be close at Monday, April 10th at 6:00 p.m. and will continue to be closed through Tuesday, April 11th for the Run-off Election.

Run-Off Election To Be Held April 11

Run-off Election will be held on April 11, 2006. Early Voting will be one week only starting April 3rd through the 7th.

SHD Will Not Hold Election

The Stratford Hospital District will not hold a Board Member Election on May 11, 2006. Three positions were open and three candidates applied. Stratford Hospital District Board members whose term will expire are Larry Drake, Kenton Kimball, and Ronnie Brooks. The new SHD Board members will be Kenton Kimball, Kathy Alien, and LeRayne Donelson. Other SHD Board members are: Wayne Smith and Kathie Altman.

RELAY FOR LIFE NEEDS TEAMS

So far, Sherman County Relay for Life has only 10 teams that are participating in this year's Relay. Ten teams is a good start; however, Stratford can certainly do better than that. Here is a list of teams that have committed.

Methodist Adults
 Methodist Youth
 Christian Church
 Church of Christ
 Baptist Youth
 Mary Allen Elementary
 Cimarron Feeders
 Happy State Bank
 Bunco Babes
 SHS Student Council

If you don't see your church, business, or civic organization represented, it's not too late to form a team. Call Stacy Metcalf at 366-2035 for more information about joining a team or forming a team. Let's do our part to make CANCER a thing of the past!

Local Scholarship Deadline Approaching

The following scholarship applications for Stratford HS seniors are due in the Counselor's office no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 31st:
 Prospectus Study Club
 Tiffany Knight/Nu Beta Sorority
 V.O. Lasley Memorial Club 70
 Stratford Fire Department
 The Earl and Conrad Riffe Memorial Scholarship application will not be due until Tuesday, April 25th. The requirements for each scholarship vary, please see Misti McBryde in the Counselor's office or call 366-3322 for more details.

HAPPY STATE BANK SUPPORTS RELAY FOR LIFE

To begin their fundraising efforts, employees of the Happy State Bank team sold chances to win an autographed game ball from the Stratford Elk, 2005 State 1-A Football Champions. They raised approximately \$500 on this fundraiser. They also plan to be starting another fundraiser in the next month. The Happy State Bank Relay for Life team plans to have a food booth the night of the event selling their famous hotdogs, as well as a jump-o-lene for the kids to enjoy. Members of the HSB team feel the Relay for Life event is a great opportunity to raise funds and awareness for the American Cancer Society. They feel that the race for a cure is vital and they are very excited to be a part of the 2nd Annual Sherman County Relay for Life.

ROUND TABLE MEETING HELD

The quarterly Round Table Meeting was held February 28th at the Elk Junction. Breakfast was good and representatives from the following entities were on hand to update everyone on activities coming up in the near future. Sherman County Judge Terri Carter and Commissioner Randy Williams tell us that the County has already started working on their budget and going to school in their spare time to keep up with educational requirements. The courthouse is getting a facelift with new windows replacing some of the old drafty ones. Early voting was in full swing and no problems were reported with the new voting machines. Sherman County Appraiser Teresa Edmond says tax collections are good and the main activity now is the real job of appraising; going out, driving around and appraising. Seems the City has been busy. Mayor David Brown told us that a new police chief had been hired, Ron Bradburn from Randall County. David also updated us on the sewer treatment plant. April will be "Spring Cleanup". Debbie Beilue and Wayne Smith from the Hospital District told the group that the annual audit went great and the auditor told them the Board is headed in the right direction, which is always good to hear. The clinic is now open a full day on Thursday and a half day on Friday with NP Ward Palmer on duty to see patients. As usual the Extension Office is busy with different things going on; Ext. Agent Susie Spurlock briefed the

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SHS Dinner Theater Sat. March 25th

Stratford High School Dinner Theater. It will be on Saturday March 25 at 7:00pm. The dinner and play will be at the Mary Alien Cafeteria. Tickets are 15.00 for adults, 10.00 for students and 7.00 for children 7 and under. Tickets are available from any cast or crew members or at the school business office. The play this year is "The Miracle Worker" it is the story of Helen Keller and her wonderful teacher Annie Sullivan. The cast this year is made up of some experience and some students just getting their feet wet in the world of acting. Annie will be played by veteran actress Evan Haile. She was named best actress at last year's competition Helen will be played by Sinead Everett who is new this year. Captain Keller's role goes to Austin Riffe another veteran actor. Kate is played by Trena Maiwald also new this year. Aunt Ev is portrayed by Yadira Rojas also a rookie. Jake Lawrence has the role of James. This is his acting debut. Viney is played by Whitney Garza who had a role her freshmen year in the OAP. We have an excellent crew that keeps the business of the play running smoothly. The Stage manger is Staci Hays Katelyn Reed is running our lights and Brice Wright is our sound technicians. Emily Shafer is our prop mistress. The understudies are James Daniels, Chandra Hawkins, Lisa Walls, and Chandler Lutes. We hope you will make plans to attend this year. We have a superb southern menu awaiting you. The proceeds for the dinner theater are used to send students to Speech and drama camps this summer.

Obits

RUTH COOPER

STRATFORD — Ruth Cooper, 92, died Thursday, March 16, 2006.

Memorial services will be at a later date. Arrangements are by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cooper was born May 4, 1913, in Vancouver, British Columbia, to George Richard Williams and Mary LaViolette Williams. She was a longtime Stratford resident. Ruth was married to Calvin F. Cooper of Denver and moved to Amarillo in the late '50s, where they operated a business in Pleasant Valley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin; her parents; three sisters, including her twin; and two brothers.

Survivors include a sister, Mickey; and a host of nieces and nephews.

JOHNNY CROWNOVER: 1947-2006

DUMAS — Johnny Crownover, 58, died Friday, March 17, 2006.

Memorial services were held at 1 p.m. Monday in Calvary Baptist Church with Larry Dan Melton and Brad Foster officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Dumas.

Mr. Crownover was born May 4, 1947, in Amarillo, to Lloyd and Juanita Crownover. He lived in Claude until 1959, when he moved to Sherman County. He was a graduate of Stratford High School.

He farmed in Moore and Sherman counties and was a member of the board of directors of the Sunray Co-Op.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Juanita Crownover, in 2004.

Survivors include his father, Lloyd Crownover of Stratford; his wife, Kay Crownover; a sister, Evelyn and Tim Wilson of Amarillo; a brother, Donald and Nita Crownover of Dumas; two sons, Justin and Stephanie Crownover and Adam and Rebecca Crownover, both of Dumas; a daughter, Jagee and Larry Dan Melton of Arlington; and grandsons, Cole and Connor Crownover and Jadan, Gage, Chaz and Kason Melton.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Attn: Dr. Jack Terry, R.O. Box 22500, Fort Worth, TX 76122, in memory of Johnny Crownover.

STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 21, 2006

Stratford Hospital District Board of Directors met for the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Coldwater Manor's Board room.

Officers and Directors present were: Wayne Smith, President; Larry Drake, Director; Kathie Altman, Director.

Also present: Judy Griffith representing Stratford Family Medical Clinic; Jimmy Lanning representing Stratford EMS; Debbie Beilue, Administrator and Gail Schmidt-Witcher for Coldwater Manor. Guest present: Gina Jones, LeRayne Donelson, Brenda DeBons of Lovelady, Christy & Associates, LLP.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Community Comments: Brenda DeBons presented Audit for 2004 - 2005. Gina Jones presented update on Voting.

Minutes of previous meeting(s) approved with corrections.

Judy presented the financial

report for Stratford Family Medical Clinic. Motion made by Ronnie Brooks for approval to pay Stratford Family Medical payables as presented, seconded by Ronnie Brooks; motion carried 4/0.

Board went to executive session.

Jimmy Lanning presented the financial report for Stratford EMS. Motion made by Kathie Altman for approval to pay Stratford EMS payables as presented, seconded by Ronnie Brooks; motion carried 4/0.

Debbie Beilue presented the financial report for Coldwater Manor. Motion made by Larry Drake approval to pay Coldwater Manor payables as presented, seconded by Kathie Airman; motion carried 4/0.

Debbie Beilue presented the financial report for Stratford Hospital District. Motion by Ronnie Brooks for approval to pay Stratford Hospital District payables as presented, seconded by Larry Drake; motion carried 4/0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

REMINDER

The Sherman County Cotton Program will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at the Sherman County Barn. Registration will be at 8:30 and Program starts at 9:00.

4 CEUs will be given instead of 3.

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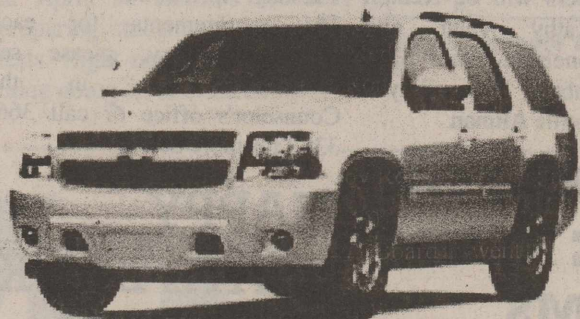
Jack Gore will remain the manager

Thanks to everyone in behalf of Baskin and I for 50 years of support and goodwill.

Please welcome the Chabolla's in their new business.

Thanks to all of you,
Betty Lee Brown and
the late Baskin Brown

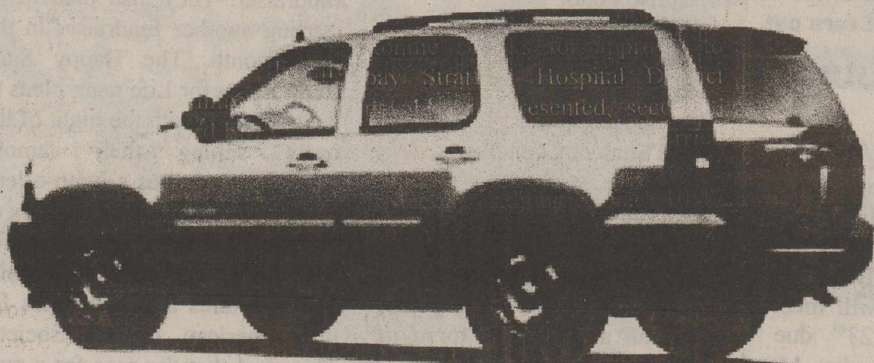
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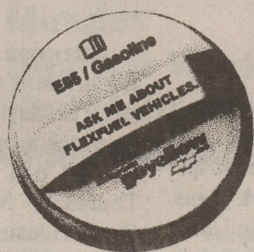
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XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative Celebrates 55 Years...

By: Kathy Duggan
Assistant Gen. Mgr. Internal Operations

Approximately 500 XIT Rural Telephone members and invited guests gathered at Rita Blanca Lake Coliseum in Dalhart, Texas, on Wednesday, March 8th to celebrate XIT Rural Telephone's 55th Annual Meeting of the Membership. Two hundred and fourteen were voting members. Members and invited guests were served a delicious roast beef dinner by XIT's management and employees. The meal was catered by Bar H Steak House of Dalhart. Round tables were draped with royal blue and lime green tablecloths. Brightly colored tulips in crystal vases centered each table. Silver gift boxes, containing a knife set, were placed at each place setting.

The stage was set with blue draping and a white banner depicting XIT's organization in 1951. Ficus trees and tulips in white pots helped to create an inviting setting for the meeting.

The invocation was delivered by XIT Director, E.H. Little.

Walter E. Lasley, director and chairman of the Marketing Committee; Kathy Duggan, Assistant Manager of Internal Operations, and Trena Howell, Sales & Customer Relations Representative, presented the

2006 XIT Rural Telephone Educational Program recipients and their families to the membership. Duggan explained that several scholarship applications were received this year. She said that all applicants were deserving of a scholarship and that it was a difficult decision to select the winners. In fact, instead of having five recipients, the scholarship committee selected six winners. Four of this year's winners are from Stratford: Allison Baskin, Cricket Hudgens, Haley Buckles, and Cheyenne Ziemann. The remaining two are from Texline: Marie Hefley and Kayla Frerich. Each student will receive a \$2000 scholarship to the college of her choice. The funds will be divided over the number of semesters to be attended by the students.

XIT Board President, James Spurlock, welcomed the members and recognized the guests.

He then announced that a quorum had been met and called the business meeting to order. Board Secretary-Treasurer, Gary Finch, was asked to read the notice of the meeting and the minutes of last year's meeting. There was a motion and a second from the floor to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

President Spurlock then asked that XIT's General Manager, Darrell Dennis, present his annual report to the membership. Dennis began by thanking Diane Hodo and Bar-H Steakhouse for the delicious catered meal.

He continued by recognizing XIT's employees. New employees are: Susan Bainum and Delia Prada from the Network Operations Center; Jerry Hoswell from the Outside - Plant

Department; Austin Nesbitt from the Information Technology Department; Dorothy Waller and Sandy Williams from the Customer Service Department, and Mandi Miller from the Accounting Department. Dennis expressed his appreciation to the employees for all their hard work and asked that all XIT employees stand for recognition. Currently, XIT employs 59 employees.



A very happy Seth Ralston receives his grand prize winnings from XIT Director J.W. McClellan, Jr.

Manager Dennis discussed both federal and state legislation and the possible affects on the Cooperative.

He then informed the membership that the Texline ELC (Expanded Local Calling) between Dalhart and Texline was implemented on March 1, 2006. Dennis then presented the Cooperative's financial reports to the members. These reports included: Access Line History and Forecast; Corporate & Customer Operations; 2005 Income & Expenses; 2005 Operating Revenue; Plant Operations, and the Patronage Capital Credit Summary Allocation.

Manager Dennis then gave an update on the activities of the Cooperative's wholly-owned subsidiary, XT&T. He explained, "We have had another busy year in our wireless and CLEC operations. On the wireless side we have added additional capacity with new GSM cell sites and sectorization of towers." Dennis explained that sectorization is like splitting a single tower location into three towers - each with its own set of channels. This not only increases capacity, but also adds range by using directional, high-gain antennas. NEW GSM Rate plans were rolled out last November, which include more minutes - no roaming or long distance charges nationwide - family ad-on plans and other features. Dennis updated the membership on the rollout of XIT's services in Boys Ranch and explained that the service has been very well received.

Dennis concluded by reflecting on the economic development

efforts in the area and the businesses they bring with them. He relayed a story of a telephone industry friend who would constantly remind lawmakers that economic development was nothing new because rural telephone and electric cooperatives have been involved in it for years. Manager Dennis said, "In 1996, the Cooperative decided to provide a local access number so customers could dial up the Internet. In doing so, XIT also provided the only local dial-up Internet service to Dalhart, Stratford, Sunray, Dumas, Hartley, Charming and Boys Ranch. When XIT began offering high speed Internet service (DSL) in Texline, Dalhart, Stratford, Hartley, Charming and Boys Ranch, XIT was the only choice for this service. Now, there are two other providers of DSL-type

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4-H FASHION SHOW ENTRIES DUE MARCH 30

By Susie Spurlock

The Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show will be held Thursday, April 6, 2006. The achievement event will be at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford.

Judging of contestants will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Fashion Show and Awards program at 7:00 p.m. 4-H project members from the Sherman County and Texhoma communities are learning skills in the areas of clothing construction, clothing care, grooming and modeling, textile art, knowledge of fibers and fabrics, and participated in educational tours.

4-Hers and families are reminded that Fashion Show Entry Forms are due in the County Extension Office on Thursday, March 30th. Entry materials may be obtained from the Sherman County Extension Office.

Community members are invited to the Fashion Show to show their support of youth and view the accomplishments of members. Sponsors of the Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show are the Sherman County 4-H Parent & Leaders Association, Sherman County Texas Extension Education Association, and Cooperative Extension.

Educational programs sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve all people of all ages, regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 806-366-2122.

A deadline is negative inspiration. Still, it's better than no inspiration at all.
—Rita Mae Brown

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Rain gauges showed .90 to over an inch Monday morning! Good heavy snow.

Visiting with Jo June McDaniel Sunday was granddaughter Tasha Hearn of Canon City, CO and Whit's stepson Rustin of Dumas. She went with the Wells family to the Chicken House Saturday night.

John McDaniel and Nicholas, Shelby and Rustin attended the Gorillas hockey game Saturday. Pat Boren and Marylou McDaniel made it home Sunday afternoon from Denver. Pat had been to two Irish Tenors concerts, one in Denver and another in Cheyenne. Marylou visited with daughter Patti. They "watched" as friend Sharon Martensen Powell moved into her new home.

They listened to Denver weather and beat the storm home. Mike McDaniel was in Albuquerque and had to stay there.

Had no news from Donna, Barbara, Minnie or Ciccy, but nice visits!

Spring Convention To Be Held

Top of Texas District, TFWC/GFWC Spring convention is Saturday, April 1, in Borger. Registration is \$2.50 and luncheon is \$12.50. The meeting is at Dake's Restaurant, 718 N. Main with registration/hospitality at 9 a.m. Call to order is 9:30 a.m. by Betty Unlaub, president

Send name, check payable to Top of Texas District to Betty Unlaub, P.O. Box 302, Dumas, TX 79029.



The unit of measurement mentioned in the Bible as the cubit equals 21.8 inches.

Cards of Thanks

The congregation of First Christian Church sends its sincere thanks to our loving and generous community of Stratford. What a wonderful outpouring of love we had for our Mexican Pile-On Benefit Dinner? Thank you to everyone who braved the windstorm and came to share lunch with us. Your generosity is much appreciated. The fundraiser was successful beyond our hopes and expectations! Thank you to everyone at FCC who donated food for the dinner, to the families of First United Methodist Church for providing so many wonderful desserts, and to Swift & Company for donating the hamburger meat. Thanks to all of the willing workers who spent part of Saturday and Sunday setting up, cooking, serving, and cleaning. We realize that this dinner was only a success because of the support of so many great people, and we praise God for each of you and your willingness to serve. Thank you, also, for lifting Walter and Harriett in your prayers. Our Great Physician is doing wonderful things. Let's keep praying in expectation of the Reeds being back home in Stratford soon.
The family of First Christian Church

WANTED

The Imagination Station is looking for items that relate to transportation - cars, planes, trains, or boats. We would like to borrow them for Week of the Young Child. Our theme is Transportation and would love to have anything to add to our display. Call Laurie Spurlock at 366-2772 or Gaynelle Riffe at 396-5303 to drop off your items. We will take items up until April 15th and will be done with all items on April 26th. Thanks for your help!

Elect!

Cindy Jackson For Justice of the Peace Sherman County Election April 11, 2006 (Early voting starts April 3, 2006)

1. Devote full time, as Justice of the Peace.
2. Available 24/7.
3. Experienced for 2 1/2 years as a Judge.

Please vote. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Pol. Ad. Pd. For by Cindy Jackson camp; David Jackson treas. 6354 Co. Rd. CC, Stratford, TX 79084

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. Walter Reed
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 8:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

First United Methodist
Rev. Gene Weinette
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic
Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master
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-4th Grade, Wed. afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
Ernie Maiwald
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist
James Washburn
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Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday School - 9:30
Worship Service - 10:30
Adult Choir Practice - 6:30
Wed.-Children-6:00, youth-7:00

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Domingo-(Sunday)
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NOAH RECEIVED GRACE

"Before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were marrying and giving in marriage" (Matthew 24:38). This was the scene, "The sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves" (Genesis 6:2). Did fallen angels marry human beings? Jesus tells us angels "neither marry, nor are given in marriage" (Matthew 22:30). Actually, the children of God married unbelievers. Moses later warned against such mixed marriages. "They will turn your sons away from following Me to serve other gods (Deuteronomy 7:4). This is what happened before the flood; many did turn away from God.

"Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5). When believers marry unbelievers, they tend to stray from the truth of God. The results are devastating. Such was the case in the days of Noah. "The Lord said, 'I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land'" (Genesis 6:7). Yes, the Lord judged the earth. "But Noah found favor [grace] in the eyes of the Lord" (Genesis 6:8). Receiving grace is the alternative to facing judgment. What about you? Have you received the grace of God? "Seek the Lord while He may be found" (Isaiah 55:6).

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ELK TALES
By Lynda Hauser

We have a new addition to the high school library. Lynn Allen bought the autographed State Champ football that was auctioned at the Chamber of Commerce banquet and he donated it to the library. It sits in a place of honor and we love to show it off. Come by and take a look.

Mrs. Reed's Parenting and Child Development classes will be starting the Ready or Not Tot project. These are baby manikins that work as a simulation on how much work and time it takes to care for an infant. They are required to care for the manikin for three days and two nights. The Personal and Family Development class which consist of freshman are still learning the basics of cooking and have been doing very well.

Flat Stanley is now coming back to Mrs. Duke's 3rd grade class. We read the book Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown. In the story, Stanley is a little boy who is flattened by his bulletin board that hangs over his bed. He is unharmed but flat. He wants to travel and his parents cannot afford to send him by train or plane so they mail him. We use this as the basis for our project. The kids make a flat Stanley and send him with a letter asking the recipient to take him along for a day and then return him along with pictures if possible. This year the kids sent personal flat Stanleys to friends and family. We also did a community project. The kids sent Stanleys to most of the area businesses. The response has been great! In fact, I'm running out of room to display them in our halls. Each time we receive a business Stanley, I read it to the class and we discuss what the business does and where it is located. He has also been out of town visiting and helping people. There are a lot of interesting letters. So stop by the third grade hall and enjoy!!!

Mrs. Glass's Anatomy class is learning about the nervous system in preparation to dissect sheep brains. Now doesn't that sound like fun!

Mrs. Haile's eighth grade class will be celebrating their Greek Feast on Wednesday, March 29, 2006. Besides feasting there will be skits and a fabulous dance contest! We look forward to all kinds of visiting deities!

Our One Act Play participants will be busy this week. Monday they performed at Mary Alien Elementary at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday their presentation was at 1:00 p.m. for the middle school. The District One Act Play competition is Thursday, March 23 in Borger, and then they will host the Dinner Theater on Saturday, March 25. Be sure to attend at least one of these performances if you can. It will be worth your while.



Janet Pipkin gave the program on Shelter Instruction.

Texhoma Keenagers Complete Memory Class

By Susie Spurlock

Twenty-nine members of the Texhoma Keenagers completed the Master of Memory series hosted by Keenagers and the Sherman County office of the Texas Cooperative Extension.

Class members learned that one's memory is only as good as the information that the brain takes in- if you don't learn it to begin with, you will never remember it. In addition, participants learned 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 completing the class series were Martha Elmore,

J.D.Flanagan, Jr., Rosella Flanagan, Jerry Gore, Winnie Gore, Eulina Smith, Scottie Hopson, Yvonne Mitchell, Florentine Flanagan, Alla Jo Meyer, George Pratt, Virginia Pratt, Patricia Kittle, Lisle Kittle, Claudia Cole, John Cole, Ola Mae Rhoden, Butch Rhoden, Chester Johnson, Mary Lou Johnson, Audrey Hamilton, Adele Roberson, Rita Sandoval, Buena Shilling, Jane Clark, Ann Welch, Connie Potter, Freda Mae Fowler, and Ed Harland.

Class members had a lot of fun and played lots of mind puzzles and memory games during the three part class series.

For more information about the Master of Memory series, contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, Sherman County at 806-366-2864.

High school and middle school Open House was held on Tuesday. Open House for Mary Alien Elementary is Thursday. Sign-up for cheerleader tryouts will wrap up on Friday. Boys and girls golf is in full "swing", and the Stratford Track Meet will be held on Saturday, March 25.

What a blessing—beautiful, beautiful rain & snow!! Girls' golf had to be postponed until Thursday!

Our State Champ football team has their state rings. They're huge! Check out the rings if you see one of these boys. They worked really hard for the state title, and it's good to see them rewarded for their efforts.

More TAKS tests are coming in April, so teachers are busy preparing students to take these tests. Right now, that's the main thing going on in classrooms.

New Officers For Gamma Xi

Gamma Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met February 25, 2006 at the Music Room at Dalhart Elementary School.

Members present were Rebecca Amyx, Nelda Askey, Shirley Hendricks, Sandra Kelso and Mary Jo Ondracek from Dalhart; Kathie Altman and Paula Everett from Stratford; Syndi Kneller from Texline; Ann Hormel from Hartley and Janet Pipkin from Sunray.

Ann Hormel, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the Society with a new slate of officers; President, Sandra Kelso; First Vice President, Ann Hormel; Second Vice President; Syndi Kneller; Recording Secretary; Janet Pipkin; and Corresponding Secretary; Shirley Hendricks.

Janet Pipkin gave a program on Sheltered Instruction, which is the way to teach vocabulary and other concepts to ESL Students. She had some great ideas.

Mary Jo Ondracek gave a short history of Gamma Xi by reading the minutes of the first meeting of Gamma Xi held in Dalhart on March 2, 1940. There were 12 charter members.

The next meeting will be April 22, 2006 in the Music Room at Dalhart Elementary. Dalhart members will be hosting. It is Founders' Day and we will be installing the new officers. It is also, initiation for new members. Our Area Co-ordinator- Rene' Pittman will be visiting us. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



Stratford Hospital District Board members (shown above) Wayne Smith and Kathie Altman were recent guests speakers to the Stratford High School Government class. Mr. Smith and Mrs. Altman shared information to students regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Stratford Hospital District.

YOUTH CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM AT STRATFORD HIGH

By Susie Spurlock

Twenty-seven Stratford High School government class seniors are participating in the Youth Citizenship Program conducted in collaboration with the Sherman County and County 4-H & Youth Committee of Texas Cooperative Extension Service, Sherman County.

Over a six week time period, students are learning the roles and responsibilities of the five taxing entities of Sherman County and the importance of economic development in rural areas. Representatives of the taxing entities have shared the roles and responsibilities, services they provide to residents, funding sources, and current challenges of the entity. Representatives from small businesses will be sharing information on the good things about being in business for yourself, challenges they face and importance of shopping locally.

To reinforce the teaching points the guest speakers have shared, students are given an in class assignment of a current issue the different groups are facing.

The following resource persons and the taxing entity they represent have presented information to the students: Sherman County Judge Terri Beth Carter and Commissioner Steve Pemberton; Stratford Mayor David Brown and Councilman Nancy Kimball; and Stratford Independent School District President. Joe Reinart and County 4-H & Youth Committee Trustee, Patti Vincent. Stratford Hospital District was represented by President Wayne Smith and Board Member Kathy Altman and North Plains Groundwater Conservation District representatives were Wesley Spurlock, Board Member and Rhonda Artho, Director of Educational Services. Bret Moore of Moore Food Pride and Jody Anderton of Hair Creations will be presenting information from small business owners.

For more information about this educational program series, contact either Eddie Metcalf at Stratford High School or Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences Sherman County

Note to Citizens of Stratford

The City of Stratford employees have started cleaning up the alleys. If you have anything stored in the alley, you should move it or mark it. It is impossible to clean the alleys with material piled everywhere. In order for the City to clean the alleys, you need to do your part. We will be running the alleys two (2) days a month. Please help us clean up Stratford! - Thanks! City Crew...Eddie, Earl, Randy, Jessie, Daryl



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— Hippolyte Taine



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