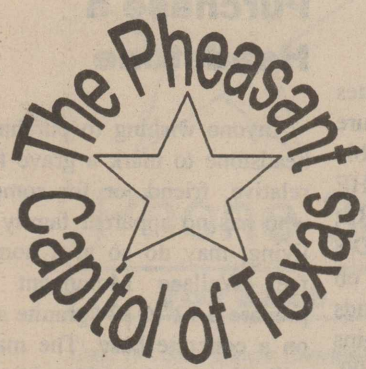


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NEW SCDC WEBSITE

Thanks to a new company in town, Sherman County Development has a new website! And the address is www.shermancountytexas.org

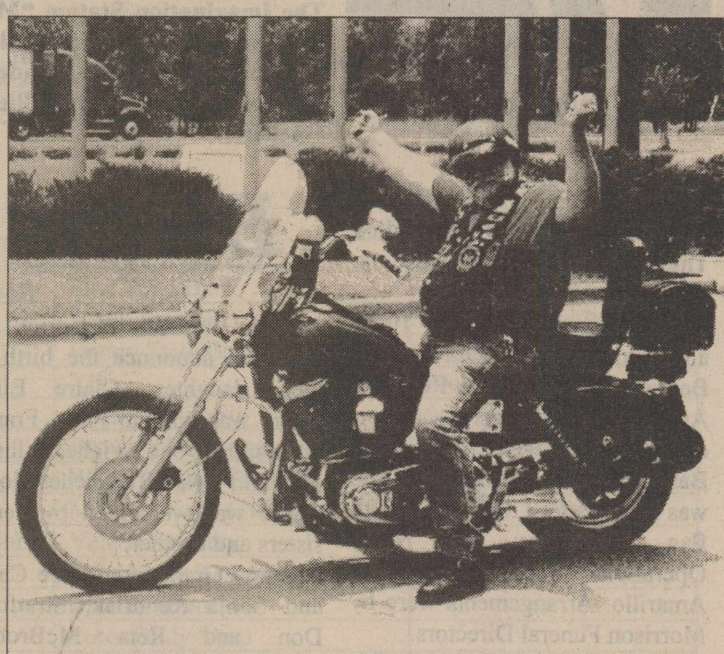
Scribbles Designs is the name of Lisa & Duane Mungia's company and even though Duane is home-grown, Lisa and the company are both new to this area. The SCDC had been working on the idea of a new website for the past few years but when Scribbles was referred to the office, things definitely started moving along. We're very proud and excited about the website and the varied information on it. There is a business directory which is extremely user-friendly and as hard as we tried to list all businesses in the county, if we overlooked yours please email the information to scdc@xit.net and we'll get it on the directory. The pictures add a great visual effect showing visitors a colorful view of Sherman County. One of the main features is the Community Calendar. Many of the churches and organizations in the county have already obtained their password in order to keep their events publicized. You can contact Duane at Scribbles and he'll get you set up so you can access the calendar. His phone number is 366-3258 or you can email him at duane@scribblesdesigns.net

We ask that each organization have only one contact person that requests the password; this helps keep the confusion down. As time goes by we will add more information and hopefully different pictures, as things change. We are working on a Property Listing page that will give details on homes for sale, lease or rent, and land or buildings that are available. This could be a handy tool for people and businesses looking to relocate here. If you have time please take a look at the website and send us your comments or ideas. We'd like to know what you think!



40 New Yard Waste Dumpsters

The City of Stratford has just received 40 new yard waste dumpsters. These Dumpsters were bought with a grant of \$16,000.00 The grant came from Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, and Texas Commission of Environmental Quality. Over the past 10 years we have received over \$180,000.00 for the recycle department so we can help the environment. The containers are for the use by the residents of Stratford. They are for Yard Waste Only, Please No Household Trash. We still have a few containers left. Please call City Hall if you would like to have one for your yard waste.



Local Couple Cover the United States

By Larry & Verlie Norris

AND ALABAMA MAKES 48! Okay. Okay. I realize that Alabama was not the 48th state to enter the union, but the number 48 and Alabama do hold a special significance to Verlie and me. Some five years ago, Verlie (in a weak moment) allowed me to purchase a Harley. Little did we know how this move would change our vacation plans for the next several years. I set a goal to ride my bike through all 48 lower states (God willing). We began the next year to collect states a few at a time. Upon completion of this year's vacation through the Carolina's, Georgia, Florida, and — you got it — Alabama, we have accomplished that goal, to include Mexico, Canada, and the District of Columbia.

Unlike the old country song, "I've Been Everywhere, Man", we have not done that, but a sampling of our experiences include the following:

We've ridden across the Rocky Mountains, Smoky Mountains, Grand Tetons, Appalachians, Cascades, and the Sierra Nevadas.

Over the Brooklyn Bridge, Golden Gate Bridge, Oakland Bay Bridge, and Lake Ponchartrain. Through the Imperial Sand Dunes, White Sands, and the sands of Little Sahara. Down Bourbon Street, Lombard Street, the Las Vegas Strip, and the strip mines at Gillette. Ridden north on Highway 1 on the west coast and south on Highway 1 on the east coast. Passed the meager headwaters of the mighty Mississippi and crossed its awesome mouth. Visited Mt. Rushmore, Statue of Liberty, Smithsonian, White House, and Capitol Hill. Ridden through the Redwoods, Yellowstone Park, to Crater Lake, Table Rock Lake, Lake Meade, and Lake Meredith.

Ridden to the Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, and Gulf of Mexico. Seen "Texas" in the Palo Duro Canyon and "The Passion Play" in the Ozarks. Visited Niagara Falls, rode the Maid of the Mist, and rode through the Everglades. Stopped at Daytona Beach, Miami Beach, Cocoa Beach, Imperial Beach, and Palm Beach. Lost my wife in San Diego and found her again near Los Angeles. Ridden down the Florida Keys from Key Largo to Key West (and back). Saw the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, and the Declaration of Independence. Ridden across the battlefield at Little Big Horn and visited Arlington National Cemetery. Toured the Empire State Building and saw the sorrow of Ground Zero. Saw the Wright Brothers' airplane, Spirit of St. Louis, and the Shuttle "Discovery" sitting on its launching pad.

Walked onboard the Mayflower II, and viewed Plymouth Rock. Ridden on the "Million Dollar Highway" and visited the St. Louis Arch. Visited the graves of John and Bobby Kennedy, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during the

Crossed over snow-covered Beartooth Pass and bore the unrelenting heat of the Mojave Desert.

We've seen bear, moose, elk, deer, alligators, and buffalo in their natural habitats.

Lost my wife again in Orlando, but found her quickly this time. Visited the memorials of Washington, Lincoln, and Jefferson.

Had my picture taken at the geographical center of the U.S., also with the Oscar Meyer

Weinermobile in Nashville. Been to Time's Square, Central Park, Wall Street, Rockefeller Center, Bloomingdales, and Radio City Music Hall.

Walked through the WWI, WWII, and Korean Memorials. Viewed the Vietnam Memorial Wall as part of the Rolling Thunder Memorial Day Parade and

viewed the Berlin Wall (at least a 10' x 10' section). We were snowed on in Helena and hailed on in Tennessee.

The Lord blessed us with safe travel on these 24,000 some-odd miles. God has placed a lot of neat stuff out there. Get out and see some of it.

PS — You want pictures? WE'VE GOT PICTURES!! Verlie and Larry Norris

City of Stratford To Hold Public Meeting

The City of Stratford will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 22, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall. The public hearing is being held due to the request by the SCDC to declare the City of Stratford as a Reinvestment Zone. Before applications for tax abatements can be granted, the boundaries for the Reinvestment Zone must be determined.



Animal Diseases Event

By Sherman Hammons

Mark your calendar for June 26 at 7:00 p.m. The Sherman County Emergency is teaming up with Texas Cooperative Extension to bring Animal Diseases Educational Event. The event will be in the Sherman County barn. We are inviting all to attend this event. Topics cover from cattle to horse including the Avian Flu. This will be an awareness/educational event. For more information please contact Sherman Hammons at 806-366-2122 or Sandy Williams at 806-753-6410.

Happy State Bank Serves Large Crowd

Happy State Bank held their 4th annual Hamburger feed on Friday, June 16th at the Stratford Fire Department Fire Station. It was reported that over 800 hamburgers were served. Shown above are a couple of pictures of only a few that attended. Thank you for a wonderful meal.

To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children...to leave the world a better place...to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Volunteer Community Responders Meeting - June 26th

Volunteer Community Responders meeting Monday, June 26, 2006, 7 p.m., Sherman County Exhibit Barn. Sherman Hammons TEEX will present a program on Animal Health Issues. This program will include emergency response information for first responders including fire department, law enforcement, emergency medical services, Volunteer Community Responders, Animal Health Issues Committee members and local government authorities. All interested parties are invited to attend.

The minute that you read something that you can't understand, you can almost be sure it was drawn up by a lawyer.

—Will Rogers

HELP NEEDED

By Sherman Hammons

Well your help is needed once again! Sherman Hammons Sherman County Ag-Agent is looking for you or if you know of anyone that released the Bind Weed Mite on or rear their farms in 2001, I need that information. We are in need to find out if the mites are still present, the progress of their effectiveness and we need them to start a nursery for the county.

Also, if you would like to be on the Ag newsletter mail/email list I would like to have that information also. Being new to the county I am rebuilding a mailing/email list This is not just for farmers and ranchers. This will also include information about horticulture, animals, insects and anything of importance. Please contact Sherman Hammons at the Extension Office 806 366 2122 or you can email me with this information at sllhammons@ag.tamu.edu

Thanks in advance for your help.

PROPERTY LISTINGS

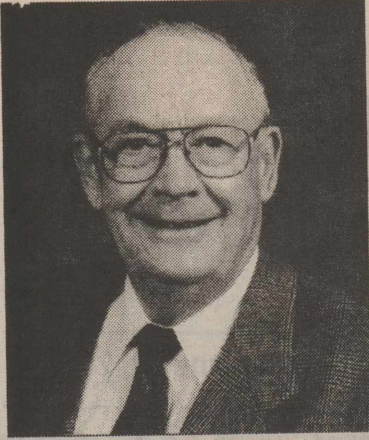
If you have property to lease or sell, houses or buildings to lease or sell or RV hookups for lease, the Chamber Office and the Sherman County Development Office would like to help you out. This is a free service offered by both offices to anyone in the county. There is a lot of activity going on right now and people walk in our offices every day looking for a list of houses to rent or buy, land for sale, and some people come in to inquire about RV/camper trailer hookups. Get your listing to one of the offices and please include two phone numbers where people can reach you. We'll make sure the other office gets the listing. Phone numbers and locations for the offices are: Chamber located at 305 N. Main and the phone number is 366-2260; SCDC located at 301 N. Main and number is 366-2897.

Stratford Jamboree 2006 Entry Forms Available

Stratford Jamboree 2006, parade entry forms can be picked up at West Texas Gar or Stratford Chamber of Commerce.

For more information contact Shannon Sellers at 366-2296 or Jolie Asher at 396-2136.

OBITS



THOMAS FRANK BASKIN III:
1926-2006

STRATFORD — Thomas Frank Baskin III, 79, died Thursday, June 15, 2006, in Dumas.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday June 19th in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Austin, former interim pastor, officiating and Steve Baskin, Mr. Baskin's son, assisting. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery with flag detail by the Naval Operational Support Center of Amarillo. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Baskin was born July 21, 1926, in Amarillo to Thomas Frank Baskin Jr. and Flossie Muncy Baskin. He was a farmer and rancher and a lifelong Sherman County resident.

He was a proud veteran of the Navy, serving from 1944 until 1946. After leaving the Navy, he returned to the farm which has been in his family since 1902. On May 20, 1948, he married Mattie Newman in Stratford.

In 1973, he was elected XIT Director for District III, Sherman County, for the XIT Rural telephone Cooperative, and in March 2006, was re-elected for another three-year term. In his more than 33 years of service to what is now XIT Communications, he chaired several committees and served as secretary-treasurer and president of the board of directors.

He was recognized in 1977 for his successful farming by being named Conservation Farmer of the Year in Sherman County, being the first dryland farmer to receive the award in that county. He served several terms as a Director of the Sherman County Farm Bureau, holding the offices of president and secretary-treasurer. He was chairman of the Appraisal District and was a director-at-large on the Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative board.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Stratford. He was a Sunday school teacher for both young people and adults and was an NRA instructor for a number of years.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Steve Baskin and wife Sandy of Stratford and Mike Baskin and good friend Kirk Gomez of Maricopa, Ariz.; a daughter, Lucy Gerken and husband Ray of Littleton, Colo.; a sister, Agnes Sybrandt of Delta, Colo.; 10 grandchildren, Amy, TD, Melissa, Megan, Cindy, Hillary, Holly, Carla, Allison and Isaac; and a great-granddaughter, Kaia.

The family suggests memorials be to Memorial Hospice, 224 E. Second, Dumas, TX 79029.



Main Street Art

The Imagination Station "Main Street Art" working with Clay. Clockwise at top right: Kenlee McBryde, Mazie Vincent, Russell Spurlock, A.J. Riffe, Kade McBryde, Reese Gomez, Darcee Robinson, Instructor-Millie Hacker, Shaylee Acker, Wiley Hacker.

Births

Craig and Julie Kendrick are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Claire Elise. Claire was born in Paris, France on March 5. She weighed 9 lbs. 9 ozs and was 21 inches long. Claire was welcomed by her 3 sisters and brother.

Happy Grandparents are Cagle and Sonja Kendrick, Stratford; Don and Reta McBroom, Tomball, TX.

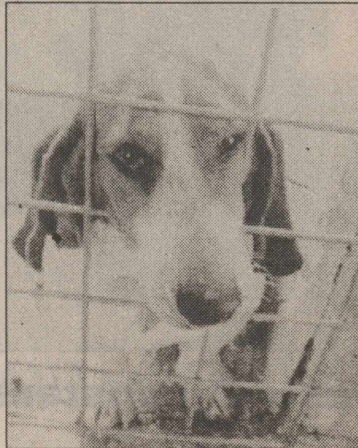
Great grandparents are Red and Nita DeBord, Stratford; Ione Kendrick, Stratford and Wilma Bailey, Rosebud, TX.

Education

(NU) - The research is clear: Students perform better in school when their parents are actively involved in their education. The National Education Association, which represents 2.8 million teachers, education support professionals and other educators, offers five easy ways for parents to get more involved: Check in with teachers on a regular basis. Get to know the guidance counselors and other school employees. Attend school events. Volunteer at the school. Form support groups with other parents to work on problems and issues of mutual interest. For more tips and resources for parents, visit www.nea.org.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
—Will Rogers

Pet of The Week



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 and 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 the food. All of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

4-H Round-up Results

By Sherman Hammons

The Sherman County 4-H would (like to congratulate the following people and teams that competed in 4-H Round-Up Round-Up was held in College Station and Rosenberg, Texas June 5-8, 2006

Walter Spurlock was awarded the Southwestern Exposition Scholarship. Please congratulate Walter on time well spent. Congratulations Walter.

Shooting Sports went to Rosenberg for their State Rifle contest. The team finished 6th overall, with Nathan White placing 6s" overall High Point Individual Team members were Rustin Russell, Kaleb Horsford, Chandra Hawkins and Nathan White. Way to go Shooting Sports

Horse Judging Team placed 15th overall with a great experience. The team was coached by Lola Starkey, members were Jake and Jayton Lawrence, Rhiannon Everett and Tiffni Drake. The team stopped by the Wagoner Ranch to view the Worlds Champion Paint Hater Horse which is housed there. Great job at Round-up.

The Beef Quiz Bowl Team placed 4th again this year. Congratulation! The team was coached by Cindy Dickenson and members Pet© Dahl, Jacob Edmond, and Nathan White, Job well done guys.

Although, no one walked away with the blue ribbon, everyone is a blue ribbon winner to us. Help us congratulate these 4-Hers in a job well done. Great job at Round-Up and showing great learn work, and representing Sherman County and yourselves.

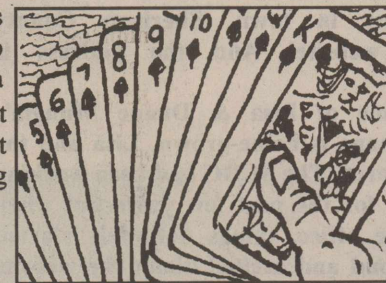
Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.
—Will Rogers

ADVENTURE OF THE TREASURE SEEKERS

First Christian Church invites ail children to become Treasure Seekers at their Vacation Bible School, ADVENTURE OF THE TREASURE SEEKERS; EXPLORING GOD'S PROMISES, The action starts on Tuesday, June 27th and ends Thursday, June 29th. VBS begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 9:00. There will be daily "discovery digs" for children to explore the Scriptures and find God's promises,

This program offers fun, interactive activities that combine the world of archeology' with the discovery of treasures in the Bible. Each day, children will take part in an actual dig and find treasures that remind them of the Bible story and God's promise for that day.

Children will also sing great Treasure Seekers tunes, create some memorable crafts, and participate in some cool games, Meet us at 6:45 p.m. at First Christian Church at 420 N. Main on Tuesday, June 27th to be a pan of ADVENTURE OF THE TREASURE SEEKERS, for more information, call Jan in the church office at 366-2301.



The odds against a bridge player getting all 13 cards in the same suit in one deal are about 158,753,389,899 to one.

Attention-Anyone Wanting to Purchase a Headstone

Anyone wishing to purchase a headstone to mark a grave for a relative, friend, or for someone who has no apparent family still living, may do so at a nominal fee. Wallace Monument will prepare a 12"X 12 "granite stone on a concrete base. The marker will be engraved with the decedent's name, date of birth, and date of death. Cost is \$65. If you are interested, call Mr. Mark Wright at 806-874-2442

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Eady Honored with Baby Shower

A baby shower was held for Ashley (Eady) Elerick Saturday, June 17th in the home of Sherry Phelps. Shown above left to right are Joan Palmer, Ashley and Sherry Phelps.

APPLICATIONS DUE SEPT. 15 FOR FAMILY FARM AND RANCH PROGRAM

AUSTIN - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminded families who are applying for the Family Land Heritage Program that applications are due to the Texas Department of Agriculture by Friday, Sept. 15. The Family Land Heritage Program recognizes farms and ranches that have been kept in continuous agricultural production by the same family for 100, 150 and 200 years or more. Since the program started in 1974, more than 4,120 farms and ranches in 229 counties have been honored.

"This unique program honors the agricultural contributions of countless generations of Texans," said Combs. "These men and women have held onto their ancestors' land over the decades, enduring some challenging times."

Applications are being accepted for farms or ranches established in 1906 and earlier that are still owned and operated by the decedents of the founder, either through blood, marriage or adoption. The land must also fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm; 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year; or if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.

The owners must reside in Texas and be actively managing the everyday operation of the farm or ranch. If all the land has ever been rented or leased to someone outside of the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased, and as much as 10 acres were retained in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$50 annually, the property will still qualify. There is no cost to apply for the recognition.

Fayette County has the most Family Land Heritage honorees with 124 properties, Houston County is next with 85 properties, Austin and Gillespie counties are tied with 82 properties each. Medina County has 81 properties and De Witt County has 80 properties.

For an application or more information, contact Melissa Blair, (312) 463-263 J, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78731, or the application is on IDA'S Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us under the "Producer Information" section and they can be obtained from the county judge's office.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Everyone is invited to Kerrick Community Friday night, 7 p.m. for an Ice Cream Supper. If you have a freezer, bring ice cream. If not, bring cake, pie or cookies to go with ice cream. The Irlbecks are hosts.

Bell Graduates

Adam Nathan Bell of Stratford, Texas graduated *cum laude* from Oklahoma Panhandle State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Business Administration during OPSU's 96th commencement ceremony on May 20, 2006. Adam is married to Mika Bell and is the son of Billy Bell and Jeanne Bell of Stratford.

Sladek Graduates

Clarendon College has released the names of students who have completed the requirements necessary for a two-year, associate degree. The college's 102 annual commencement ceremony was held Friday, May 5, in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium. The College awarded 65 associate's degree.

Graduating from Stratford was Alisha N. Sladek with an AA-Associate of Arts.

Alisha is the daughter of Blake and Marie Sladek of Stratford.

Hensley-Tims Graduates

Patty Coyt Hensley-Tims graduated from Oklahoma Panhandle State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Business Administration during OPSU's 96th commencement ceremony on May 20, 2006.

Graduates of OPSU

Carrie Darlene Nusz of Stratford graduated from OPSU with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Business Administration during OPSU's 96th commencement ceremony on May 20, 2006. Jason Wayne Nusz graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agribusiness. Crystal Jade Pitti graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Science.

Tips to Help You Stay Energized All Day

NewsUSA

(NU) - Gone are the days when three square meals could keep a person going for a full 12 hours. Our desk jobs keep us working indoors, and we often feel sapped by fluorescent lighting and a lack of time in which to exercise.

Choosing healthful foods and eating five or six small meals a day rather than three larger ones will ensure that your energy level stays stable and you're spared the highs and lows that accompany overeating or an unhealthy diet. Here are some tips on getting the most energy out of your daily food intake:

- Forget what your mother told you about snacking between meals. Nutritious snacks made of fresh, unprocessed foods will help keep your energy level up over the course of the day. A handful of nuts, some carrot sticks or slices of fruit are good choices.

- Stay hydrated with fruit juice, skim milk, water or a nutrient-packed beverage like NuVim to keep from getting fatigued. NuVim, which is available in the refrigerated juice section of many supermarkets, contains the proven immune system-enhancing ingredient MunePro, along with vitamins C, E, B-12 and zinc; vitamin A; calcium; and complete protein. It's caffeine-free and low in calories, carbs and sugar. For a list of stores that carry NuVim or to purchase it in powder form, visit www.nuvim.com or call (877) 850-8777.



Eggs are a good source of protein, which will keep you energized in the morning.

- Don't skip breakfast. It may seem like an easy way to lose weight, but you'll find that instead of feeling lighter, you'll feel lightheaded or even sluggish. If making breakfast is too much of a hassle, grab something nutritious to eat on the go. When you do cook breakfast, forgo the sweet stuff and choose protein instead; eggs or egg substitutes are good energy-builders when paired with a slice of whole grain toast. High-fiber cereal, such as oatmeal, also provides long-lasting energy.

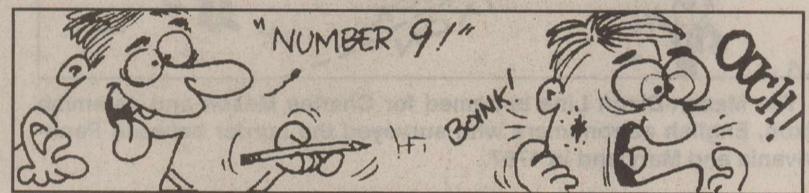
- Sit down to eat - but not in front of the TV. Focusing your attention on the television instead of what is on your plate could lead to overeating.

- Watch your evening portions. Eating a large meal before bed is hardly energy-efficient. Instead, make sure your body gets energy when it needs it most: when you're awake. A good breakfast and lunch, along with midday snacks and a light dinner, will keep your energy level on an even keel throughout the day.



Girls Basketball 1945-48

Girls Basketball 1945-48 L/R: Standing; Freda Malone, Joy Hudson, Katie Hester, Coach ME Cleavinger, Arlene Grimes, Bobbie Dorch, June McDaniel; Middle; Peggy Morse, Dorothy Walsh, Dorothy Roberts, Elizabeth Merry, Billie Ann Elision; Seated: Alana Davis, Susie Laverne Smith, Sheila Duby, Beverly Smith, Paula Jean Wadley. Ex-Student Reunion July 28-29. Honored Class 1946 invites the classes of 1945, 1947 and 1948 to join them.



The harder a pencil is, the higher its number and the more clay and less graphite it contains.

Life is a moderately good play with a badly written third act.
—Truman Capote

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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 6:50 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

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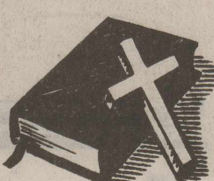
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So much of our thinking excludes God and His Son, Jesus Christ. For example, after a much needed shower we often exclaim, "Hurrah! It finally rained." And who is this "it" to which we ascribe the rain. "Oh," we say, "Mother Nature has been good to us." But the Bible tells us God is the ultimate force in and over the universe. Job 5:10 says, "He gives rain on the earth." The clash is one of world and life views. The apostle Paul puts it this way. "We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5). This is very strong language. But it is no more confrontational than those who are outspokenly opposed to biblical Christianity. When we deal with ultimates, there are bound to be clashes in thinking. You see, we cannot have it both ways. Either God and His Son, Jesus Christ, actually control the rain and everything else, or Mother Nature is in control. Does God bring the rain and is prayer therefore a legitimate enterprise? Or are we left in the grip of the impersonal, Mother Nature, who is incapable of caring? The latter way of thinking leads to despair. Being in the hands of God can be very hopeful.

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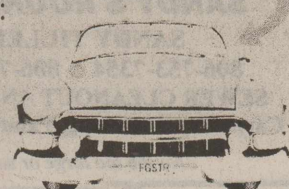


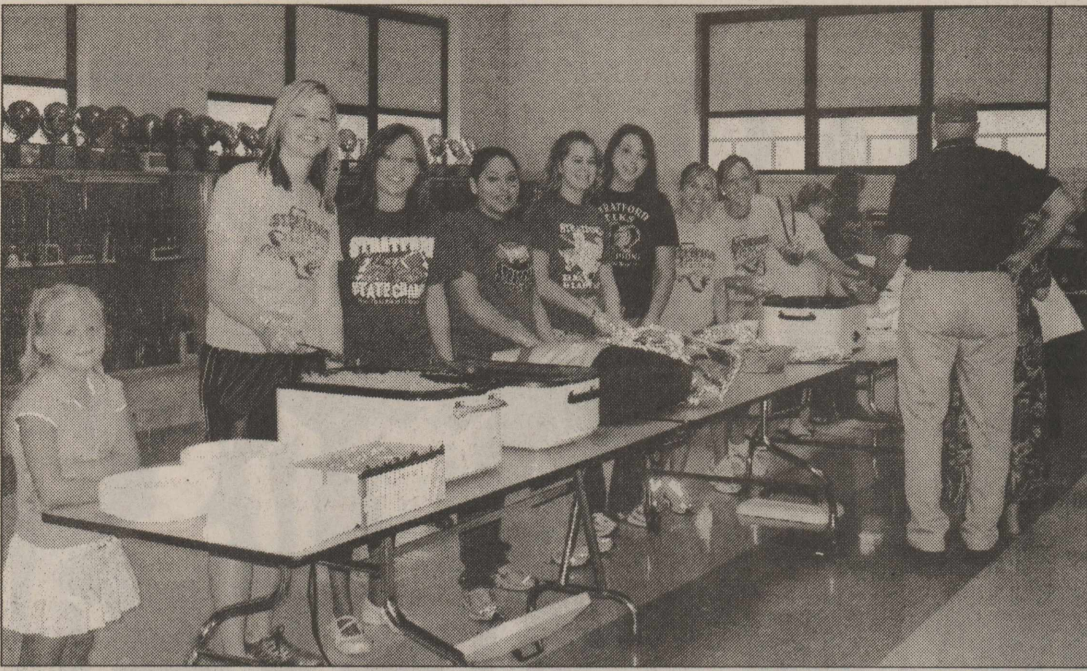
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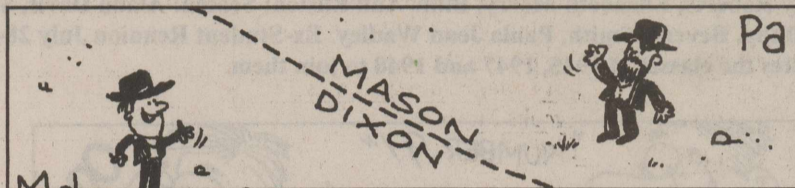
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Fajita Fundraiser Dinner Held

The Lady Elk Summer League held a fajita dinner fundraiser on Sunday, June 18th. Shown serving from left, RaeLeigh Willborn (helping out), Shadley Audrain, Kelsey Stein, Crystal Peregrino, Candie Bell, April Peregrino, Kristen Crabtree and Jordan Confer.



The Mason-Dixon Line is named for Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, English astronomers who surveyed the border between Pennsylvania and Maryland in 1767.

Party Planning Tips

Planning A Party To Remember: Pick A Theme

(NAPS)—Birthday parties are everyone's favorite reason to celebrate and a great opportunity to create a one-of-a-kind original event. One fun way to plan a memorable birthday party for your child is to start with a theme. A theme can inspire the food, activities and invitation design, neatly tying everything together.

Select a fun theme tied to the child's interests such as favorite toys, books or hobbies, and allow him/her to assist in party planning and preparation.

Plan an activity that gets all the party guests involved and serve something scrumptious, such as Banana Bumblebees. For additional fun recipes, visit www.pillsburybaking.com.

Banana Bumblebees
Prep Time: 40 minutes
Ready In: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Ingredients:

- Muffins**
- 1 (14-oz.) pkg. Pillsbury® Banana Quick Bread & Muffin Mix
 - 1 cup milk
 - ½ cup oil
 - 2 eggs
- Topping**
- Gel or paste food color
 - 1 (16-oz.) tub Pillsbury® Creamy Supreme® Vanilla Frosting
 - 12 large yellow gumdrops
 - ½ cup Pillsbury® Creamy Supreme® Chocolate Fudge Frosting (from 16-oz. can)
 - 12 semisweet chocolate chips
 - 24 miniature semisweet chocolate chips
 - 12 large white gumdrops
 - Black string licorice

Directions:

1. Prepare and bake muffins



Busy as a bee? Serve Banana Bumblebees at your child's party.

as directed on package, using milk, oil and eggs, and lining pans with paper baking cups. Remove from pan. Cool 30 minutes or until completely cool.

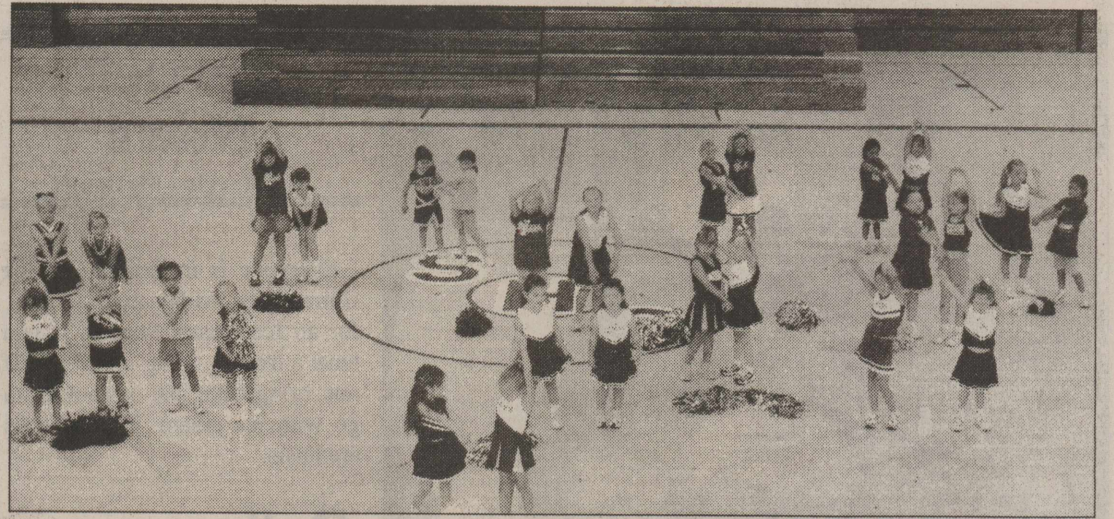
2. Add orange, blue, green or yellow food color to vanilla frosting; blend well. Frost tops of muffins.

3. To make bees, cut yellow gumdrops in half crosswise. Use rounded pieces for heads; flatten remaining pieces into ovals for bodies. Place on cupcakes.

4. Place chocolate fudge frosting in small resealable plastic bag; seal bag. Cut small hole in bottom corner of bag. Squeeze bag to pipe stripes on each gumdrop body to resemble bumblebee. Place 1 chocolate chip on one end of each gumdrop body for stinger; place 2 miniature chocolate chips on opposite end for eyes.

5. Cut white gumdrops in half lengthwise. Insert 2 gumdrop halves on edge of each gumdrop body to resemble wings. Insert small pieces of string licorice into gumdrop heads for antennae.

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Cheer Camp Held

Cheer camp was held last week with over 60 participants attending. Shown above, the younger ones performing on Friday, June 16th on the last day of camp.



Shooting Stars Come in First

The Shooting Stars, shown above won 1st place in the BCI tournament in Lubbock last weekend and have qualified to go to the regional BCI tournament in Dallas in July. Playing on the team from Stratford are Braiden Galla and Boston Hudson. Also on the team is Ben Allen.



The prison known as the Bastille, which figured so prominently in the French Revolution, was originally built as a home for the king.

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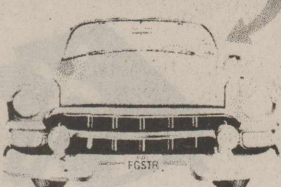


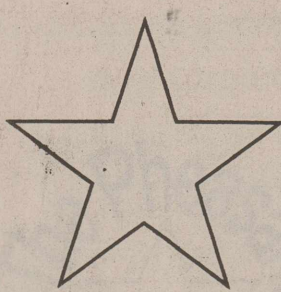
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6-22-c

For Sale: 2-corer lots, 1st street and S. Maple. Call 366-3134 or 769-4440.
5-11-c

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Garage Sales

Garage Sale: 302 S. Wall Friday June 23 from 6 p.m. to ? And Sat. 8 until 2.
6-22-p

Garage Sale: 1213 Putnam-Friday June 23-6 to 8 p.m. and Sat. June 24-8 a.m. until 10 a.m. Clothes, furniture, kitchen, books, bicycle, and scooter.
6-22-c



The Sesame Street characters Bert and Ernie were named after characters in the film "It's a Wonderful Life."

Houses for Sale

For sale by owner: 901 N. 3rd, 1476 Sq. ft., 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, garage and 2 small decks. Corner lot, lg. fenced yard. 366-2576.
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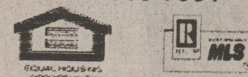
REDUCED: 3 Bdrm, 1 1/2 bath on large corner lot, 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Call 366-2153 for appointment.
10-21-tfn

House for Sale at 1209 Division St. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nice neighborhood. Close to schools. Lg. Storage building in fenced backyard-attached garage. For more information call 934-3569 or 922-3569.
7-14-tfn

For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath-2 1/2 bath, CH/A detached garage, Big back Yard with storage building, close to school. Call 366-2401.
5-5-tfn
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For Sale by Owner. 4/2/3 home on corner lot. Custom built in 1995. New carpet, 20 x 20 finished basement, fireplace, ceramic tile in entry, utility dining and kitchen, sprinkler system, open floor plan, Approx. 3200 total sq. ft. Call 806-934-3381 evenings or leave a message.
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\$40,900

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For Sale by Owner: 915 N. Maple, 1404 sq. ft 3 bdrms, or 2 big bdrms, and office, 1 bath, large utility. Large fenced backyard with storage bldg. 366-2576 or 366-3575
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Nu Beta Sorority

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6-29-c

The Sherman County Relay for Life committee would like to extend a BIG thank you to all of the contributors, donors, teams, and team captains who made this event possible. The Sherman County Relay raised \$23,353.21 for the American Cancer Society. Give yourself a big pat on the back for helping raise funds to find a cure for this deadly disease. What an awesome way to show honor to cancer survivors and victims!

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I would like to thank all the businesses that sponsored me for the Greenbelt Bowl. Many thanks to Great Lengths-Mika Bell, Stratford Grain Co., Barnard's Crop Care, Vincent Insurance, Kenton & Nancy Kimball, Happy State Bank, Modern Woodman of America, First State Bank, Elk Pharmacy, Grayson Gonzalez, and Hair Creations-Jode Anderson. It was a great experience and I appreciate your support.

Brady

The Power Is In The Protein

by Shalene McNeill, Ph.D., R.D. (NAPS)—While researchers and the news media continue to debate the relative merits of low-fat and low-carb diets, an increasing number of nutrition scientists are focusing on the power of protein. Although no one has yet defined the ideal ratio of protein, carbohydrates and fats for your daily diet, there are already plenty of powerful health reasons to put protein, including lean beef protein, at the center of your plate.

• **Managing your weight:** Want to lose more fat—and retain more muscle mass? Everyone knows that this is the optimal way to manage weight. One simple way to reach this healthy goal is by replacing some—not all—carbohydrates with high-quality protein, such as one of the 29 cuts of lean beef.

• **Lowering your risk of heart disease:** Substituting either protein or monounsaturated fat for some of your usual carbohydrates can help lower blood pressure, improve cholesterol levels, and reduce overall risk of heart attack and stroke. Speaking of heart-healthy, the 29 lean cuts of beef have less than 10 grams of total fat, 4.5 grams or less of saturated fat, and less than 95 milligrams of cholesterol per 3-ounce serving.

• **Improving your blood sugars:** Studies also suggest that diets rich in protein can help control blood sugar levels in people with type 2 diabetes. Adding some lean protein at every meal and snack

may also help you feel satisfied longer. For example, a slice of deli roast beef wrapped in a tortilla or wheat roll makes a tasty, long-lasting breakfast.

• **Making your bones stronger:** Contrary to conventional wisdom, higher protein intakes are actually associated with improved bone mass. Although many people only think calcium when it comes to bone nutrition, experts now describe protein as one of the essential nutrients for bone health. This is especially true for teens and young adults who are building strong bones for a lifetime.

Here are several simple ways for your family members to enjoy their favorite cuts of lean beef—and enjoy the power of protein on their plates!

• **Slice an EYE ROUND ROAST:** Roast your own beef for sandwiches and wraps—an easy way to get more flavor for less money.

• **Bake 95 percent LEAN BURGER:** Lean ground beef (5 percent or less fat) is perfect for baking in lasagna and all your family's casserole recipes.

• **Grill a T-BONE STEAK:** Who knew your favorite steak was lean? For a nutrient-rich meal, grill with sliced veggies and fruit.

• **Broil a TENDERLOIN STEAK:** Use an oven broiler or indoor grill to quickly cook a steak, while steaming asparagus or green beans on the stovetop.

Shalene McNeill is a registered dietitian for the Texas Beef Council and President of the Texas Dietetic Association.

Dance like no one is watching.
Sing like no one is listening.
Love like you've never been hurt
and live like it's heaven on Earth.

—Mark Twain

Language is a city to the building of which every human being brought a stone.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Garden Tour "An Annual Affair"

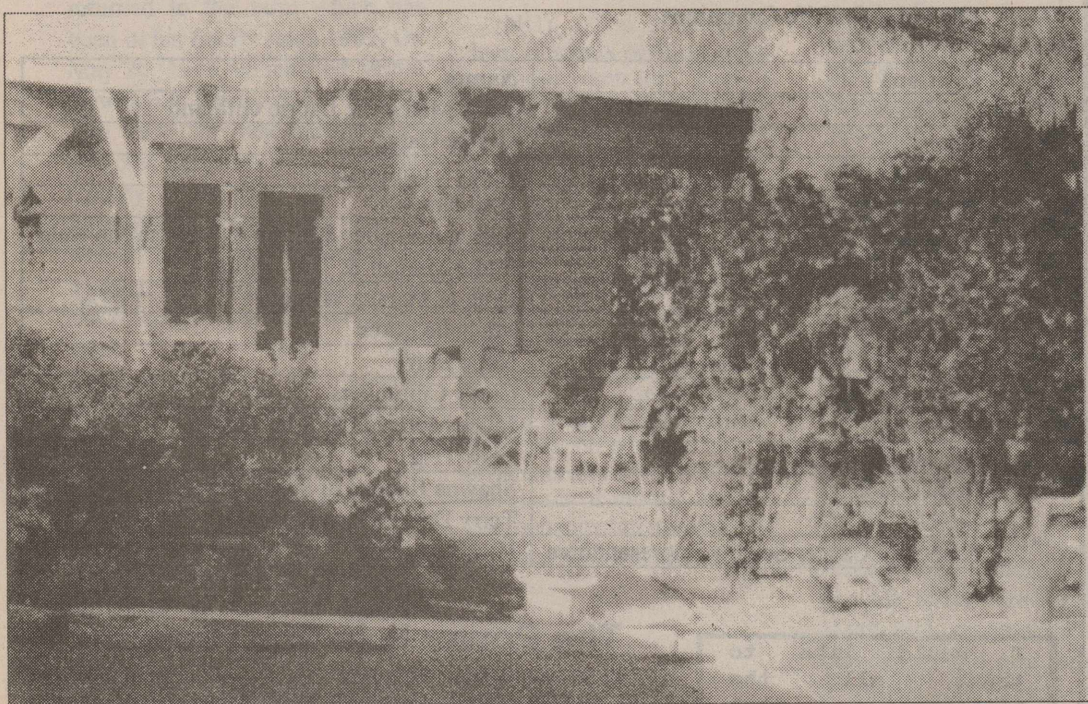


BA & LeRayne Donelson- This young garden has been under recent development. Is now taking its final shape



Billy & Jeanne Bell-This garden will entice you to try new plant combinations. Has many garden ideas with peaceful pond.

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Sight-Saving Tips for Viewing Fireworks

NewsUSA

(NU) - Fireworks displays are one of the most recognizable symbols of Independence Day. But there are risks, warns Lions Clubs International, a worldwide service organization dedicated to the conservation of sight.

Each year, thousands of people across the country suffer serious eye injuries because of fireworks, and nearly three-quarters of those injuries occur around the July Fourth holiday.

About 2,000 eye injuries are reported each year, with nearly half by bystanders, not the people who set off the fireworks. Even sparklers can be dangerous — they are the No. 1 cause of eye injury to children. Sparklers consist of metal shrapnel burning at about 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit.

"Despite our many advances in the ability to repair severely injured eyes, the damage can be devastating, often resulting in blindness, permanently impaired vision or loss of one or both eyes," says Dr. Christopher Andreoli, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary's chief resident and director of eye trauma.

But Andreoli says that most eye injuries caused by fireworks are preventable. Lions Clubs International and Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary offer these sight-saving tips:

- **Leave it to the pros.** Pack a picnic and attend a profession-



al fireworks display instead of lighting your own.

- **Leave it to the adults.** Don't let children ignite fireworks or stand near others who do.

- **Keep your distance.** View fireworks from at least 500 feet away, and keep away from a lighted firework. Many injuries occur when checking on a firework that has failed to ignite.

- **Wear eye protection.** Eyeglasses or sunglasses can help protect the eyes from smoke, falling ash and stray sparks.

If an accident does occur, Andreoli advises covering the injured eye. Don't apply pressure to the eye or rub it, as that can make the injury worse and cause bleeding. Don't eat or drink anything until seen by a doctor. Most importantly, seek medical help immediately.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, with nearly 1.35 million members in 197 countries.

For more information, visit www.lionsclubs.org.

CHILDREN

Dog Bites Increase in Summer Months

NewsUSA

(NU) - They're called the "dog days of summer" for good reason. According to the Emergency Nurses Association, dog bites increase dramatically during the months of March through September.

Every year, 4.7 million Americans are bitten by dogs, and 60 percent of those affected are children, with the most severe injuries occurring in children younger than 10 years old. That adds up to potentially 2.8 million scars on children each year from dog bites alone.

Being bitten by a dog can be a particularly traumatic event for anyone — especially for a child. While most dog-bite injuries are reported on the arms and hands, children seen in the emergency room for dog bites are more likely to have been bitten on the face, neck and head. In fact, children under 10 receive 65 percent of the reported dog bites to the face. Children are also 900 times as likely as letter carriers to be attacked by dogs.

Pediatrician-recommended Mederma for Kids is the first and only scar product created just for children to help reduce the appearance of scars. Mederma for Kids helps soften and smooth old and new scars resulting from cuts



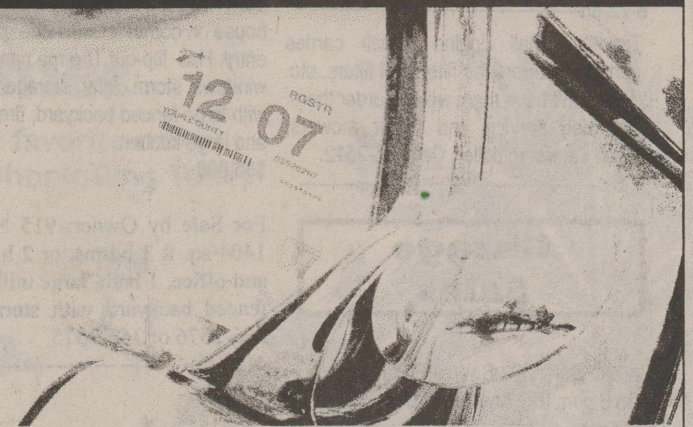
Created expressly for children, Mederma for Kids helps reduce the appearance of scars.

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Mederma for Kids has a unique color-changing feature — the gel goes on purple, and the color disappears as it is massaged into the scar. It also has a kid-friendly scent. Parents, too, can feel good about using Mederma for Kids because it has been proven safe for use in children as young as 2 and is non-toxic. For more information, go to www.medermaforkids.com.

By reducing the appearance of scars, parents can help to minimize the physical reminders of injuries and traumatic events like dog bites. While nothing can completely erase a scar, products like Mederma for Kids offer an effective way to help make them less noticeable.

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