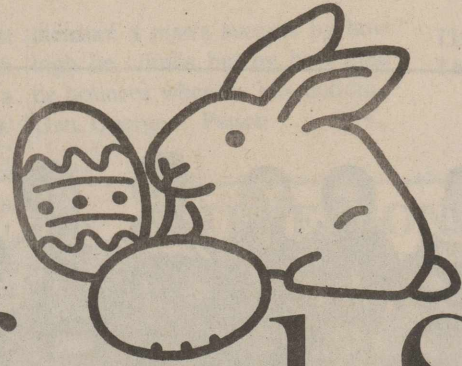


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REVERSE MORTGAGES SCOT HALL TOPIC

By Susie Spurlock

"What are Reverse Mortgages? Can you get a Reverse Mortgage and use the money to take a trip" are just a few questions SCOT members have according to President Lynn Wells.

SCOT members and other Sherman County residents will have an opportunity to gain a better understanding of Reverse Mortgages, on Thursday, March 27 in Stratford. The educational program will begin at 1:30 p.m. at SCOT Hall following the March luncheon.

Marc Adams, First State Bank Vice-President- Bank Manager and Mortgage Loan Officer will be presenting information on Reverse Mortgages. Mr. Adams will inform program participants on how reverse mortgages works, who qualifies, tax implications, and how proceeds from mortgages can be used. In addition tips for determining if a Reverse Mortgage is for you and what to consider when shopping this financial product will be provided. Time will allow for individuals to ask additional questions.

The program will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. at SCOT Hall. Mr. Adams will also be presenting the information at that time.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent for Sherman

County at 806-366-2122 or Lynn Wells, SCOT President at 396-2011.

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all persons without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

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Stratford Youth Baseball Association Organizational Meeting

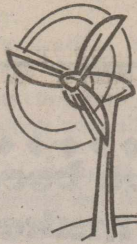
The Stratford Youth Baseball Association will be holding its annual organizational meeting on Wednesday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Mary Allen Elementary cafeteria. Boys and girls who will be six years old on or before September 1, 2008 are eligible to play. Anyone who has input or questions concerning the baseball association should plan on attending. Volunteers are needed to fill the following roles this year: registration night, kick-off fundraiser, community correspondence and team pictures. If these roles are not filled, those aspects of the association will not function.

All those who are interested in coaching a team in T-Ball, Machine Pitch or Little League this year, need to contact Gareed 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 26th. If you have any questions, please call 366-5307.



Kade McBryde Wins Pinewood Derby

Kade McBryde, son of Brad & Kaci McBryde is shown above with his trophy for winning the Pinewood Derby this year. Complete list of winners and another Picture on page 2.



WIND MEETING

SCDC will hold a sign-up meeting for Wind Energy on Tuesday - March 25th at Imagination Station from 5-7 p.m.

We are working on land accumulations to be presented to the energy & utility companies for consideration of wind development. Landowners can sign up at this time to have their land included in our project. Becky Hemphill w/FSA & Teresa Edmond w/SCAD will also be there to help answer questions. If you sign up now but change your mind later, you can pull out at any time. There are no fees, this is a free service of Sherman County Development.



National Weather Service Spotters Training will be March 25, 2008 at 7 p.m. at Stratford Fire Station. 101 N. Pearl. Any interested persons are invited to attend.

SCDC SCHEDULES FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON WIND ENERGY

SCDC will hold another meeting concerning Wind Energy for landowners. The meeting last week on Wind Energy Leases for Landowners was a great success and has spurred interest from several landowners in forming groups to approach the energy companies. If you have questions or you are interested in signing up to be included in a possible wind energy development, you will want to attend this meeting. March 25th is the date for the meeting so mark your calendars. Be sure and watch for more details coming in the Stratford Star in the next few weeks.

Eloy & The Troubadours to Perform March 29

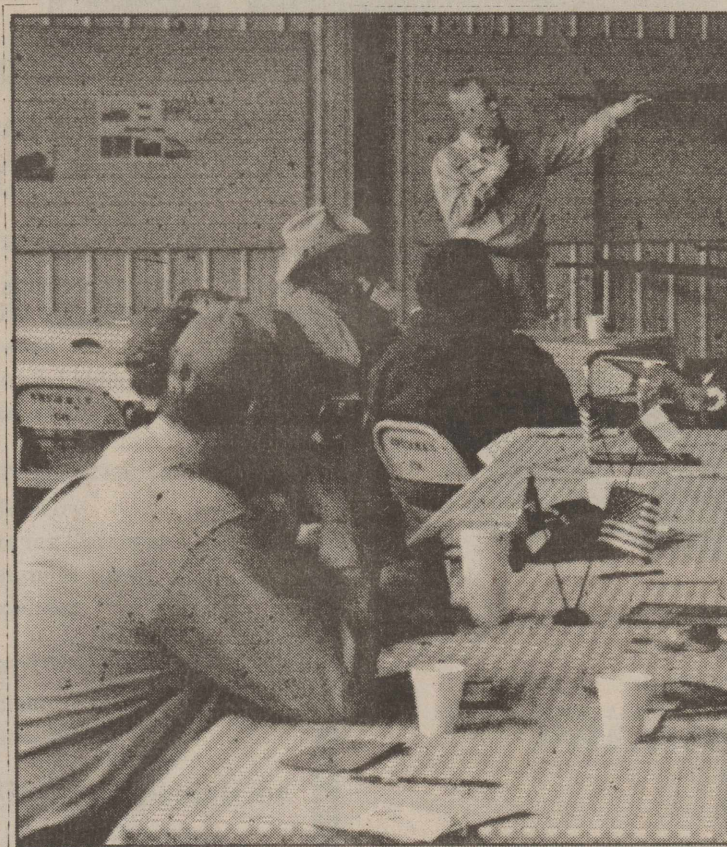
Eloy Gonzales is coming to Stratford! Many of us remember Eloy and the Troubadours. He and the Band played in this area for over 40 years. We remember him for his wonderful music and great sense of humor. Eloy is a Western Swing Hall of Fame Inductee. He has produced a CD of country favorites, songs I've Sung before. The CD's are \$15.00 each and he will have some on hand for us to purchase.

Through a generous donor, Eloy and Friends will be giving a musical program at SCOT Hall on Saturday March 29th at 7 p.m. This is a free will donation for SCOT to help pay for the increased costs of heating our building. Do come out and support SCOT and our old friend, Eloy.

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Ag Day Thursday March 13

Local agricultural producers gathered at the County Barn on Thursday, to learn from experts on topics ranging from illegal immigration to marketing strategies. Full story on page 6 (Photo by Bailey Naugle)

Happy Easter

Nomination form for this years Chamber of Commerce banquet, Farmer, Citizen and Business is on page 6 of this issue.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Mary Allen Elementary will begin registering children for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten for the school year 2008-2009, beginning on April 2, 2008. Please come to the Mary Allen Elementary from 9:00 - 2:00 to register. Please bring your child's social security card, birth certificate, and current shot record.

To enroll in Kindergarten, your child must turn 5 by September 1st, 2008. A child is eligible for enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten if the child is at least 4 years of age by September 1, 2008 and is:

- *unable to speak or understand the English language
- *educationally disadvantaged
- *homeless
- *Active duty of Military
- *child of a parent of the armed forces or reserved unit who was killed or injured while serving in active duty
- *in foster care who have been adopted

If you are unable to attend on the 2nd, registration will continue through the end of the school year during school hours.

Needed: White Christmas lights, extension cords, spotlights, staple guns with names marked on items. Please contact Dinah if you have these items and if they can be used. 806-366-3300.

ATTENTION: All Junior class parents are needed to help build decorations for the Jr/Sr Prom. The Prom is April 5th. We will meet every Friday night at 6:00 p.m. in the upstairs of the High School.

National Agriculture Day

AMARILLO, Texas, March 11, 2008 - Have you thanked a farmer? The first day of spring, March 20, is your opportunity to celebrate the strength and stability of American agriculture.

The backbone of our society has remained as an unwavering supplier of food, fiber and fuel to not only our nation, but also the world. In a time of depression, in a time of war or in a time of disaster, our nation's producers have kept their products on grocery store shelves.

"Farmers account for approximately 2% of the U.S. population," said Rodney Mosier, executive vice president of the Texas Wheat Producers Board & Association. "It is astonishing that such a small percentage feeds the rest of our population."

With each generation, we see producers working harder and harder. Today, one producer feeds more than 144 people. New technology means farmers are more environmentally friendly than ever before. Agriculture remains the leading U.S. export, providing vitality and sustainability to a healthy economy.

There is an entire industry dedicated to providing plentiful and safe food. From beef and pork to cotton and wheat,

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New multi-use exemption applies to some self-employed taxpayers.

The passage of Proposition 6, which amended the state constitution under House Bill 1022, provides for an individual to exempt one passenger car or light truck from personal property taxes if the vehicle is used for both business and personal purposes.

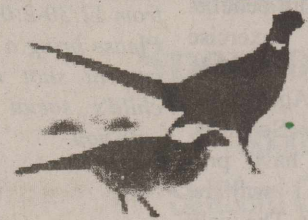
Initially the Sherman County Appraisal District thought the law would not affect Sherman County, because unlike many areas of the state, most local entities tax vehicles for personal use.

To qualify for the exemption individuals need to fill out an application form available from the appraisal office at 402 N. Third Street in Stratford. Individuals who want to apply for the 2007 tax year must file the form by April 1, 2008. For taxing years 2008 and future, the exemption form must be filed prior to April 30 each year.

A vehicle is not eligible:

1. If you work for someone else.
2. If you use your vehicle to commute to and from work.
3. If you are a retired person with no production of income.
4. If it is registered in a business name.

Income producing vehicles are and continue to be taxable. The law allows the local taxing jurisdictions to choose to tax personal vehicles. The legislature did not exclude the multi-use exemption in jurisdictions that tax vehicles for personal use.



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April 4, 2008

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Topic

"Identity Theft"

Tickets are \$25 for couples and \$15 for singles and are available at the Chamber of Commerce or from any boardmember.



Shown above all of the scouts who participated with their cars at the Pinewood Derby.

Pinewood Derby Results

Kade McBryde won Grand Champion of Pack 38's Pinewood Derby on Sunday, March 9, 2008. There were 31 racers in 5 categories. Queen was Mrs. Jeffries (Holten Butler's grandmother). Lots of spectators showed up for this exciting event! Thanks to all who helped pull it off!! Winners in all categories are:

TIGERS

- 1st - Turner Smith
- 2nd - Matt Smith
- 3rd - Caden Blankenship
- Best Design - Caden Blankenship

WOLVES

- 1st - Kade McBryde
- 2nd - Shay Hess
- 3rd - Gunner Hartsell
- Best Design - Kade McBryde

BEARS

- 1st - Russell Spurlock
- 2nd - Tristan Weinette
- 3rd - Gage Brooks
- Best Design - Bret Barnard

WEBELOS

- 1st - Ty Hess
- 2nd - Austin Aduddell
- 3rd - Branson Palmer
- Best Design - Branson Palmer

OPEN

- 1st - Taylor Aduddell
- 2nd - Madeline Drake
- 3rd - Mary Ann Spurlock
- Best Design - Madeline Drake

WALK ACROSS TEXAS BEGINS APRIL 6

By Susie Spurlock

It is time to hit the streets with *Walk Across Texas*. *Walk Across Texas* is an eight-week exercise program guaranteed to spark some friendly competition in Sherman County.

Teams of eight will compete to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging, or biking, or working in their flower beds. Participants may also log miles for the walk using an exercise bike, treadmill, or dance floor! Teams will keep track of their miles, which will be posted in the Extension Office.

The kick off event of *Walk Across Texas* is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1st. The kickoff will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the front steps of the Sherman County Courthouse, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, the kickoff will be held at the Sherman County Exhibit Building.

The event will feature information on the health benefits of exercise and exercise equivalents by Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. Walking teams who have pre-registered by April 1 will be introduced at this event. The walk will officially begin on Sunday, April 6th and end Saturday, May 31st.

To participate in *Walk Across Texas*, first get a team together. Choose a team caption and name your team. Fill out a registration form available at the Sherman County Extension Office, located in the Courthouse Annex at 701 N. Third Street or call 366-2122. If teams wish, they may register on-line at www.walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

CHILDFIND "ROUND-UP"

Stratford ISD is hosting a childfind "Round-Up" for children birth to age 4. The "Round-up" is an early identification collaboration between ECI (Early Childhood Intervention) and the local school district.

The free "Round-Up" will include a hearing and vision screen, gross and fine motor skills screen, speech development screen, and a cognitive abilities screen. Translators will be available.

The "Round-Up" will be Wednesday, April 2nd from 9:00am-2:00 at the Mary Allen Elementary school. It is open for children ages birth to 4. For birth to 3 year olds please contact Cindy Franklin, Diagnostician at 366-3324 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are mandatory.

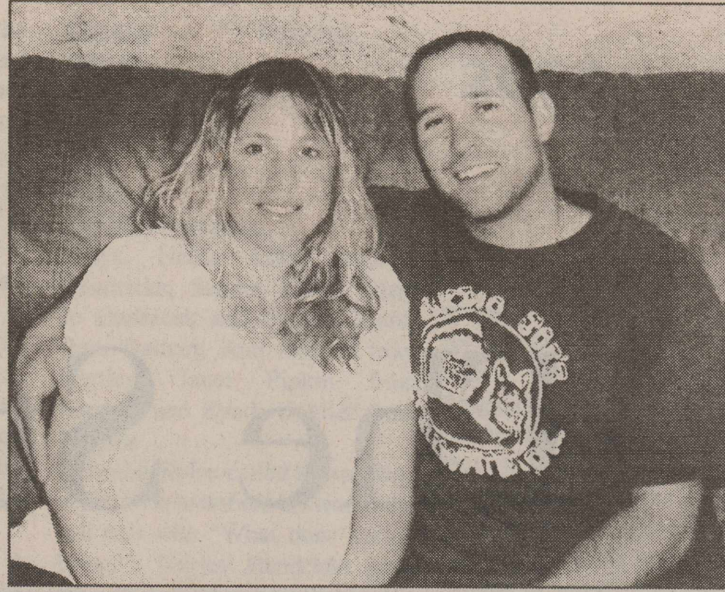
Birth to two years of age will be screened from 9:00-2:00. Three year olds will be screened from 9:00-12:00. Four year olds will be screened from 12:30-2:00. Please bring a birth certificate, a current shot record, and your child's social security number with you.

Hallazgo de nines

La escuela de Stratford esta anfitriando un evento de "Hallazgo de Ninos". Es para ninos recién nacidos hasta la edad de 4 años. Este evento es la colaboración entre ECI (la intervención temprana de ninez) y el distrito local de la escuela.

Esto sera gratis y incluye exámenes de la vision, oido y las habilidades fisicas. Para su conveniencia traductores estaran disponibles. Este evento se llevara acabo el miercoles, 2 de abril de las 9:00-2:00 en la escuela primaria y sera para ninos recién nacidos a 4 años. Por favor hable con Cindy Franklin para hacer cita para ninos menos de 4 años. Hable al 366-3324. Es necesario que tenga cita para poder atenderlos. Recien nacidos asta la edad de dos años seran entrevistados de 9:00-2:00.

Ha edad de tres años sera entrevistada de 9:00-12:00. Ha edad de cuatro años sera entrevistada de 12:30-2:00. Por favor de traer acta de nacimiento, expediente de vacunas, y el numero de seguro, de su nino o nina con usted.



Thank you Everyone

J.B. and Amanda Presley would like to thank everyone for their generous donation to the medical fund set up at the First State Bank for their unborn son, Jax. B. Presley. J.B. and Amanda have decided to travel to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan to have Jax and his surgeries. J.B. has received a temporary transfer and can continue to work while Jax is in the hospital. The doctors and staff there have assured us that it is a straight forward case of HLHS, and foresee no problems. Time is growing near for Jax to be born and your generosity will be very helpful in paying for Jax heart surgeries. God has bless us, by giving us time to plan and prepare for Jax birth. We know that several heart surgeries await the little boy. We thank you so much for your support and prayers. We know that with good doctors, our family and friends, and our faith in God, we can get through this period of our lives. We are hopeful for a successful outcome.

Presley Fund Set Up At Bank

A medical fund for the son of J.B. & Amanda Presley has been set up at the First State Bank of Stratford. For more information contact the First State Bank 396-5521.

IRS Forms

The Sherman County Public Library will no longer carry paper copies of IRS forms. Most forms are available online at www.irs.gov. Library patrons may use the public computers at the library to print any forms at a cost of \$.10 per page. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the library at 366-2200.



Movies Beginning March 21

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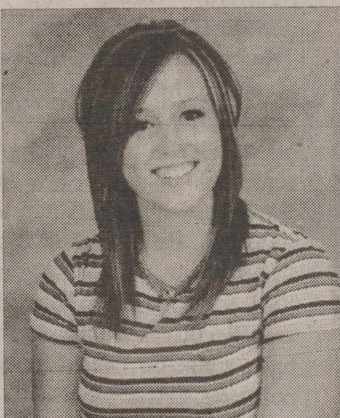


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Channing is a sophomore at Stratford High School. She is a member of the Lady Elk basketball and track teams. She is also a cheerleader and a member of the FCA.



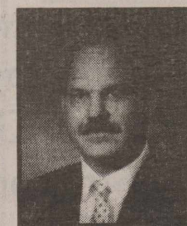
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Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

At a table of seven at XIT Telephone's annual meeting last week, four won prizes. Jon Hart and Mike McDaniel won \$50 certificates from Dalhart Coop. Jo June McDaniel got a Presto Griddle, Marylou McDaniel won a Shop Vac.

Florencia Eslinger left early and missed a ham. Bill Boren received a package of T-Bones.

Others present were Bill Gillenwaters, Pat Boren, Les & Joyce Dodson.

Donna Gillenwaters spent last week with granddaughter Kayla in Moreland, OK while parents were in Oklahoma City showing a goat.

Visiting with Mike and Marylou McDaniel Sunday were Duane & Thelma Smith of Dumas and their granddaughter Samantha Hutchison of Longview. The 14 year old girl was on spring break. Earlier her sister Amanda had been here.

Leonard & Peggy Hawkins spent the weekend in Amarillo in celebration of their 24th wedding anniversary.

Gotta tell you that a loud clap of thunder late Sunday/early Monday made Peggy jump! After all, thunder hasn't happened often!

FCS Club Meets

by Mary Ann Spurlock

The Sherman County 4-H FCS Club held a meeting on February, 25. Shooting Sports started March 4th. There will be a TSRA match on March 13th and 14th. There will also be a pre-match sometime in April. County Fashion Show entries are due on April 1st and will be held on the 7th. Our next FCS Club meeting will be joined with the County Fashion Show. A tour of the Grain Harvest Bread Company is being planned for in the summer. After the meeting was adjourned, we had a pasta party led by Eric and Connie Burton. We learned about different kinds of pasta and what key nutrients were in it. Afterwards, we cooked some of the pasta and made our own Alfredo sauce. Then we got to eat! The pasta party was fun and delicious.

Stratford EX-Student Reunion July 25-26 .2008

Did your Stratford Graduating Class end in an 8? It is your reunion-year!

Stratford Ex-Students will enjoy the Friday night, July 25, Hamburgers and Visit with friends and class mates. If plans continue as before, the Stratford Jamboree Parade and Lions Club Barbeque will be held Saturday Noon. Saturday evening has been open for the Ranch Rodeo, however, last year, The Education Foundation sponsored a dinner on Saturday evening. All reunion classes are asked to update their mailing lists.

Ag Day
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Happy Easter!



McDaniel Accepts Membership

Merilee McDaniel accepted membership and was initiated into National Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Societies for First Year Students on Saturday, March 8, 2008. The ceremony held at the Allen Theatre on the Texas Tech campus was the highlight of a day's activities involving 390 initiates and 280 guests participating in the presentation of \$10,000 to their endowed scholarship fund during halftime of the TTU vs. Baylor basketball game and attending a reception hosted by Dr. Jon Whitmore, President Texas Tech University.

Founded in the spring of 1924 at the University of Illinois, Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that recognizes and encourages academic excellence among first year students. Today, Alpha Lambda Delta has 225 chapters throughout the United States and more than 700,000 students have been initiated into membership since the first chapter was started 80 years ago. Phi Eta Sigma was founded at the University of Illinois in 1923 to recognize and promote superior scholarship among freshman men. PES has been a member of the Association of College Honor Societies since 1937. Both organizations are active in community and university projects.

Membership in Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma is open to full-time freshmen students who earn a scholastic average of 3.5 or better at a four-year college or university.

These organizations emphasize that educated persons have a responsibility to "have tolerance in your dealings with all persons,

generosity in giving to those in need, and insight into the feelings of others" says Dr. Glenda Earwood, Executive Director of the Society. Members are challenged to make a "meaningful contribution to society."

Merilee McDaniel has taken an oath to continue to "maintain high scholarship and to use my education for the benefit of my community, my nation, and the world in which we live."

For more information about National Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for First Year

ELK TALES
By Lynda Hauser

We're on Spring Break right now, so there will be no Elk Tales next week. We have a few for this week, though.

The Child Development classes have started the Ready or not Tots project. So if you see students with babies around town ask them about the tots. The Personal and Family Development classes (freshmen) have been cooking and doing a great job.

Cheerleader tryouts were last Friday and there was a junior high track meet on Thursday and a high school meet on Friday. Girls' Golf will be on Monday and Boys' Golf on Tuesday at Canadian. The One Act Play UIL performance will be on Wednesday, March 26, at WT High with the UIL Academic Meet on Thursday.

Speaking of the One Act Play, it is great! The Dinner Theatre was held last Thursday and the meal and entertainment was wonderful! Mrs. Riffe and her OAP students did an outstanding job. Good luck at UIL!

Have a great Spring Break, everyone!
Quote of the week: "I don't

measure a man's success by how high he climbs but by how high he bounces when he hits bottom.- Gen. George S. Patton.

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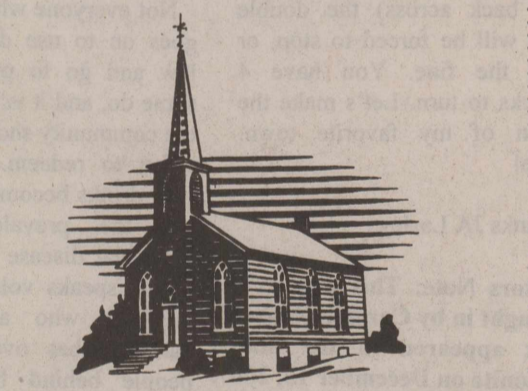
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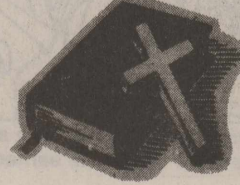
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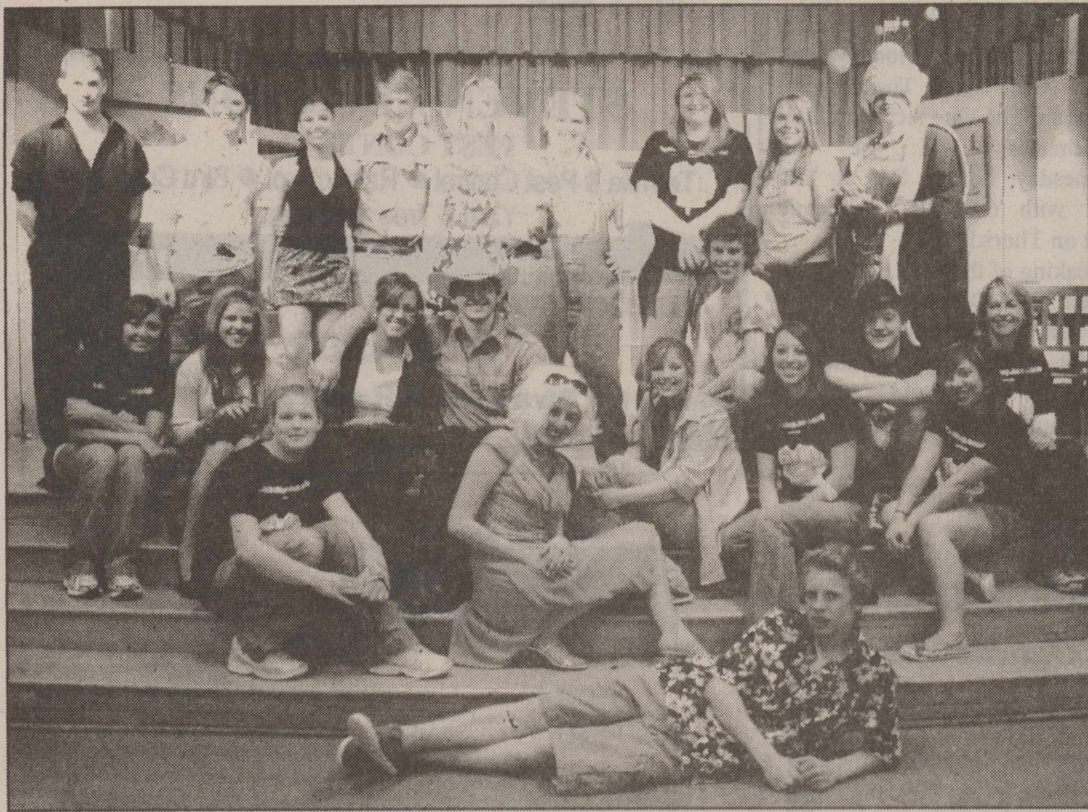
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One-Act Play Dinner Theatre Held

The Stratford High School One Act Play Dinner Theatre was held Thursday, March 13, 2008 at the Mary Allen Cafeterium. The One Act Play cast under the direction of Mrs. Ronna Riffe and Stacy Metcalf performed the play "My Son Is Crazy....But Promising" before a large crowd on Thursday evening. They also performed earlier in the day for Jr. High, High School and Mary Allen students. They will be competing at District contest on March 26, 2008. Cast and crew members top to bottom l/r: Connor Esparza, James Daniels, Margarita Rocha, Roy Allen, Whitney Reese, Kelsi Dennis, Heidi Brooks, Chandra Hawkins, Tanner Riffe, Kelsey Stein, Kristen Crabtree, Jordan Confer, Luke Haile, Austin Riffe, Eric Burton, Mrs. Ronna Riffe, Kimberly Ricks, Trena Maiwald, Katie Killian, Jennie Spurlock, Searra Valenzuela and Wesley Anderson. Not pictured Stacy Metcalf.

Cards of Thanks

Dear Editor:

I was ecstatic when the three "No U Turns" were taken down, on main, some months ago. Then folks would quit turning and backing across the yellow double strip, on main.

These yellow stripes down main here in Stratford coincide with the double yellow stripe on Texas Highways, you can be fined.

The County was in hopes, as was I that fining would not be necessary.

Eventually it will be (an accident with serious injuries). Fining will be good revenue for the City of Stratford.

Hopefully soon flipping over (or back across) the double line will be forced to stop, or pay the fine. You have 4 blocks to turn. Let's make the town of my favorite town. Safe!

Thanks JA Lasley

Editors Note: This article was brought in by Carolyn White. It first appeared in the Slaton Slatonite on December 13, 2007. It is with their permission that we are running it in the Star as Mr. Taliaferro lived and worked in our community for many years.

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to commend School Superintendent Jim Taliaferro's efforts to having an alcohol control policy, which would run concurrently with the Slaton school system's proposed drug testing policy. Make no mistake: alcohol is a drug. The active ingredient which impairs logic and alters behavior is ethanol.

Minor consumption of alcohol is a serious matter. It's against the law and should not be condoned whether on or off campus regardless of the time of day or night. Alcohol is often a gateway to minors who use other, potentially more harmful substances.

It's incredible that people continue to choose to believe that there should be a different approach to responsibly addressing substance abuse. If a community truly wants to do everything in its collective power to ensure that its children and young adults have every chance to become responsible citizens, then everyone - parents, teachers, religious leaders, law enforcement, health professionals and mental health professionals - should adopt a zero policy of substance abuse among minors, period.

A leading cause of death among teens in the U.S. is alcohol and/or drug related. Often, use or abuse

of alcohol and drugs among minors is a symptom of there being other problems in his or her life. Punishment or sanctions might or might not alter the behavior of some, if that behavior is made by choice. But if that behavior is the effect of a deeper, hidden cause, then no amount of punishment or sanctions will have the desired effect.

For the past three decades I've lived in prison. About 85 percent of those around me were no strangers to substance abuse growing up. Like me, most of them began "experimenting" with alcohol at a young age. It is self-evident that each and every "experiment" was a tragic failure, at some point, with immeasurable personal and societal costs.

Not everyone who drinks young goes on to use drugs break the law and go to prison. And yet some do, and it is for those whom the community should make every effort to redeem. Not everyone who drinks becomes an alcoholic, but the prevalence of that particular disease among those in prison speaks volumes about the numbers who are! The U.S. currently has over two million people behind bars. Any law enforcement official worth his badge will tell you that drugs and alcohol play an enormous role in criminal behavior. It follows that early detection and redemptive intervention will not only benefit children at risk, but their families and communities as well.

Mr. Davis, I think Jim Taliaferro has the right idea. I hope Carlos Bentancourt, T.D. Jones, Shannon Henzler and anyone else sincerely concerned about under-age drinking and drug use will support Superintendent Taliaferro's efforts to put in place a drug testing policy that can deter those children who can be deterred and to intervene in the lives of those children who may need more encouragement (and more hope!) than they're currently receiving both at school and at home.

Like the ongoing war in Iraq, we've been losing the war on drugs for a long time. It's time for an end to the collective denial. As a community, do whatever it takes to agree that it's better to save the children than it is to hold more funerals or build more prisons.

Sincerely,
Philip Brasfield
Texas Department of
Criminal Justice
Gatesville, TX



The first woman athlete to win more than \$100,000 in a single year of competition was tennis ace Billie Jean King. She earned \$117,000 in 1971.

4-H CLOTHING AND TEXTILE PROJECT NEWS

By Susie Spurlock

Nine 4-H members are completing Clothing and Textile projects this spring. The Giggling Girls will meet on Tuesday, March 25 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office to complete ruffled T-Shirts and work on completing county Fashion Show entry forms.

Boys and Bobbins will meet on Wednesday, March 26 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office and complete their casual shirts they are making.

The Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show will be held Monday, April 7, 2008. The achievement event will be at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford. Entry forms for the County Fashion Show are due on Tuesday, April 1st in the County Extension Office.

The schedule for the April 7th County Fashion Show will be judging of contestants at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Fashion Show and Awards program at 7:00 p.m. 4-H project members from the Stratford area 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.

The Fashion Show is the achievement event of the clothing and textiles project meeting. Guidelines for the Fashion Show are available at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Sherman County 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, and Texas AgriLife Extension Service. For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent in Sherman County at 366-2122.

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

Happy Easter

Museum hosts grand opening of new permanent exhibit

Fritch—The Lake Meredith Aquatic & Wildlife Museum in Fritch is hosting a grand opening of the *Plays: Gems of the Plains* exhibit Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the museum located under the water tower in Fritch.

The exhibit is a full circle arrangement, designed to be viewed in the round, like a playa lake. Visitors walk around 20 panels covering a wide range of topics about plays including function, history, natural history, art, uses, and abuses. They can then walk inside the circle, into the "playarama" with its 360-degree panoramic photograph from inside a playa, to reflect on what they have learned or to participate in an educational program. The experience also includes sound recordings, a 30 minute video and a fine art photography display of works by various artists.

Plays...Gems of the Plains has been traveling throughout the playa lakes region for the past 5 years and has come to rest permanently at the Lake Meredith

Aquatic & Wildlife Museum mostly because of its content according to Renee Laney, museum director.

"The Northwest Texas Museum Association gave us the exhibit for permanent housing because it goes with our mission that seeks to enable people to enjoy and appreciate their natural and cultural heritage," Laney said. Laney said that the museum's

Board of Directors helped fund the expansion of the museum's annex room in order to house the exhibit. "With the help from the Amarillo Area Foundation and multiple local contributors we were able to expand by 630 square feet as the exhibit itself requires 1000 sq. ft."

Plays are a unique natural feature of the High Plains region, and 96 percent of the world's playas are found here. There are over 60,000 playas found in eastern Colorado and New Mexico, western Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska and more than 20,000 of them are located in the Texas Panhandle. Despite the common occurrence of playas, the crucial role they play in the ecology and hydrology of the region is little known and even less appreciated. Because they represent a reliable source of water in a semiarid environment,

they have always been a magnet for animals and their human hunters throughout prehistory and into historic times. The first settlers, and the first towns, focused on the playas. Many playas have names and long, colorful histories.

Laney said the exhibit is already available for viewing but during the grand opening there will be free food and door prizes. The art work of local artist Cherine-Marie will be on display and country music sensation Ed Montana will provide the entertainment.

(NAPS)—The Straight Talk on Women's GI Health campaign educates women age 40 and older about digestive health problems and provides them with the tools for an ongoing dialogue with their physicians. Visit www.GIStraightTalk.com to learn more.

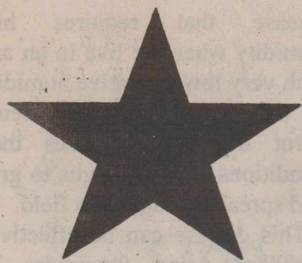
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2/1 Home on Lg corner lot. Wall heater, evaporative cooler, and gas stove in kitchen.

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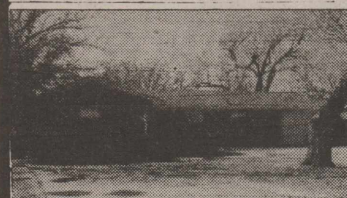
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The Ogallala Quilter's Society will hold its 11th Annual Quilt Festival April 4th and 5th in Dimmitt TX. Registration for the Festival will be held in the Expo Building at S.E. 4th & E. Lee. Other events will be held at the Senior Citizens Center, the Methodist Church, the Church of Christ, City Hall, Car Works and Rhoads Memorial Library. Entry fee is \$5.00 for 2 days - Ogallala

members are free. The festival features 200 judged quilts, an additional 150 quilts in special exhibits, classes, free demonstrations and quilt vendors. Special displays include the Ogallala Challenge, the Hoffman Exhibit, art quilter Marilyn Ford from Tucumcari and the West Texas Longarm Group. Awards will be presented at the dinner on Thursday night. Friday night's dinner will feature a presentation by feature teacher Jan Krentz and the exciting quilt auction event. Reservations are required and everyone is invited to attend. For more information visit our website www.ogallalaquilters.org or call Joyce Davis at 806- 647-5362. Ogallala Quilter's Society is a non-profit, educational organization.

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Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned.
—Buddha

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Children of many talents to perform "Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs".

Seventeen Lamplight Youth Theatre children, ranging from ages 8-17, will bring "Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs" to the stage Ordway Auditorium on the main campus of Amarillo College from March 28-30, 2008.

This adaptation of "Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs" is based upon the fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm. You and your family are sure to be "awakened" by this classic story.

"Our actors are being challenged with unique characterizations in order to showcase their wonderful talents," said Cyndie Koetting, Lamplight director. Each actor dedicates his/her efforts to insuring an accurate portrayal of their character."

In addition to the 17 actors, the entire crew consists of an additional 10 Lamplight students who will work backstage to orchestrate set and costume changes as well as technical aspects. "These productions consist of timing issues that need to be performed with attention to detail, from start to finish, by all that are involved," said Koetting.

The AC Lamplight Youth Theatre would like to invite you out to the Ordway Auditorium at Washington and they have to offer.

at Washington and 22nd street at Amarillo College to be amazed by the incredibly talent

Show times are March 28th & 29th at 7:30pm and March 29th & 30th * 2:30pm. Ticket prices are Adults \$10 ~ College & Seniors \$8 ~ High School & Under \$5
Tickets are available by calling 371-5353.

No one under 3 years old will be admitted.

Automotive

(NU) - Each year as spring rolls around, consider it time for your vehicle's annual check-up. Just as you schedule dentist and doctor appointments regularly, you should do the same for your vehicle.

National Car Care Month in April is a nationwide effort to focus motorists' attention on the importance of vehicle care and maintenance. And since the Car Care Council reports that neglected maintenance results in 5 percent of all vehicle accidents and leads to more than 2,600 deaths, 100,000 injuries and more than \$2 billion in lost wages, medical expenses and property damage each year, it is clear a little maintenance can go a long way.

For more information, visit www.carcare.org.



Johann Sebastian Bach was not just considered "the greatest genius of baroque music," he was also a father to 20 children, several of whom became musicians.

Environmental

(NU) - In Cambodia, weak law enforcement has made Indochinese tigers easy targets for poachers. However, the recent establishment of anti-poaching patrols in key tiger habitats in Cambodia has helped lower illegal poaching. This ongoing fight against illegal poaching is finding a voice thanks to contributions by corporations like The Orvis Company. Through programs such as "Round Up for Conservation," Orvis hopes to reach its goal of raising \$60,000 to continue assisting the Indochinese tiger population of Cambodia. For more information about ways to help, visit www.orvis.com/conservation.

