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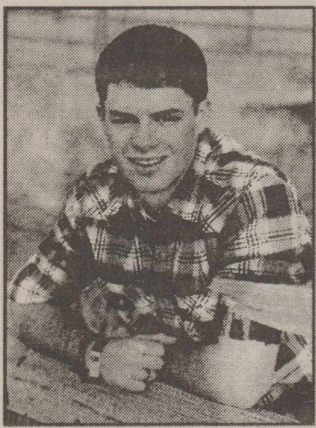
Good Luck Grayson & Bethany

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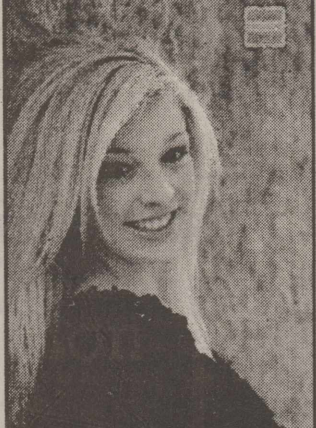
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Tyler Seward

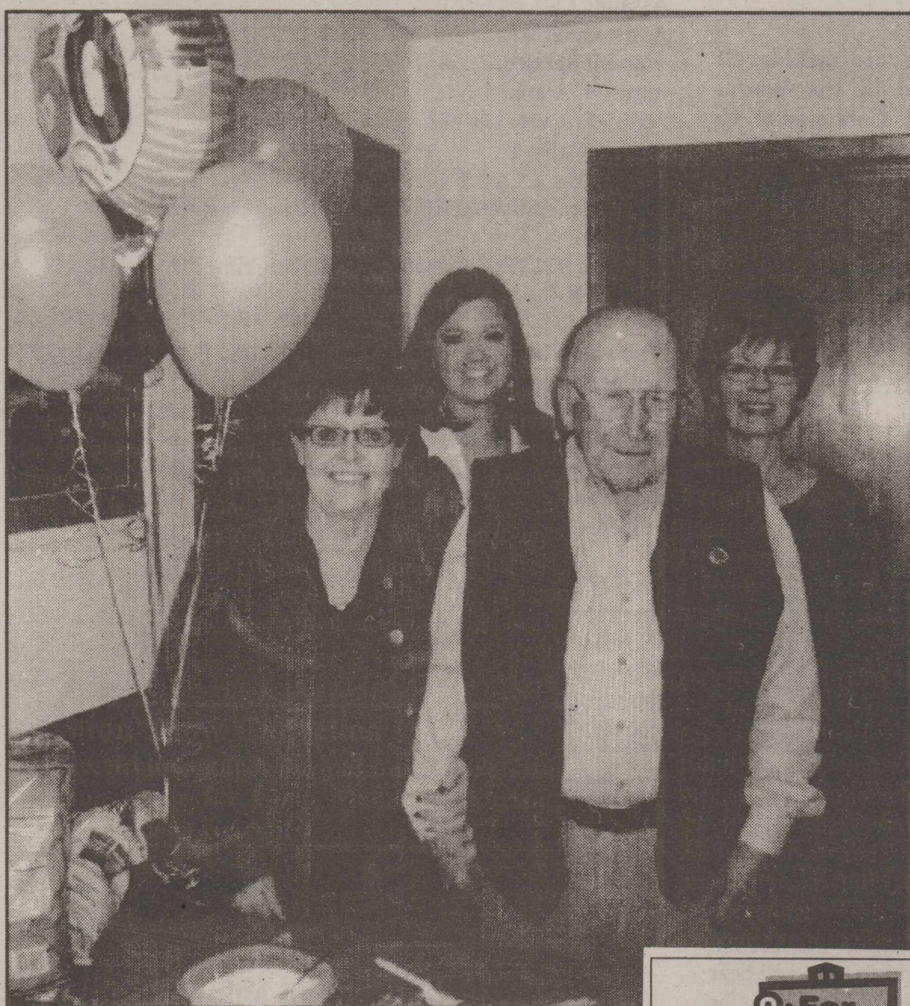


Meghan Brooks

## SHS Valedictorian and Salutatorian named for 2013

Tyler Seward was named the Valedictorian of Stratford High School. He has a GPA of 99.657 over four years in high school. He is the son of Clint and Cindy Seward. Tyler participated in band and football for four years, being named as a member of the Elite Academic All-State football team his senior year. He also ran track his freshman through junior year, and played basketball as a freshman. Tyler was a member of the Stratford One Act Play crew all four years, and was also elected to serve on the Student Council every year. Tyler was inducted into the National Honors Society his junior year and served as a member his senior year. Academically, Tyler competed on the U.I.L. Social Studies team freshman-senior year, and on the Science team junior and senior year. He advanced to regionals in the Social Studies event his freshman and senior year, placing first place at district as a senior. In the fall Tyler will be attending Wayland Baptist University, where he will be majoring in music.

Meghan MacKenzie Brooks was awarded 2013 Salutatorian of SHS with a GPA of 98.98 over her four years. She is the daughter of Lance and Kelly Brooks. Meghan was involved in: Band, Basketball, Tract, Cross Country and Cheerleading. She was captain of her cheer squad her senior year and captain of her Lady Elk Basketball team her junior and senior year. Academically, she was involved in UIL events: Accounting, mathematics and science. Regional Qualifier in accounting. She is also a member of the national Honor Society. She was awarded All American cheerleader, academic all state Elite and crowned Lions Club Queen. She plans to continue her education at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.



## Flores celebrates 50 years with Texas Farm Bureau

On May 1, 2013 Joe Flores celebrated 50 years of working with Texas Farm Bureau. There was a small celebration at the office. At left in the photo are Joe, his wife Chris, Dana Hendrick, Agency Manger and Leonda Fedric. Joe enjoyed his surprise party and everyone would like to thank everyone who came by for a visit.

## Wheat Situation

By Brad Easterling

I have fielded a lot of questions and split a lot of stems over the past month to six weeks trying to determine the extent of the damage that we may or may not have received from the freezes. The first thing that I will tell anyone about making any kind of decision is that you need to sit down and talk to your insurance agent. I have heard several different scenarios this year about what companies and producers are doing so there is no one recommendation that will fit everyone's situation.

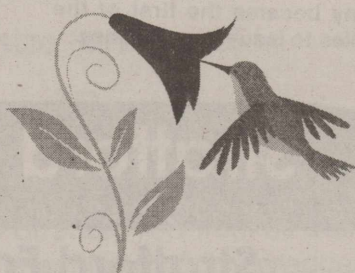
This has definitely been one of the most difficult spring wheat crops to assess that I have looked at in my career. Going back to the first of April I was not too depressed about the situation. We had some damage, a few collapsed stems, some of the crop even laid down, but I felt county-wide the yield loss was not too bad and the secondary tillers could compensate for a large portion of it. Unfortunately by the time I was able to make a sound evaluation another freeze was upon us. I waited a week, checked the crop and here comes another cold front.

Well you all know the story and here we are in the first of May and it has frozen twice already in addition to weekly freezes throughout April. April 23rd and 24th appears to be the freeze event that finally finished off this crop. Those heads in the secondary and tertiary tillers that were supposed to compensate for the loss of the main tillers have been frozen as well. I have seen many fields ranging anywhere from 60-80% dead tillers and several with over 90%. There are a few viable tillers on the plants which have not yet jointed, but then we run into the situation of having enough time to mature them out.

Overall, later planted, less watered, less fertilized, heavier grazed fields look a little better this year than many other fields. Obviously this is not a management recommendation just an observation that I have noticed coming from this unique spring we are having. Seed availability for next year is already a concern and Texas A&M AgriLife Research has already started working with TDA on recertifying some fields. Of course if there is nothing to harvest then recertifying seed does no good. If you have any questions or would like me come take a look at your fields feel free to give me a call.

## Fashion Show Cancelled

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Fashion Show for Coon Memorial Nursing Home has been cancelled.



Show Mom your love  
Flowers & gifts from  
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May is  
Military  
Appreciation  
Month  
Thank you

Delivery of Channel Catfish, Bass, Hybrid Bluegill, Redear Bream, Coppernose Bluegill, Fathead

Minnows, Black Crappie, and Triploid Grass Carp are now available for Pond & Lake Stocking. 10 days' notice and permit required for the purchase of Triploid Grass Carp.

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BUILDING ON MAIN

## STREET FOR RENT:

Currently being used as a beauty salon. Contact SCDC @ 366-2897 if interested in the building. Salon equipment for sale - contact Melissa at Great Lengths Salon.

## What's Happening In Stratford

### Bain in Hospital

Marty Bain fell on Saturday night, she is at BSA Room 791 if you would like to send a card.

### Update on Donna

Donna Gillenwaters has been moved to Craig Methodist Rehab and is in Room 530.

### Update on Thrift Store

As of today May 6, 2013 the Community Thrift Store has donated \$12,500.00 back in to the community. Way to Go and aren't we lucky to have it. Thanks!!!!

### Sherman County Public Library hours

Monday-9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday-9 a.m. 6 p.m.  
Fridays-9 a.m. 1 p.m.  
Closed Saturdays and Holidays

### Yearbooks on sale Now

Stratford Year book on sale now-Price \$70.00  
Order online at [www.jostensyearbook.com](http://www.jostensyearbook.com)  
Or call Shari Hudson at SHS Library 366-3336 or 753-7798 or Mail to SHS PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084

### Attention: Prom time

We have begun working on prom decorations EVERY Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at the High School Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. We need EVERYONE to attend please. The Junior class is in need of artificial trees and Christmas trees. We would also like to borrow white/clear strands of lights. If you have any of these items that we could use, it would be greatly appreciated! Please mark your items with your name! Call Lorie Vincent at 806-683-2553 OR Laurie Spurlock at 806-753-7880

### Scholarship Information

Any individual or Organization wishing to offer a scholarship to the Class of 2013 please contact Desine Garza at 366-3322. Any current donors wishing to make changes to their current scholarship requirements please let Mrs. Garza know that as well as deadline for this year.

### Address for Donna Gillenwaters

If you would like to send a card to Donna Gillenwaters, you can send it to Jimmy Gillenwaters, PO Box 437, Bushland, TX 79012 and he will get the cards to her.

### Volunteers Needed at Depot Museum

The Depot Museum is in need of Volunteers from April through October-2 hours a month. Call 366-2202 or 366-7679

### Memorial Day service at Cemetery

Memorial Day Service will be held May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Stratford Cemetery. Bring your lawn chair.



From the Desk of  
Sheriff Powell

Letter to  
the Editor

**SUBMITTING A LETTER:** Letters should be no more than 200 words and can be mailed to PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084 or faxed to 366-5884 or e-mailed to [stardm@xit.net](mailto:stardm@xit.net). Please include your street address (NO PO boxes), daytime phone number and full name. All submissions are subject to editing for length, libel, clarity and taste. The newspaper has the last say on whether a letter will be published. Letters to the editor are the opinions of the writer, not the newspaper.

Dear editor:

I would like to explain the mess we are making all through our town. We are mandated by the federal government and the Texas Railroad Commission to replace 5% every year of our steel pipe inside the city limits of every town we are in and replace it with polyethylene pipe. We are very sorry for the inconvenience but please keep in mind that we are doing this for the future safety of our citizens, neighbors and friends. Please be safe while in the areas that we have torn up and we will be finished and out of the way soon. Thanks for your patience.

Jere Keener  
Area Manager-West Texas Gas

Dear Editor:

Standing Guard national Conversation is one-sided. The new watchword for the firearm confiscation movement in America is National Standing conversation a term that takes on ominous meaning for millions of Peaceable, innocent gun owners especially in light of Obama's threat to institute new draconian gun bans and universal gun-owner registration schemes with the mass murder of school children in Newton, Connecticut by a clearly deranged killer, the nature of this conversation has been defined by the key members in the gun ban movement from Obama, New York City Mayor Bloomberg, Senator Feinstein the Brady Campaign and hundreds of Editorial writers who just want to jump on the movement to spread hate against gun owners. Much of the conversation in the media has been a new level of hatred against gun owners, the second amendment and those who defend the right to keep and bear arms, especially the NRA. For gun owners especially for NRA member-when it comes to the second amendment the truth is there is nothing to those who defend the right to keep and bear arms, especially the NRA. For Gun owners especially for NRA members- when it comes to the second amendment the truth is there is nothing to talk about beyond what the founding fathers intended. It's been that way for over 200 years. It was intended for law abiding citizens to protect their property and the lives of their families. Now we have a president and his corrupt congress who does not enforce the law for criminals but come after law abiding citizens guns who we can't protect ourselves, families and property. We give and they take. Seems like there's something wrong about the way they think and the way they want to do things. I will disagree with them till the very end

Ken Forthman

Texhoma ISD to Offer Breakfast  
and Lunch to All Children

The Texhoma Independent School District is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the sites and times as follows:

Texhoma Independent School District  
4th & Denver Street  
Texhoma, TX 73960

May 28, 2013 through June 28 2013

Monday - Friday

Breakfast 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Lunch 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(Please contact the school the day before if you plan on eating so they will know how much food to prepare)

To file a complaint of discrimination, write or call immediately to:

USDA

Director, Office of Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

(800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY)

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors.

—Plato

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Office of the Sheriff-Monthly Report for April

Arrested: 8  
Traffic Citations Issued: 90 (Mar & April)  
Traffic Warnings Issued: 65  
Vehicle Roll-over: 1  
Traffic Calls / Complaints: 5  
Traffic Accidents: 4  
Theft: 1  
Domestic Assault: 1  
Assault: 1  
Assist Other Agency: 5  
Warrant Service: 2  
Intrusion Alarm: 1  
Farm / Property Checks: 22  
Animal Calls: 1

The Office of the Sheriff is currently working on several projects:  
CopSync 911 (For our schools) - CyberCrimes Unit - Dual-purpose K-9

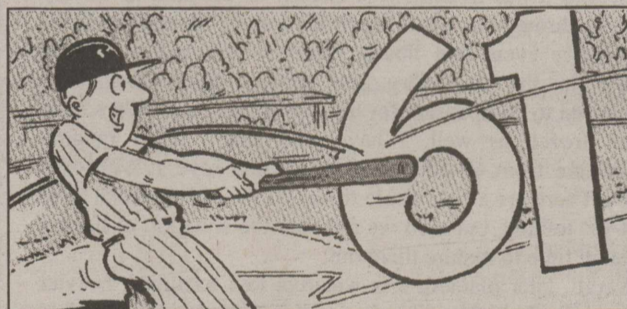
If you have any questions about any of these listed, please feel free to contact me at anytime. So far, we still remain within our budget as we only have five months left in this fiscal year. As always, we sincerely appreciate your continued support and know that we are working hard to take care of our residents.

Sheriff Joe Powell  
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Sherman County Sheriff's Office  
701 N. Third Street, Stratford, TX 79084  
Phone: (806)366-5551  
Fax: (806)366-3142

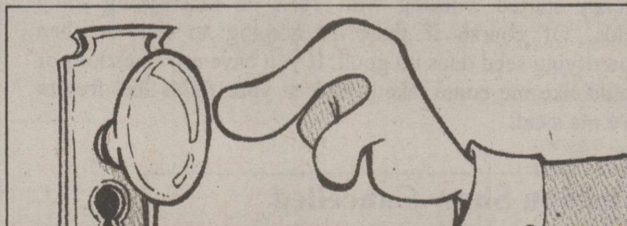
**NOTICE**  
The Sherman County  
Commissioners' Court voted to  
enact a burn ban again.  
Sherman County is now under a  
**BURN BAN**

Mitchell  
Theaters

Northridge 8  
Guymon, OK  
[www.northridge8.com](http://www.northridge8.com)  
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Liberal, Kansas  
[www.southgate6.com](http://www.southgate6.com)  
620-624-5573  
Garden City, Kansas  
[www.sequoyah8.com](http://www.sequoyah8.com)  
620-275-2760



Baseball player Roger Maris, who hit 61 home runs in 1961, won only one home run title.



The normal static electricity shock that zaps your finger when you touch a doorknob is usually between 10,000 and 30,000 volts.

In 1690, the Massachusetts Bay Colony became the first of the colonies to issue paper money.

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CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO A PRO-  
CONSTRUCTION DINNER FUNDRAISER

Date: May 11, 2013  
Place: 205 N. Poplar Stratford, TX  
Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Dinner Plate  
Main Dish: Rib-eye steak  
Sides: Baked potato, green beans, house salad,  
Bread: Dinner Roll  
Beverage: Tea

**FREE-WILL DONATION**

2 CORINTHIANS 9: 6-8

....EACH ONE MUST GIVE AS HE H. DECIDED IN HIS HEART, NO RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER...

**PROM TIME**

**"Prom Special"**

During the Month of April  
Order Tuxedo in April w/deposit  
receive a 10% discount.

*Tuxedos starting at \$65.00*

**Deposit Required**

**Hair Creations**

**396-2809**

**Attn: Farmers & Landowners**

If you have land that came out of CRP in 2012, you need to contact the Appraisal District Now.

The land classification may need to be corrected and could reduce your taxes. You will need to complete a new ag form prior to June 28, 2013 for any land reclassifications to take effect for the 2013 tax roll. Sherman county Appraisal District, 402 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Stratford, TX or call 806-366-5566.



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Thank you

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"Proudly serving the medical needs of Stratford and Sherman County."

**Stratford Family Medical Clinic**

Mon. - Thurs. 8 AM - 5 PM, Fri. 8AM - 3 PM

396-5583 Tommy Brian, ANP

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366-5505 Angie Hipp, RPh

**Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility**

396-5568 Karl Punch, LNFA

**Stratford EMS**

9-1-1 or 396-2844 Jimmy Lanning, Director

The Stratford Hospital District operates on a not-for-profit basis, providing quality treatment and care to serve the health care needs of the community.

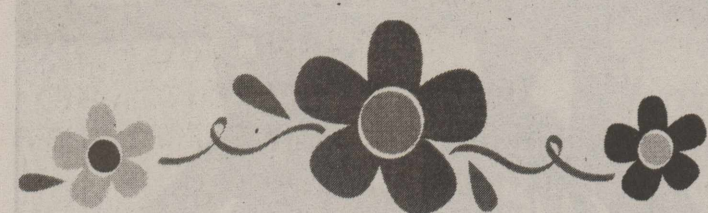
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**Rate change**

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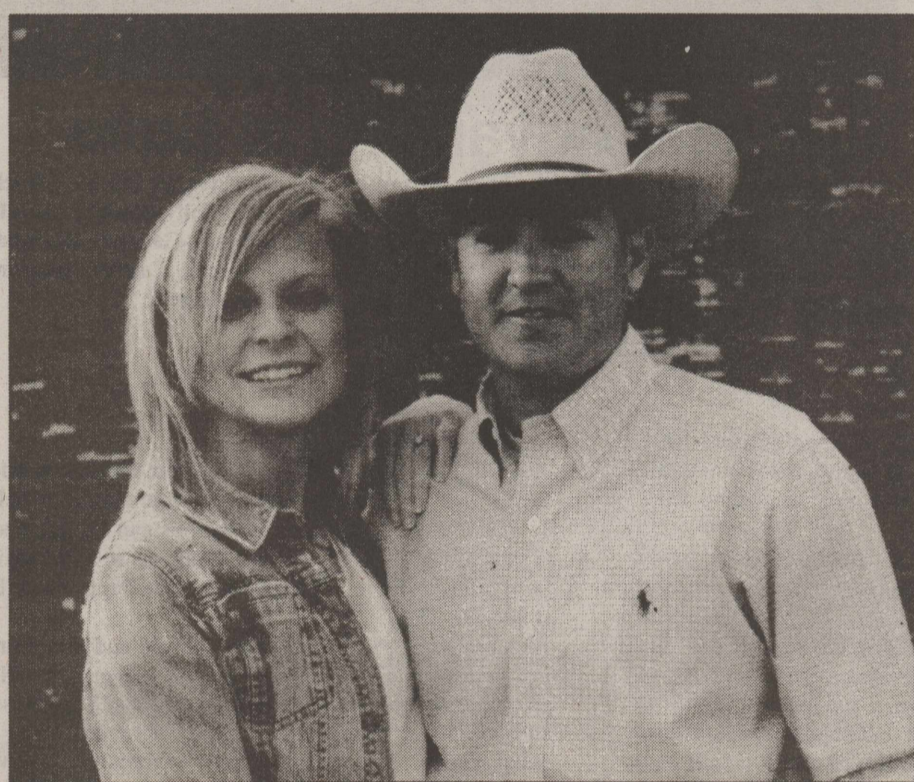
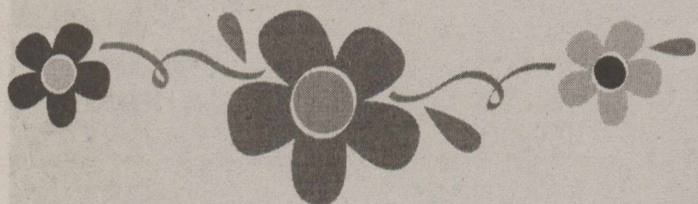
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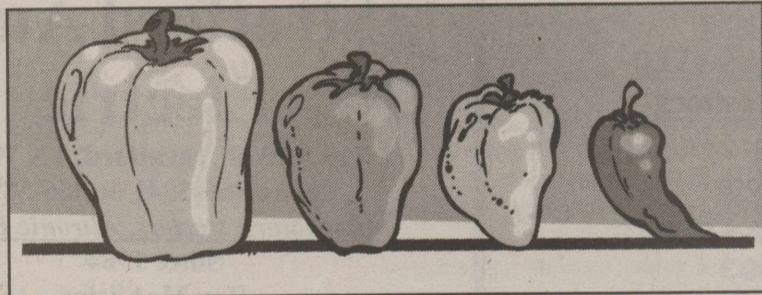
## Garza honored with Bridal Shower Sunday

Cassi Garza bride elect of Scott Hudson was honored with a Bridal Shower Sunday, May 5, 2013 in the home of Tami King. Shown at right left to right seated Shari Hudson, Ramona Spurlock, Cassi and Michelle Garza. Back Kay Fuqua, Marty Robertson, Brittany Haynes, Heather Robertson, Chelsea Garza and Darcy Weber holding Grayson.



## Engagement Announced

Mitchell and Kim Smiley of Friona are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Blair Nicole, to Barry Keith Morris, son of Keith and Jan Morris, of Muleshoe. Blair is a 2008 graduate of Friona High School, and a 2011 graduate of West Texas A&M University. She is currently employed by Stratford I.S.D. as an elementary teacher. Barry is a 2005 graduate of Muleshoe High School, and a 2009 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is currently employed by Cactus Feeders. The couple will exchange vows on August 3, 2014 in Friona.



With peppers, bigger might not be better, especially if you like them hot. Generally, the smaller the pepper, the hotter, and none of the hottest peppers in the world is more than three inches long.

Welcome To

## The Gathering

"A Sabbath Bible Study for the Rest of Us"

For I assure you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all things are accomplished.  
Matthew 5:18

A Bible Study for those who are:

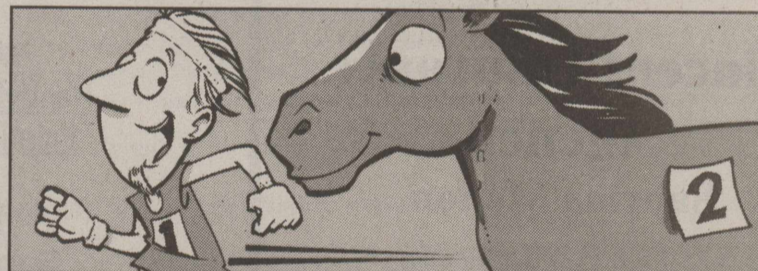
- Desiring A Deeper Understanding of the Truth
- Longing to Know Him more Passionately
- Committed to Living Beyond Accepted Traditions
- Striving to be Found in Him, Unashamed!

Meeting at 10:30 Sabbath (Saturday) Mornings  
@ 412 N Pearl in Stratford  
**719-286-8499**  
(Please *always* call ahead to verify a Gathering)

*Because we all have questions... don't we?*

The Miller's  
Timothy, Michelle, Josiah and Noelle

\*Childcare not provided but coffee can be!  
\*Not Affiliated with the Seventh Day Adventist Church



In Llanwrtyd Wells, Wales, every year a race is held between a man and a horse. The event dates from 1980, when a local pub landlord overheard a conversation about how a man could beat a horse over a long distance.

## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

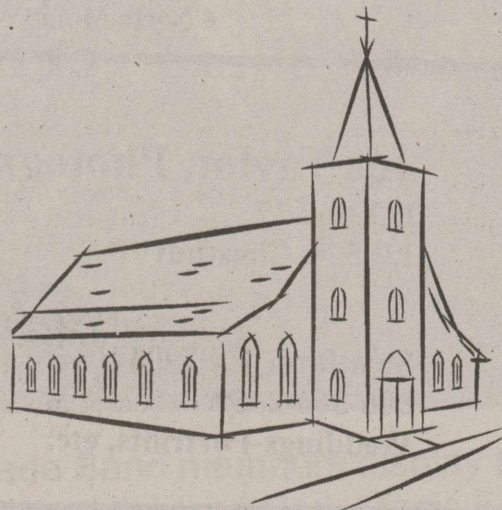
**First Assembly of God**  
Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**First Christian Church**  
Pastor Gary Smith  
5<sup>th</sup> & Main  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)  
No Sunday evening Worship Service

**First United Methodist**  
Rev. Jim Smith 396-2178  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
6<sup>th</sup> & Pearl  
Rectory 366-5687  
Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.  
Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon  
Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
Pastor Ron Whitt  
702 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.



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Brad Beckett  
N. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Chestnut  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**Heritage Bible Baptist**  
Pastor Rick Carter  
302 S. Main  
For more info-call 396-2212  
Morning worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

**Eben-Ezer Templo Hispano**  
Asambleas De Dios  
Pastor: Juan M. Valenzuela  
806 366-3071  
205 N. Poplar-Hwy 287 268-2188  
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m. - 12 noon  
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

**Kerrick Community**  
Pastor Roy Harris  
Community Building  
10 a.m. Worship Service

**La Mision Bautista**  
Mision Bautista  
401 S. Wall 396-5376  
Domingo (Sunday)  
Estuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.  
Miercoles (Wednesday)  
Servicio De Adoracion 11 a.m. Estudio  
Biblico & Servicio De Oracion 6 p.m.  
Servicio De Adoracion 6 p.m. se Cuidamos  
Susunos Durante El Servicio



### Kelly's Gymnastic competed at the State Meet in Canyon, TX April 27<sup>th</sup>

Back Row: Grace Adams, Kari Whitehead, Kimberly Prieto, Holly Sladek, Alliebeth Coleman-3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Cambry Laster, Emma Franklin, Flipper Stroud, Camryn Armes  
2<sup>nd</sup> row: Luke Grajeda, Jaqueline Berry, Brookelynn Trimble, Candance Holland, Cambree Harrison-Front Row: Zeke Grajedaa, Kahl Cobb, Jordyn Stewart, JoJo Salas and Little D. Nicholson-(not pictured: Cady Bulls, Jaelin Cox, Denisia Garcia, Caitlin Johnson, Emmalee Johnson, Kami Ritter, Lillie Skiles, Sparkle Skiles, Haven Wheeler and Mackobe Merwin.

### Happy State Bank now collecting soap, shampoo & conditioner and laundry detergent for The League House

Throughout 2013 the Stratford branch of Happy State Bank is assisting the Medical Center League House of Amarillo by collecting specific items needed to make the House feel like home to the patients and families who stay during times of medical treatment.

The League House was established to provide convenient, affordable lodging for patients and families who must travel to Amarillo for medical treatment.

Within the League House there is an ongoing need for a wide range of supplies including pantry items, toiletries and office supplies to stock the shelves in this home away from home.

Now through the end of May the items needed are travel sized bar soap, travel sized shampoo and conditioner, and laundry detergent.

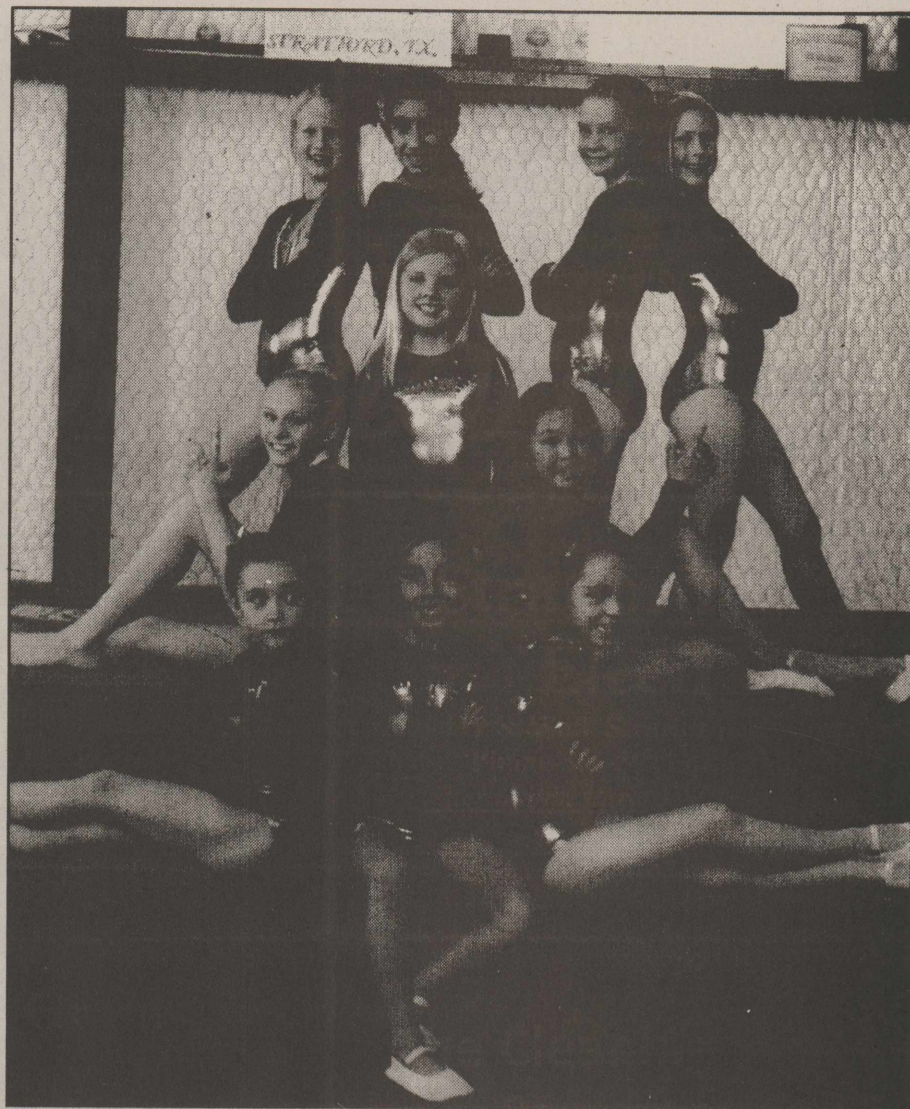
Located in the heart of Amarillo's medical district the League House was specifically created to serve residents of the surrounding rural communities and many citizens of Stratford have found peace, rest and support at the House during times of illness or injury of loved ones.

Any time you stay at a hotel please keep the League House in mind and save your unopened soap, shampoo and

conditioner to donate.

Please join with us in showing support for this wonderful service that benefits so many in our community by helping us gather these necessities. Donations can be dropped off in the lobby of Happy State Bank at 100 N. Main in Stratford. For more information contact Happy State Bank at 806-366-2265.

To learn more about the League House and opportunities for financial giving including the League of Hearts program, visit [www.leaguehouse.org](http://www.leaguehouse.org) or call Sue Hudson at 806-366-5916. The Medical Center League House is a collaboration between Baptist Community Services, Harrington Regional Medical Center, Inc. and the Junior League of Amarillo.



### Gymnast Advancing to State

These gymnasts will advance to the National level in Kansas City this summer. Back row: Kari Whitehead, Kimberly Prieto, Alliebeth Coleman, Holly Sladek, Middle row-Emma Franklin, Camryn Armes, Grace Adams. Front row-Candance Holland, JoJo Salas, Brookelynn Trimble. Not pictured: Denisia Garcia, Caitlin Johnson, Emmalee Johnson, Lillie Skiles, Sparkle Skiles and Mackobe Merwin.

# Business Directory

## Vincent Insurance Agency

Sabrina Melton

PO Box 739 Office: 806-396-2456  
Stratford, TX 79084 Home: 396-2512  
Email: [vincins@xit.net](mailto:vincins@xit.net)

## Willing and Capable HandyMan Home Repairs LLC

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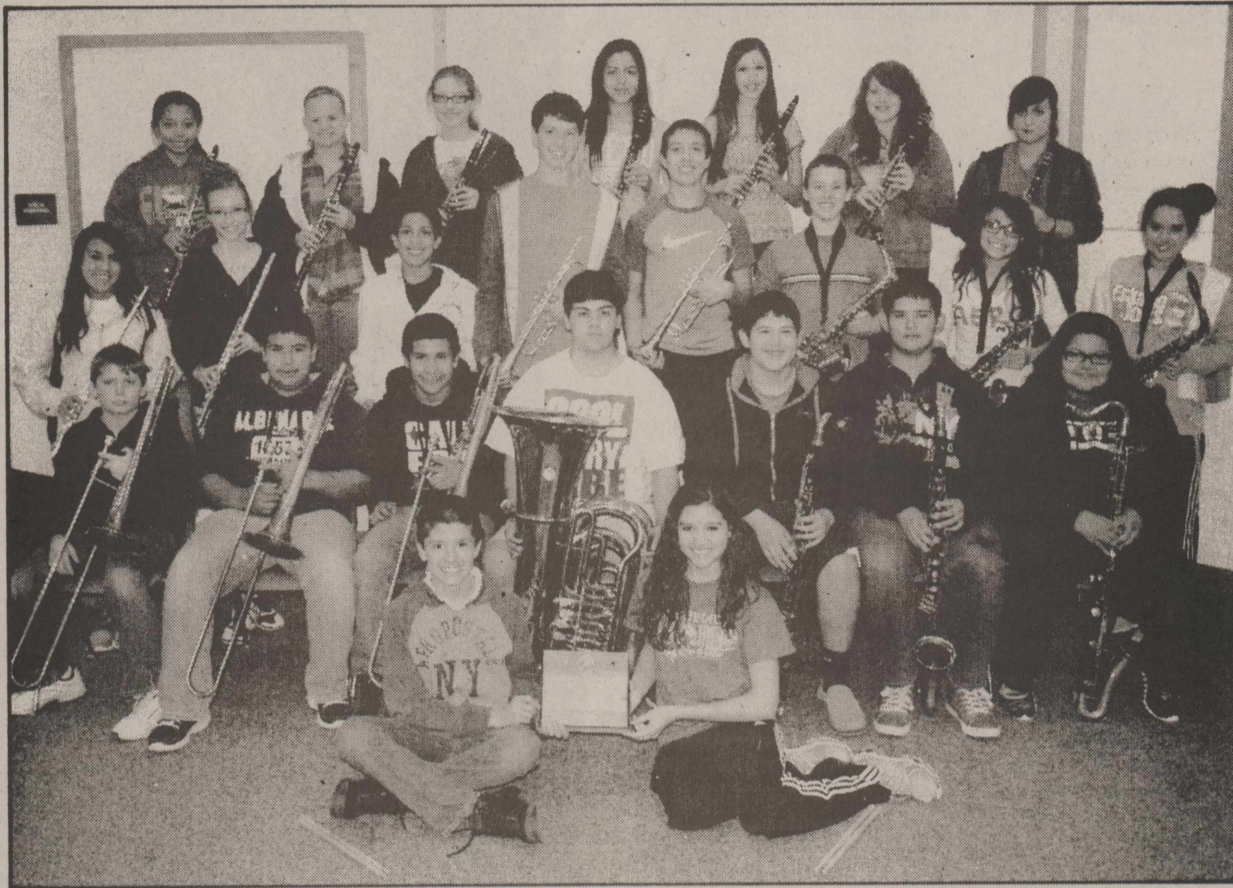
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**Stratford 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band  
Participates in UIL Concert Band Contest  
Stratford 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band  
Participates in Highland Park Music Festival  
Junior High Band Spring Concert Thursday at 6:00 p.m.**

On Wednesday, April 17, the Stratford 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band traveled to Canyon High School to participate in the UIL Regional Concert and Sightreading Contest. The band played three prepared pieces in the Concert portion of the contest receiving one Division I (Superior) Rating and two Division II (Excellent) Ratings from the three judges. This resulted in an overall Division II Rating. Some comments from the judges were "A very nice band sound! Well controlled and defined"; "Super performance today, band! Congratulations to students and directors!"; "What a well-rehearsed ensemble." The band then sightread a piece of music they had never seen before and all three judges gave them a Division I rating. Comments from the Sightreading judges were "Overall a really Fantastic Band Sound!", "You've obviously paid attention and worked hard to become so awesome! Thanks for an enjoyable performance today.", "Intensity is awesome", "Loved the sound and music you made", "Bravo! I enjoyed it! What a Fine Performance! Congrats!"

Of the 13 Conference C Junior High bands performing at the UIL Contest only 3 bands received a Division I rating in Concert competition. Obviously the judges had a very high performance standard that day. Of the 8 conference C Junior High bands that feed Class A high schools only Stratford and Memphis received Division I ratings from all three judges.

Please congratulate all students for their hard work and great effort in representing Stratford so well at the contest. Also, thanks go to Mr. Birdsong and the parents for supporting the band with their attendance at the contest.



**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band members display the Division I Sightreading plaque won at UIL Region 1 Concert Band Competition**

Seated (L-R): Francisco Barajas and Nicolle Law. First Row: Alex Spurlock, Alexander Aldavaz, Johnny Rivas, Kobi Garza, Edward Licon, Juan Machado and Marina Barajas. Second row: Yasmin Medrano, Hannah Franklin, Julio Duran, Russell Spurlock, Fernando Jacquez, Zorro Daniels, Daniela Reyes and Agustina Eizmendi. Third row: Stephanie Vasquez, RaeLeigh Willborn, Karina Henderson, Kimberly Loya, Nancy Garay, Amanda Harbour, and Esperanza Hernandez.

Three days later on Saturday, April 20, the Stratford 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band travelled to Highland Park High School to participate in the Highland Park Music Festival. The band played two prepared selections on-stage receiving a Division I (Superior) rating from one judge and a I+ (Superior plus) from the second judge in Concert Competition. Some comments from the judges were "Many great things are happening. Many great players." "Fantastic job- super preparedness- Great Job Elks!" and "My pleasure to hear you today!". The band then was given a piece of music they had never seen before. After a 5 minute preparation period the students performed the song in the Sightreading portion of the contest. Again the band receive a I rating and a I+ rating. On this competition judges said, "Wow - great band sound."; "Super-super job"; "Wow - credit to Stratford. Thank you for being here today"; and "Enjoyed hearing you today".

Congratulations go to all students for representing Stratford Junior High so well. And thanks go to the parents who attended.

Please support these students, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade band, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade band, and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade band by attending their upcoming Spring Concert on Thursday, May 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium.



**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band members display the trophy won at the Highland Park Music Festival**

First row (L-R): Noah Harris, Pedro Ortega, Baruc Ortega, Jazmine Castaneda, Daniel DeCasas, Sergio Guerrero, Jennifer Chavez, Kory Punch, and DarCee Robinson. Second row: Brett Coke, Karl Punch, Brandon Mireles, Courtney Griffin, Aylyn Duarte, Zachary Lujan, Kade McBryde, Shay-Hess, Tucker Summers, Angel Guerra, and Erika Lopez. Third row: Grady Pickens, Natalia Niave, Blake Rios, David Hernandez, Ruben Gonzalez, Levi Norby, Sonia Lopez, Allie James, Chantal Guel, and Robert Ruiz. Fourth row: Lucero Robles, Giselle Marquez, Libbie Uttley, Daniela Valdez, Carlee Metcalf, Laynee Burr, Rabecca Couch, RaeLynn Mungia, Taylor Aduddell, and Vanessa Gonzalez. Not pictured: Matthew Sandvig and Colten Lanning.

## Sherman County 4-H Members Take Top Placings at District Show

Eighteen 4-H members recently competed in the County 4-H Fashion Show, StoryBoard, and Craft Show. Eleven members went onto compete with over 100 4-H members from all over the Panhandle at the District 14-H Fashion Show. Eleven members were able to compete at the District 14-H Fashion Show held in Amarillo at the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Center on April 20. All 11 in the Fashion Show placed in the Top 3 of their categories. The next counties in participation and top honors were Randall County with 9 and Dallam County with 5.

In the Junior age division Carozan Wallis placed 1 in Construction -Active, Kaytly Clift tied for 3rd place in Construction -Casual wear, Lilia Trayler placed 3d in Construction -Dressy, Hannah Sims placed 3rd in Construction- Specialty. In the Junior age division Buying categories Bryce Killian placed 1st in Buying- Active wear, Dempsey Collums placed in Buying- Casual wear, and Lara Wells placed in Buying-Dressy.

Intermediate age division participants were Abby Ely who took 1st place in Construction- Specialty wear, Russell Spurlock who placed 3rd in Buying-Casual wear, and Nicholas Payne who placed 1st in Buying- Specialty wear. Mary Ann Spurlock placed 2nd in the Senior age division Construction-Dressy category.

Also accepting top honors that day were Lilia Trayler and Dempsey Collums and Abby Ely who placed with their storyboards in Jr. Non-wearable and Jr. and Int. Accessories respectively. Also in the top 3 of their Storyboard categories were Jr. Wearable- Bryce Killian 2nd; Placing 3rd were Hannah Sims Jr. Pet clothing, Russell Spurlock Int. Accessories, Nicholas Payne Int. Pet clothing, and Mary Ann Spurlock Sr. wearable.



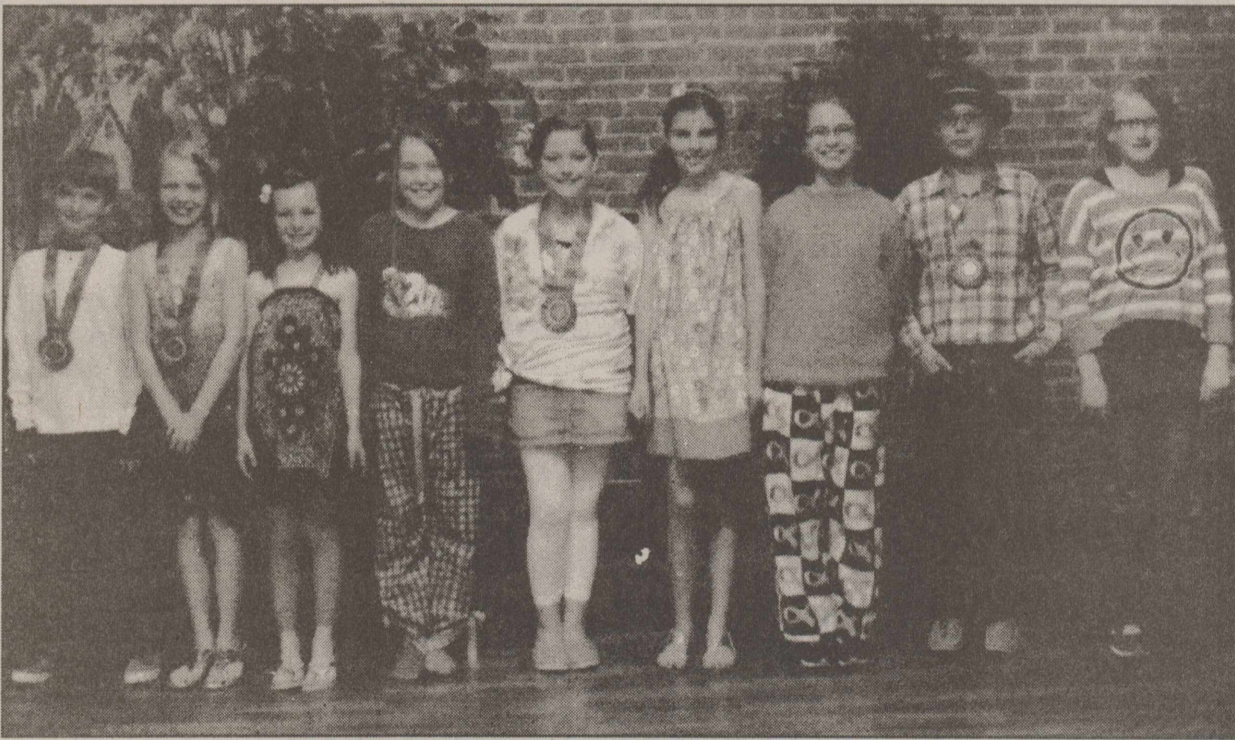
Mary Ann Spurlock placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the District 4-H Fashion Show.



Sherman County 4-H Members place in Top 3 at the District 4-H Fashion Show. Shown are Lilia Trayler, Abby Ely, Bryce Killian, Dempsey Collums, Lara Wells, Kaytly Clift, Carozan Wallis, Nicholas Payne and Hannah Sims. Not pictured Mary Ann and Russell Spurlock.



4-H Clover Kid Morgan Clift models the skirt she made.



Junior Age Group Competitors at Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show Shown L to R Bryce Killian, Lara Wells, Kaytly Clift, Hannah Sims, Sydney Palmer, Lilia Trayler, Carozan Wallis, Dempsey Collums, and Payton Berry.



Intermediate Age Group Competitors at Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show. L to R Amanda Harbour, Abby Ely, Russell Spurlock, Daniella Valdez, Kaitlin Berry and Nicholas Payne.



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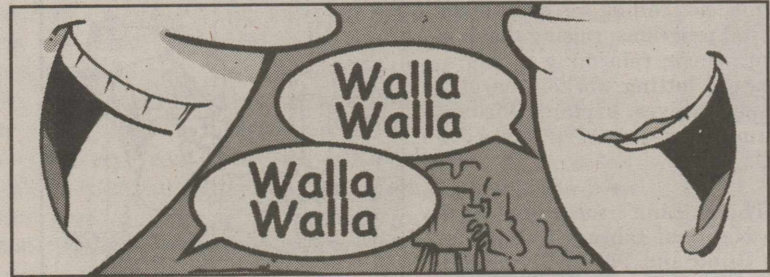
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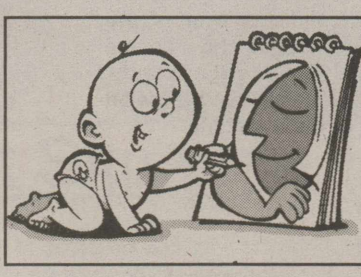
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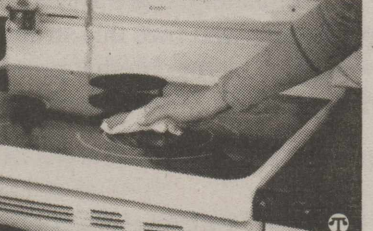
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#### Paper Safer Than Cloth For Household Cleaning

(NAPS)—A household item that's often taken for granted—your dishcloth—can potentially present a serious threat to your family's health.

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## Sparks place 2nd

Sparks place 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Amarillo Lady Mix Tournament in Bushland, TX on April 20 and 21. Pictured from left to right are Jacie Eudey of Dumas, Brittany Law, Whitney Stone, Madison Mungia, Jacie Seward, Laynee Burr, Nicolle Law, Klaire Irwin of Gruver and Sarah Jackson of Gruver. The team is coached by Scott Law. Good job girls!!!!

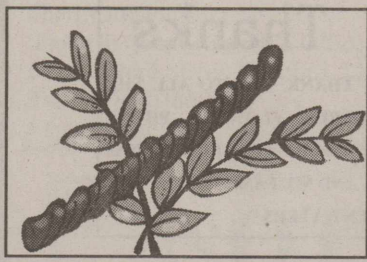


## Patriots compete in Track Meet

Stratford Patriots competed in the Spring Games Regional Track meet in Boys Ranch on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Bethany Diller-100 Meter run-Gold medal and Softball Throw-Gold Medal. Linda McKinney 50 meter run-silver medal and softball throw 4<sup>th</sup> place ribbon Great job Girls!



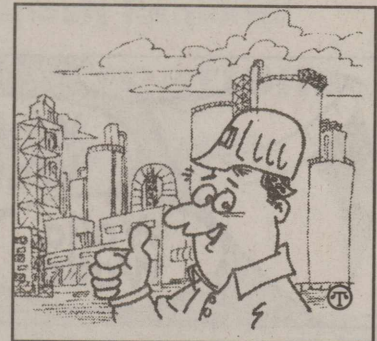
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## PET HEALTH

### Omega-3 Fatty Acids For Your Pet's Health

(NAPS)—For many years, pet owners have given omega-3 fatty acids to their dogs to change a dull, dry coat into a more glossy one.

A shiny coat and healthy skin on the outside can be indicators of a healthy pet on the inside. Conversely, skin problems may indicate a need for dietary changes or supplementation.

Always check your dog's skin and coat for such troubling signs as hair loss, raw spots or brittle hair, and watch for excessive scratching. While several factors, including heredity and grooming, can affect skin and coat conditions, nutrition is an important factor. If your pet exhibits any of these symptoms, be sure to ask your veterinarian about the benefits of omega-3 fatty acid supplementation. Many veterinarians recommend it to reduce the amount of corticosteroid or antihistamine needed to control itching and for overall skin and coat health.

Research has shown that omega-3s can benefit a variety of other conditions, too.

According to a study published in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, fish oil (which contains the long-chain omega-3 fatty acids EPA and DHA) helps modify inflammatory responses in dogs with joint problems or other conditions related to immune function.

Another study published by the



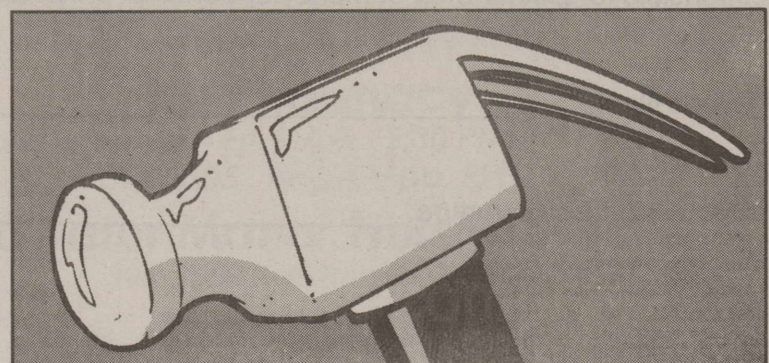
Recently, veterinarians have found that besides playing an important role in skin and coat health, omega-3 supplements can also provide other benefits.

same journal found that diets or supplements containing DHA may improve memory or learning abilities of young dogs.

These dietary modifications are being used to enhance the performance of working and companion dogs.

Fish oil is a better source of omega-3s than flaxseed or other vegetable oils because it contains the long-chain omega-3s EPA and DHA recommended by experts, while the vegetable sources contain short-chain omega-3s. Always choose a high-quality omega-3 fish oil supplement such as Dermaquin (available at Walmart).

For more information on Dermaquin, visit the company website at [www.nutramaxlabs.com](http://www.nutramaxlabs.com).



The side of a hammer is called the cheek.