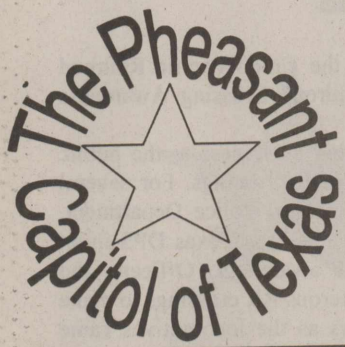


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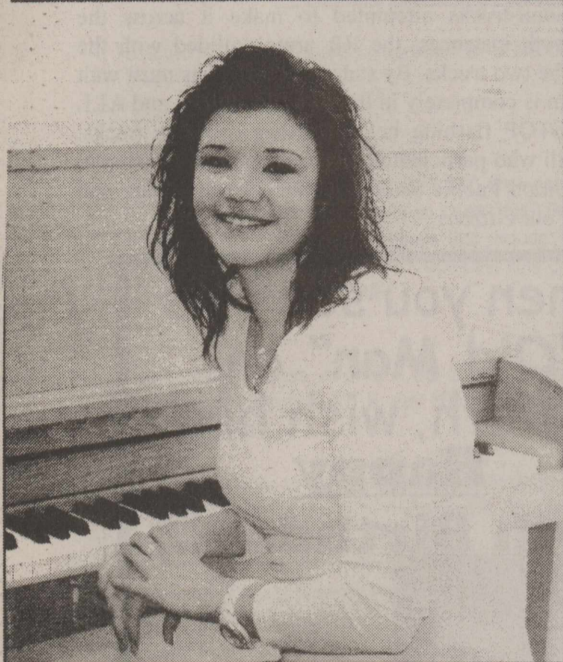


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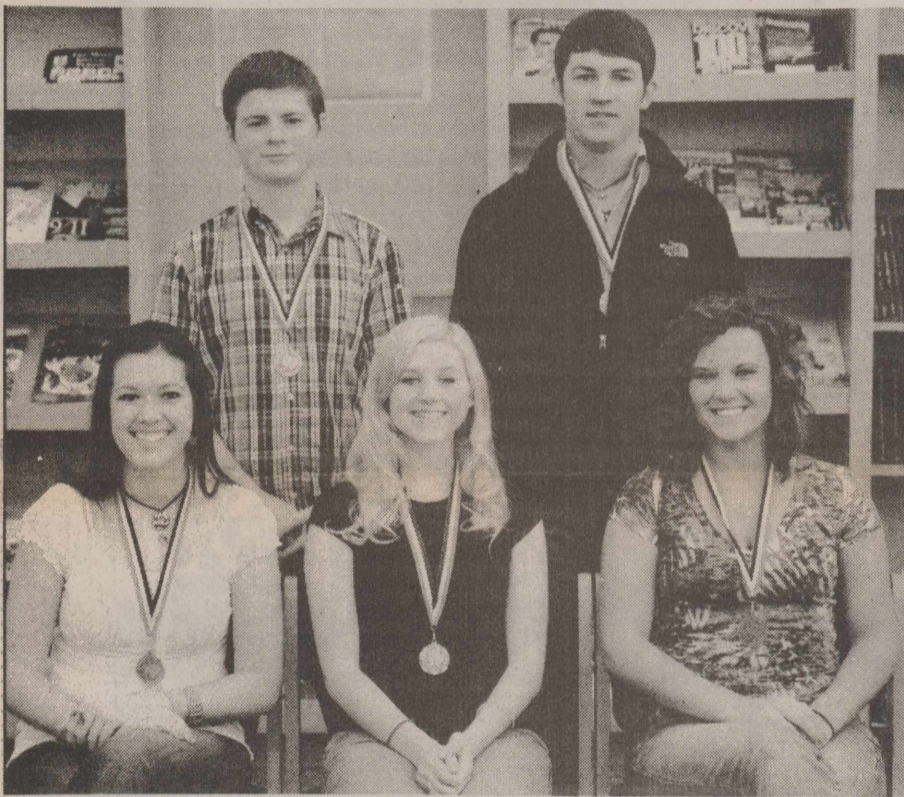
## Moore receives one rating

Katy Moore participated in UIL Vocal Solo-Ensemble contest at West Texas A&M. She sang a solo and received a one rating. Congratulations Katy.



## Lantelme Signs Letter of Intent for track

Stratford High School Senior Casey Lantelme recently signed a letter of intent for track at West Texas A&M University. Shown with Casey are his parents David and Terri Lantelme, Athletic Director Eddie Metcalf and Casey's proud little brother Chase.



The Stratford High School One Act Play advanced from the zone contest to the district contest to be held in Canadian on Monday, April 2. These students received individual awards: Mary Ann Spurlock was named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast; Jordan Shyanne Acker, Jordan Johnson, and Adrian du Plessis were named to the All-Star Cast; and Kammi Birdsong was awarded Best Actress. Congratulations to these students and the entire cast and crew!



These students will compete at the UIL Regional Academic Meet to be held on the campus of South Plains in Levelland on Friday, April 20: Erin Wilkins, Kammi Birdsong, Allissa Palmer, M'Lynn Wells, Ellie Daniels, Ransom Lermon, Meghan Brooks, Haydee Rojas, and David Acosta. Congratulations and Good Luck at Regionals!

## Stratford Ex-Student Meeting

Tuesday, April 10th

By Gaynelle Riffe  
Stratford Ex-Student honored classes 1942, 52,62,72,82,92,2002 representatives will meet Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. at The Imagination Station 202 N Main. Ex-Student Reunion is July 27, 28 and notices will be sent to all ex-students in May. Addresses for all honored classes and any address corrections should be noted by May 1. Honored class activities and any community activities schedules should be planned for the May mailing. The Stratford Jamboree will be held during the Ex-Student Reunion and includes the Parade, Barbeque, Study Club "Old Timers" program, the Education Foundation Honored Class program and the Street Party on July 28.

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## What should you do before EMS arrives?

SCOT will host Jimmy Lanning of Stratford EMS for a presentation on what to do after you call 9-1-1. Topics will include DNRs and medication lists. There will also be a Question and Answer session. Have your questions ready and make plans to be there. Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. at SCOT HALL. The public is encouraged to attend.

## Meet the Candidates Forum

The Texas AgriLife Extension, Leadership Advisory Board and the Sherman County Development Committee will be hosting a Meet the Candidates Forum on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. This evening will give each and every one of you the opportunity to hear from the candidates running for office here in Sherman County. This year we have five candidates for Sherman County Sheriff, two candidates for County Commissioner Pct. 1, as well as unopposed races for County Attorney, County Commissioner Pct. 3, and Tax Assessor/Collector. Anyone wishing to ask questions of the candidates may bring them by the Extension Office or you can e-mail them to [sherman@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:sherman@ag.tamu.edu)

## Sherman County Livestock Association Annual Meeting

The Sherman County Livestock Association will hold their Annual Meeting on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Barn. Anyone interested in participating on the Livestock Association is encouraged to attend this meeting. They will have their annual Board member elections that evening and elect 3 new board members to serve 3-year terms. If you have any problems, complaints, or suggestions about how the stock show should be changed this is your chance to voice your opinion. You do not have to serve on the Board to be involved in the Livestock Association and all help and involvement is greatly appreciated.

Board elections will be held. Those currently serving on the board are James Smith, Jack Swain, Garland Dahl and Dinah Horsford. Five board members will be elected

Editors Note: Regarding the "Who Is Your Hero", we have not received one letter, so I guess we are canceling this. Thanks

Red Hat will meet Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

## State Fair of Texas Lamb, Goat, and Swine Tags and Steer State Tag Orders

The time has arrived to start ordering your Lamb, Goat, and Swine ear tags for the State Fair of Texas this fall. We are also taking orders for Steer tags for the 2013 Major Stock Show Season. Anyone needing to order tags please come by or call the Extension office at 366-2081 and place your order. The deadline to order tags is April 13<sup>th</sup>. All tags will be \$8.00 a piece and validation will take place during the month of June. Contact the Extension office if you have any questions.

## Storm Spotter Class

A storm spotter class will be held on Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at the Stratford Fire Department. This is an opportunity to be trained to recognize tornado clouds as well as other types of clouds. Sherman County has a few volunteers who perform the task of storm spotter but we could use more. If you are currently a storm spotter or are interested in learning about more, please plan to attend the training. For more information contact Margaret Ewers Sherman County Emergency Management Coordinator at 366-2021

## CALLING ALL QUILTERS

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual SCOT Quilt Show will be held Saturday, July 28 in conjunction with Stratford Days Jamboree. The show will be held the afternoon of July 28 at SCOT Hall.

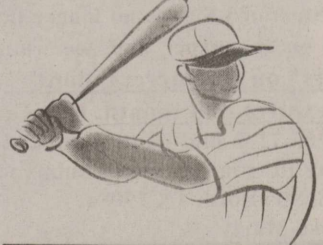
SCOT would like to showcase the talents of quilters in our community at this event. Anyone who would like to display a quilt (either one they have made or received) is encouraged to do so.

So that adequate arrangements can be made for the show, persons interested in exhibiting quilts are asked to contact Susie Spurlock at 396-2864 or email [locksipur@xit.net](mailto:locksipur@xit.net) as soon as possible.

Attention Stratford: prom decorations needed: we need clear lights, any greenery. If you want it returned after the prom please put your name and phone number on it and deliver to Crystal Pitti at her house. All junior parents are meeting Tuesday's at 7 p.m. at the high school for decorations.

## Volunteers Needed

Stratford Youth Baseball League needs volunteers. If you are interested, please call Tammy Couch 806-305-2618. We are in need of coaches, coaches!!! In order to have a successful year we need adults to volunteer their time, knowledge and leadership to our youth. Without your help our kids won't have a team!



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## Obituaries



**Shana Summerour Wicall**  
November 15, 1961  
March 30, 2012

Shana Summerour Wicall, a former Texas Hereford Queen who was loved dearly by many, died Friday, March 30 of throat cancer.

Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 3 at Central United Methodist Church, 517 Rock Island Avenue in Dalhart. A graveside service followed. There was a reception after the graveside service back at the church. Arrangements were under the care of Horizon Funeral Home.

Shana was born in Dalhart Nov. 15, 1961. She graduated from Stratford High School in 1980, then completed a two-year degree at Bauder Fashion College in Arlington, TX in 1982.

Shana -- the oldest of three children -- was a member of the Texas Junior Hereford Association and was the Texas Hereford Queen in 1979. To this day, Shana's family finds a great deal of pride in this accomplishment of hers. Shana and her family were thrilled when Shana crowned her sister Texas Hereford Queen in 1980. Shana's brother also served as the group's president for a year. Shana and her family raised cattle, and she and her two siblings showed Hereford cattle all over Texas. Shana was honored to be at all the major shows to represent the Hereford Industry, performing duties such as handing out trophies.

Shana had a warm heart and many friends -- friends who often made the drive to Shana's family's house in the country in Dalhart. She could be shy, but when she stepped out of the house it was like she was stepping out of Vogue Magazine. That's one reason Shana was voted most beautiful in high school. Shana was easy to get along with and loved baking and dancing. Shana loved going to concerts and being outside -- especially at parks. She was fun-loving; always joking and loving life.

Shana is survived by her daughter Ashlee Glock, her parents Buzz and Nell Summerour of Dalhart, sister, Shelly Summerour of Dallas, brother Berry and his wife Jennifer Summerour of Houston, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Donations can be made to any charity of your choosing in Shana Summerour Wicall's name.

## From the desk of Chief Powell



We would like to thank the Girl Scouts for visiting the Police Department on Tuesday of last week. The girls were taken on a tour of the department by Chief Powell and then shown the operations of the equipment. After this, they were given a short bicycle safety course by Detective Gabehart. The group then got suckers and police tattoos before being taken outside to see the display of police vehicles and how the equipment inside operates. Thanks again and we had a great time. Just as with the Boy Scouts, we would love to entertain either group at any time they wish to visit.

### STRATFORD POLICE DEPT. 2ND ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT IN THE PARK IS A GO!!

Please bring your children out on Saturday April 7th, from 11 am to 1 pm for our second annual Easter egg hunt in the park. Emergency vehicles will be on hand for them to crawl around on and to look at. Tim Miller will be on site with his "bouncy house" again. D.J. Joe "Chief Powell will provide music and there will be several hundred eggs to be found. Children 5 and under can simply come and grab some eggs from Chief or one of the officers. We are asking for donations, if you can, bring cookies & cupcakes or whatever you like so the children will have some snacks while they are out there, it would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you and your children out there!!!

Have a great week, Stratford!!

Chief Joe Powell

Friend us on Facebook - [www.stratfordpd.com](http://www.stratfordpd.com)

**A burn ban is in effect for Sherman County as of February 14, 2012. Please help prevent fires. Violation of the burn ban is a Class C misdemeanor with a fine up to \$500.**

**Una prohibicion de quemar es vigente para el Condado de Sherman el 14 de febrero de 2012. Por favor ayude a prevenir los fuegos. La violacion de la prohibicion de quemar es una Clase C delito con una multa hasta \$500.**

## Union Pacific Railroad Police work with local law enforcement to bring awareness

By Chief Joe Powell

On Wednesday March 28th, the Union Pacific Railroad Police were in town for a Railroad Crossing Awareness Program.

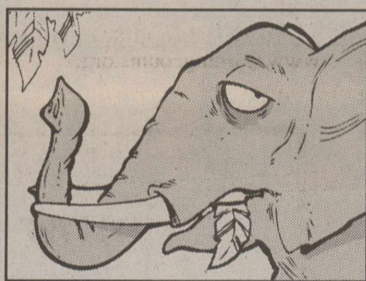
Their main objective is to bring awareness to the public about safety when it comes to RR crossings. For several hours they worked with the Stratford Police Department, Sherman County Sheriff's Office and the Texas DPS in an effort to bring attention and awareness. Officers and Deputies were stationed at numerous RR crossings to make sure motorists obeyed the laws as the locomotives came from east and west. Several citations and several warnings were issued throughout this period. Stratford Police Officers made two separate stops where a train was coming, red lights were flashing and arms were coming down as Semi-trucks attempted to make it across the tracks. In both instances, the RR arms collided with the trailers' of the two trucks. By state law, motorists must wait until the arm is completely in the upright position and ALL red lights STOP flashing before driving over the tracks. Thanks to all who participated in this event and we want to thank the Union Pacific Railroad Police for their care and concern for our citizens.

When you see this  
"Old Man" on  
April 4th, wish him a  
**Happy**  
**50th Birthday!!!**



Happy Birthday - Love Ya,  
ViAnn, Brent,  
Brad, Rachael & Brayson

A Medical Fund has been set up for  
Jessica Acosta at the First State Bank  
of Stratford



African elephants only have four teeth to chew their food with.



Insects outnumber humans 100,000,000 to one.

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—William Simon

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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 non-discriminatory basis, giving equal treatment and access to services without regard to sex, race, religion, age or ethnicity.

## Health Awareness

### Spring Forward With Fun, Healthy Physical Activities For The Entire Family

(NAPS)—You made it through the shortest days of the year, and now that the days are longer, take time to add more physical activity to your family's day. Balancing your child's school day, homework and other activities can be hectic, but making small changes this spring can lead to big rewards. Before you know it, your family will become a more active and healthier bunch.

Parents are role models for their children. When your children see you eating right and being physically active, there's a good chance they'll do the same. Living a healthier, more physically active lifestyle doesn't require expensive sporting equipment or memberships. There are fun, creative ways to improve your family's physical activity habits.

To start, monitor your family's daily activities for one week. Identify times when your family could increase its physical activity. Each week, add more activity into your family's routine.

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

• **Play a game of tag instead of watching television.** Tag provides fun and physical activity. Children love it—especially if they can chase their parents—and it increases everyone's heart rate at the same time.

• **Start a family garden.** Begin getting the soil ready to plant flowers and vegetables. If you have limited space, try growing herbs in pots. Homegrown vegetables and herbs are great money savers and ensure you'll have something available for healthy summer meals and snacks. Fresh herbs are



When your children see you being physically active, there's a good chance they will do the same.

also a tasty alternative to salt when cooking.

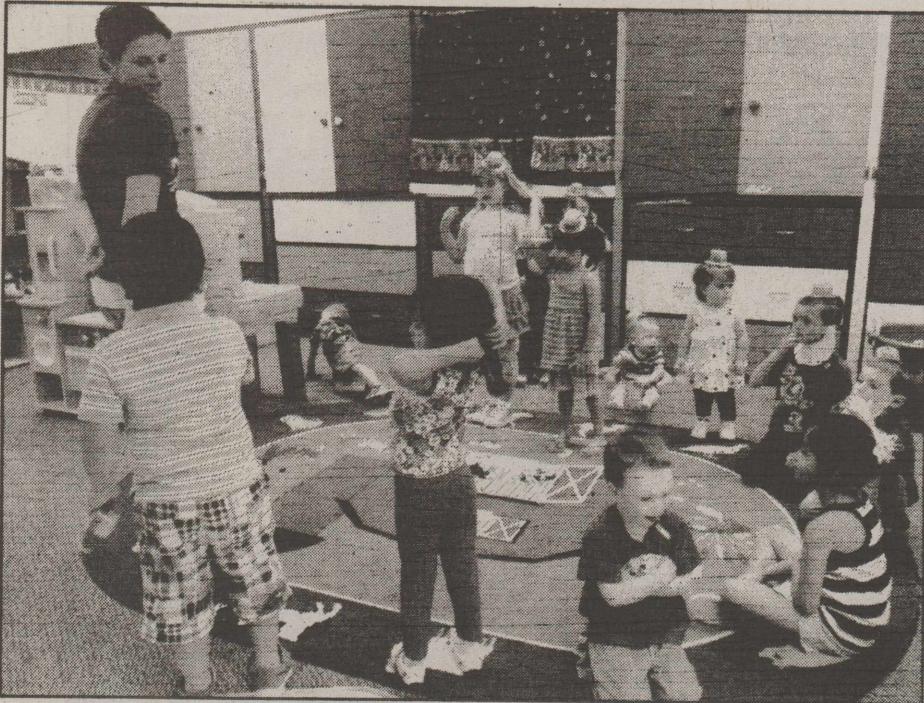
• **Go old school.** Help your children draw hopscotch or four square courts on the sidewalk. Sidewalk chalk is a colorful and inexpensive way for children to create their own activity space.

• **Plan a nature scavenger hunt.** Pick up small nets and mason jars for kids to use to catch butterflies or interesting insects, and collect flowers in the neighborhood or at a local park.

• **Help your children organize a neighborhood softball or kickball game** with their friends. Pitch in by planning healthy snacks and drinks to keep everyone energized during games.

Start with small steps to get your family to move more. Making little changes can help everyone maintain a healthy weight.

For more tips on how to help your family live a healthier lifestyle, visit the **We Can!** (Ways to Enhance Children's Activity & Nutrition)<sup>®</sup> website: [wecan.nhlbi.nih.gov](http://wecan.nhlbi.nih.gov).



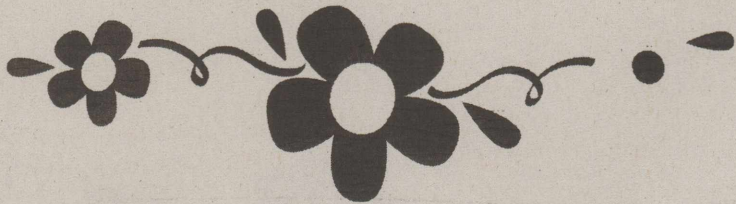
Children at Lollipop Junction celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a party. The children played games and sang songs with their teacher to celebrate the day.

## Choo, Choo Lollipop News

Lollipop Junction celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a party on March 16th. Fourteen children played Irish theme games and sang songs with their teachers. They also enjoyed delicious refreshments of cookies, cupcakes and other goodies to celebrate the holiday.

Lollipop Junction will be 20 year old this year. The board of directors are planning something special to celebrate this milestone in providing child care services to the community. Be watching the Stratford Star and Lollipop Junction's website for more information.

To learn more how all community members can help Lollipop Junction continue to meet the needs of providing child care to the Stratford area, contact Brio Brackett, director, Valarie Naugle, Martha Duncan, or Wesley Spurlock.



### CAREER

## How to Avoid the Pitfalls of Starting Your Own Business

NewsUSA  
(NU) - Maybe it's something you've been dying to do for years. Or maybe the idea of starting your own business became attractive after you lost your job. Whatever the reason, know that while your passion for your product or service is your best weapon, that alone won't guarantee success. Here are tips to avoid the pitfalls ahead:

- **Use technology to stay lean.** The average size of all start-ups has dropped to 4.9 employees today from 7.5 in the 1990s partially because the web helps minimize expenses. The National Small Business Administration report that "most small companies" now buy supplies, pay bills and manage payrolls through web-based services.
- **Protect your ideas.** If you think you've devised the proverbial "better mousetrap" and are looking for a financial backer to market it, take heed: Before sharing anything patentable with anyone, at the very least get a signed nondisclosure agreement promising they won't steal it.
- **Learn from what works.** "Continuing to innovate has been key to our success," says Bob Tafaro, CEO of the New Jersey-based GAF (www.gaf.com). The company was already North America's largest roofing manufacturer when it decided a few years ago to embrace the green movement, which resulted in glowing press coverage of its "cool roofs" initiative even as it readied to celebrate its 125th anniversary.

## Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Florencia Eslinger and her neighbors are planting a garden. Roy and Cicy Harris recently attended an Art Show of a great niece Aderie at Burleson, Texas.

Peggy Hawkins will be having back surgery soon. Annette Hampton had a booth at Expo 2012 at Woodward, OK. She saw Dr. Gary Mathews at Beaver.

## Berry honored for sales achievement

Walt A. Berry, Stratford, Texas, a representative of Modern Woodmen of America, has been named to Modern Woodmen's President's Club. This distinction recognizes Berry's high achievement in life insurance sales among the organization's representatives nationwide.

Founded in 1883, Modern Woodmen of America touches lives and secures futures. The fraternal financial services organization offers financial products and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families throughout the United States.

## Laura Bush Keynote Speaker for Power of Purse April 5

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Power of the Purse" Luncheon and Designer Purse Auction, Thursday April 5 at the Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Ballroom. The Purse Auction will open at 10:30-1:00. Luncheon 11:30 featuring keynote speaker, Laura W. Bush an advocate for women's health.

"Ladies First," the third annual Power of the Purse Luncheon will benefit the programs and research that honor and educate those who care about this Pioneer Spirit and the role of women today and tomorrow everywhere. "Ladies First: First in Family, First in Health, First in Community"

Funding from "Power of the Purse" 2010 launched the Infant Risk Call Center in Amarillo and 2011 beneficiary was GIRL Power (Growing Relationships in Life) Reservations are limited: Call Jennifer Smith in Development 806-356-4614 Sneak a Peek at the Purse Auction  
[www.laurabushinstitute.org/amarillo/community/PoP.aspx](http://www.laurabushinstitute.org/amarillo/community/PoP.aspx)

### EDUCATION

## Time-Savers to Finish Your Degree

NewsUSA

(NU) - It's a goal of many recent post-high school students - go to a great university and graduate with a bachelor's degree in four years. But why is that more easily said than done, and what can be done to stay on schedule?

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, fewer than 60 percent of first-time students who sought a bachelor's degree or its equivalent while enrolled at a four-year institution full time completed the degree at that institution within six years.

Degree completion remains at the forefront of the national agenda as experts predict that, in just 10 years, more than 60 percent of all new jobs will require a college education. Organizations such as the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) are increasing efforts to raise graduation rates by presenting alternative ways to earn a degree quickly.

With alternative methods like Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), offered by some colleges and universities, and services such as LearningCounts.org, completing credits is more convenient for adult learners. PLA saves a lot of time toward degree completion. Hundreds of colleges and universities have used this system to award credit for other forms of learning, such as work experience, civic activity, corporate training and independent studies.

To find more information, go to [www.learningcounts.org](http://www.learningcounts.org).

## Story Time@Your Library

The spring session of "Story Time" will begin on Monday, March 19th at the Sherman County Public Library. Mrs. Yvonne Pittman will be in charge of this session and all children are sure to enjoy the stories and activities. "Story Time" will be held on Monday, March 19, April 2, April 23, and April 30. Please call the Sherman County Library at 366-2200 to enroll your child or if you have any questions concerning this matter.

## April Prom Special

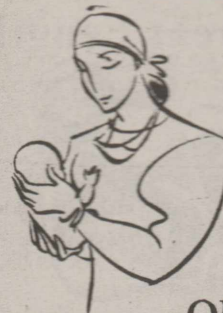
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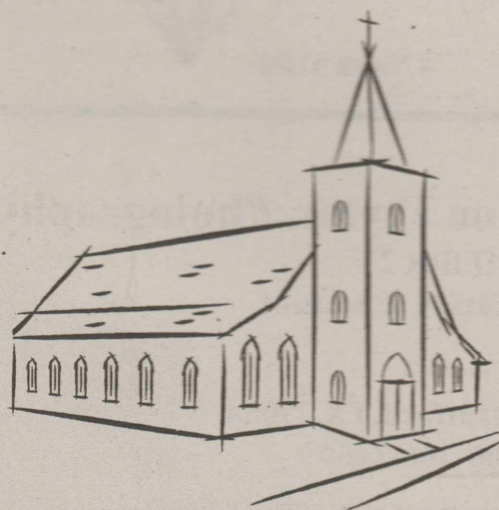
**First Assembly of God**  
Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**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. David Terry  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Junior High UMY 5:00 p.m.  
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 Jason Stone  
702 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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## Forty-two Students compete at UIL District Academic Meet

Forty-two Stratford High students competed at the UIL District Academic Meet held at Amarillo College on Friday, March 23. These students placed in the top six and earned points for the competition. The Computer Science team of Adrian du Plessis, Denny Mace and Mario Rivas placed 3rd. The Social Studies team of Gabriel Tarango (5th), Dallas Harbour (6th), Derek Vasquez, and Tyler Seward placed 2nd. The accounting team of Ransom Lerman (1st), Meghan Brooks (3rd), Haydee Rojas (6th) and David Acosta placed 1st. Other individuals were Allissa Palmer 2nd in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Kammi Birdsong 1st in Prose, Ransom Lerman 4th in Math, M'Lynn Wells 2nd in Spelling and 3rd in Headlines, Casey Lantelme 4th in Headlines, Janette Daniels 4th in News, Erin Wilkins 2nd and Britney Garza 5th in Editorials, and Ellie Daniels 2nd in Features. Congratulations to all these students!



### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SURVEY

As you may know the Chamber of Commerce is inactive at this time but there are people that would like to see it up and going again. SCDC has offered to survey local businesses, taxing entities and the community to get ideas on the future of a Chamber in Stratford. If you'd like to voice your opinion please fill out the short form below and return it to Sherman County Development, PO Box 652, Stratford, TX 79084. You can also email your comments to [scdc@xit.net](mailto:scdc@xit.net) or fax the form to 366-3025, no cover sheet needed. *Names will be kept confidential* and your input is appreciated.

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Does Stratford need a Chamber of Commerce? YES  NO
2. If you checked "YES" please tell us why you think we need a Chamber: \_\_\_\_\_
3. If the Chamber re-opened would you support it? YES  NO
4. Should the Chamber be located in a stand-alone office? Or could it function out of a private business or a non-profit? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Does a Chamber need at least one fulltime employee focusing on building the membership and planning activities that will bring tourists to town? YES  NO
6. What do you expect from a Chamber of Commerce? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Comments/ideas: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Optional: Business owner  Non-profit  Community member



# Business Directory

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House for sale by owner-619 Purnell, 4bdrm 3 bath, 2981 sq. ft. New sculptured metal roof, h/ac, windows, Teak hardwood floors and tile, corner lot close to schools, Call for appointment, 806-366-7664 or 806-753-6677. 3-29-tfn

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Willie Mae Fleming. Deceased were issued on March 27, 2012 under Docket 2194, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to:

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Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

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 c/o Greg Oelke  
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All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated: March 27, 2012

Hunter & Oelke, P.C.  
 Greg Oelke  
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 Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, April 5, 2012

### Card of Thanks

THE HOWARD NORVELL GREEN POST 262 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION IN STRATFORD WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY FOR COMING OUT AND SUPPORTING OUR FUNDRAISER FOR BOYS STATE AND GIRLS STATE! A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS: ACQUISITIONS, MOORE'S FOOD PRIDE, A&I PARTS, BAIN TIRE, AND SHERMAN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. THANKS TO SHERMAN COUNTY FOR THE USE OF THEIR FACILITY AND TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE EVENT. IT IS INDEED A PRIVILEGE TO LIVE IN SUCH A GENEROUS AND CARING COMMUNITY! OUR POST HAS EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT GRAYSON AND M'LYNN WILL REPRESENT STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL, THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE ENTIRE STRATFORD COMMUNITY EXTREMELY WELL!

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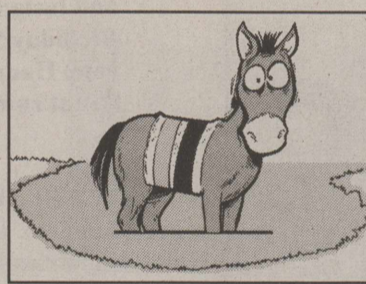
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A mule won't sink in quicksand but a donkey will.

## Baby Basics

### A Restful Bedtime Routine

(NAPS)—Here's news many sleep-deprived parents will be happy to wake up to. In a recent study led by pediatric sleep expert Dr. Jodi Mindell and JOHNSON'S® Baby, researchers found that the use of a three-step nightly routine incorporating the JOHNSON'S BEDTIME line resulted in babies not only falling asleep easier, but also sleeping through the night better.

This three-part process consisting of bath time, a baby massage and quiet time had babies taking 37 percent less time to fall asleep, sleeping 20 percent longer and showing a 50 percent reduction in night awakenings.

#### Three Steps to Better Rest

Here's how it works:

##### 1. Bath Time

Gather all necessary bath items, including towels, cleansers and washcloths. Splash some of the bathwater on your wrists to be sure the temperature is less than 120° F. Use one arm to continually support baby's head, back and neck, while using your other to lather up your little one with JOHNSON'S BEDTIME Bath, developed with NATURALCALM, a unique blend of essences proven to contain relaxing properties and warm, comforting notes.

##### 2. Massage

After drying down baby, lay your baby on a flat surface and warm some JOHNSON'S BEDTIME Lotion in your hands before massaging with gentle, circular touches. Start with the face and work your way down, always



A bath and soothing massage just before bed may help your baby get to sleep faster and stay asleep longer.

maintaining eye contact to help baby remain calm and relaxed.

##### 3. Quality Quiet Time

Next, ease your little one off to sleep with quality quiet time together. Read a story, sing a lullaby or just quietly enjoy each other's warmth. Choose what works for you and your little one, but to ensure that sleep shortly follows, your quiet time shouldn't exceed 20 minutes.

##### A Modern Response

Luckily, the modern mom now has a tool to keep all this at hand. With the recent launch of JOHNSON'S new BEDTIME App for iPhone, parents can track and monitor their baby's sleep patterns, get their related questions answered by pediatric sleep expert Dr. Jodi Mindell, and access a variety of other sleep tools and features such as playable lullabies and a soothing sound mixer.

For more information, visit [www.johnsonsbaby.com/bedtime](http://www.johnsonsbaby.com/bedtime).

## Fitness Made Easier

### Plant The Seeds Of Better Health This Spring With Your Favorite Activity

(NAPS)—With the long winter months' end in sight and the renewal of spring approaching, you are probably thinking of spring cleaning, spring planting and all the outdoor activities that you have not been able to do over the past months. Springtime is an opportunity to focus not only on planting a garden but also seeds of better health.

Did you know that being physically active and eating well may help you stay fit and feel fabulous over the years? If you are overweight or inactive, you may have a higher risk for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and other serious health problems.

The Weight-control Information Network (WIN), a service of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health, encourages you to think about your health. To help you improve your health this spring, WIN offers the following ideas:

#### Move More By Finding Your Favorite Activity

• **Aim for 30 minutes of physical activity (at moderate intensity) each day.** This can be as simple as brisk walking. You can walk with a friend or even walk the dog. (If you don't have a dog, you can offer to walk the neighbor's dog.) If you don't have 30 minutes all at one time, break it up into 10-minute bouts, three times a day.

• **Physical activity does not have to be expensive or routine.** Many activities are free or



Aim for at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity a day.

low cost, such as enjoying the scenery at the park or checking out a fitness video or DVD from the library. By changing up your activities each day, you can find fun activities that are different and exciting.

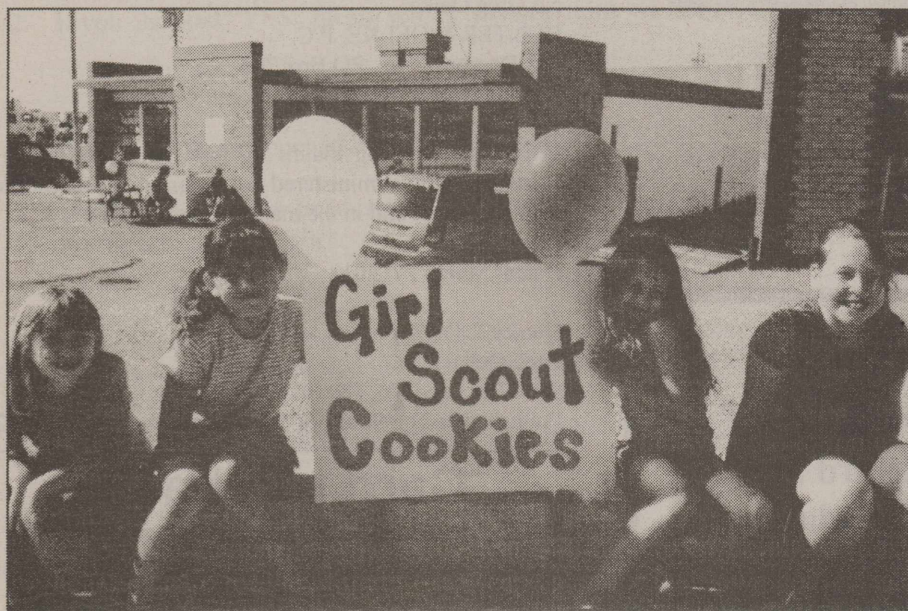
• **Make chores fun by putting some energy into them.** Washing the car, planting seeds and bulbs, sweeping floors, raking leaves, and other chores all count as ways to be active.

#### Learn More

Find healthy tips in "Fit and Fabulous As You Mature," a free publication of the Weight-control Information Network. You can find it at [www.win.niddk.nih.gov/publications/mature.htm](http://www.win.niddk.nih.gov/publications/mature.htm) and get further facts and advice at [www.win.niddk.nih.gov](http://www.win.niddk.nih.gov) and (877) 946-4627.



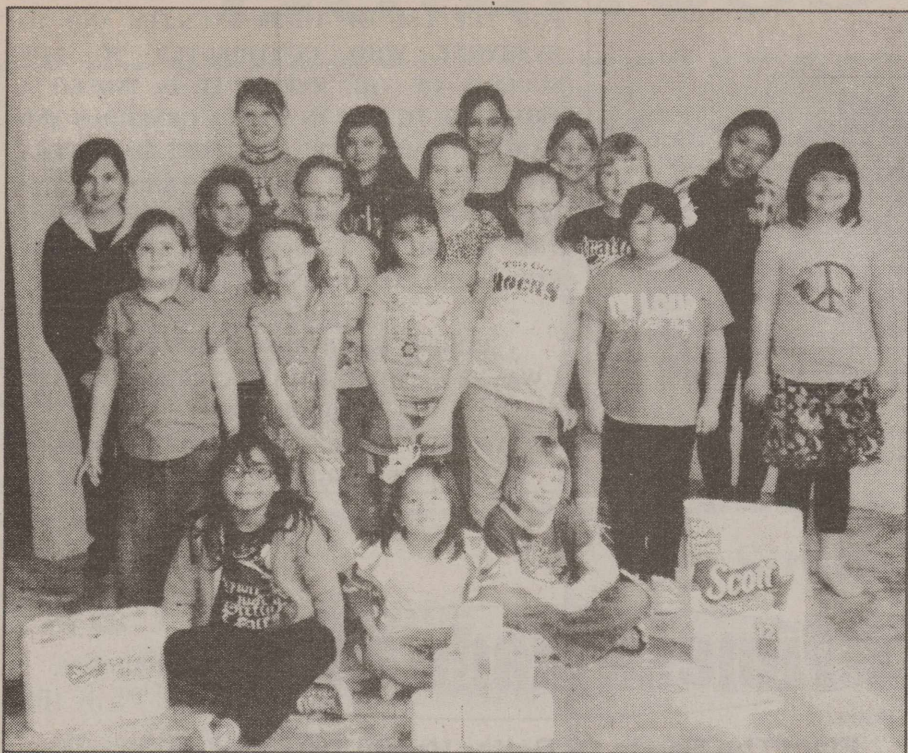
On March 27th, twenty-two of girls registered with Stratford Girl Scouts visited Chief Powell and the officers at the Stratford Police Department. The girls had a wonderful visit and learned all about bicycle safety. Pictured but not in order are: Zaeleigh Gutierrez, Abigail Gutierrez, Emma Watson, Sarah Bench, Sarahi Franco, Jasmine Moczygamba, Destiny Paez, Meghan McNeely, Emma Hartman, Yessina Valdez, Brianna Rich, Viktoria Moczygamba, Holly Sladek, Sydnee Palmer, Tiara Chavez, Xenia Franco, Chantal Guel, DarCee Robinson, Hannah Sims, Morgan Maldonado,



For the last couple of months the Girl Scouts have been selling Girl Scout Cookies. In an effort to sell the remaining cookies that the girls have in their cookie cupboard, they held a cookie booth in the parking lot at Elk Junction. Pictured are: Meghan McNeely, Gloria Hernandez, Sarah Bench and Hannah Sims. Also participating in the cookie booth but not pictured were Tiara Chavez and DarCee Robinson.



Stratford Girl Scouts helped to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Girl Scouts on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Westgate Mall in Amarillo. The event was called "Stand Up and Be Counted". The girls who participated in the event all received an insignia tab, membership pin, a 100th birthday pin and a special 100th Birthday Stand Up and Be Counted badge bracelet. Pictured are: (back row) Hannah Sims, Brianna Rich, Viktoria Moczygamba, Destiny Paez, (front row) Samantha Tilton, Zaeleigh Gutierrez and Jasmine Moczygamba.



Shown at Left-The girls with Stratford Girl Scouts donated over 320 rolls of toilet paper to the Imagination Station. Pictured are: (back row) DarCee Robinson, Brianna Rich, Chantal Guel, Holly Sladek, Eugenia Almdarez, (3rd row) Xenia Franco, Sarahi Franco, Chloe Watson, Hannah Sims, Viktoria Moczygamba, Emma Hartman, (2nd row) Samantha Tilton, Sarah Bench, Yessina Valdez, Emma Watson, Morgan Maldonado, (seated) Destiny Paez, Zaeleigh Gutierrez and Jasmine Moczygamba.

## Girl Scout News

The Girl Scouts have had a couple of very busy months. For starters, the girls are so very blessed to have the opportunity to meet each week at the Imagination Station. The girls decided that they wanted to give something back to the Imagination Station, so they had a "T.P." Party where they collected and donated over 320 rolls of toilet paper.

In February, the girls learned what it takes to be a good friend and participated in activities designed to help them make new friends. The girls learned how to make their own lotion. They expanded on what they learned and decorated small containers that they filled with the lotion and distributed to the residents at Coldwater Manor. They also worked on several exercises to prepare them for an emergency (knowing who to go to in case of an emergency; what number to call; how to check injuries, call for help and care for the injured; fire escape plan for their own houses; and stop, drop and roll). These activities reinforced many of the lessons they learned when they visited the fire department in January. At the end of the February the girls had a great time playing "Leap Day" games.

March was a busy month for the girls. At the beginning of the month, they worked with Sherri Sladek on basic first aid. The girls learned how to wrap a sprained wrist, how to save a choking baby, the Heimlich maneuver and other basic first aid topics. On March 12th, seven girls participated in an event at Westgate Mall in Amarillo for the 100th Birthday of Girl Scouts (Stand Up and Be Counted). The girls recited the Girl Scout Promise, joined in on a flash dance of the Twist and sang songs. At the end of the month, the girls visited the Police Department. The girls toured the police department, learned bicycle safety and had an opportunity to view the police vehicles. The last day of March ended with a cookie booth in the parking lot of Elk Junction. The girls had a great time selling cookies.

## Which Jug of Roundup Should I Buy

By Brad Eastering

After talking with my mom a few weeks back at Home Depot along with several folks around the community, I have come to the realization that not everyone understands exactly what those big, long, extremely hard to pronounce words are on the bottles of pesticides that they buy in the store. Just as important, most homeowners do not understand what the words truly mean, nor the most important part when shopping for pesticides, the little percentages out to the side of those hard to pronounce words. Now I am not saying that you need to become a chemist in order to understand these chemicals, but if you learn the names of them by their chemical name it is much easier to go pick up a much cheaper alternative or generic. Also, it helps to understand what those percentages on the label actually mean. They are telling you the percentage of Active Ingredient (AI) that is present in the container.

Take Roundup for example, the chemical name or AI is glyphosate. Today you can find several different Roundup products on the market. Original Roundup, WeatherMax, Ultra, WeatherStick, ReadyToUse. I have even seen a product that was Roundup offering season long residual weed control. If you know anything about Roundup it has no residual control, zero. Therefore this product has another AI mixed in with it to offer the "season long" weed control.

Now let us just take the AI glyphosate, you have just added about 10,000 products that you can choose from because the generic market is so big. Glyphosate is such a tremendously popular product that everyone has a generic out on the market today. So let's try to narrow the choices down and still save you some money. Look at that percentage of AI on the label, how big is it. I have seen numbers as low as .003% all the way up to 47%. You can get products higher than that but they are generally ag products. The lower the percentage of AI, the less product that is in the container. The rest is basically water. I understand that the big jug of 47% Roundup is going to cost you \$200, but you will also only use 1 tsp per gallon versus the 13% Roundup at \$47 that uses 10 tsp per gallon. The 47% is a much larger jug by the way. Of course you don't want to buy that much pesticide if you can't use it within its useful lifetime.

So now decide how much glyphosate do you need and how much are you willing to pay. The convenient one quart spray bottles are generally the most expensive ways to purchase glyphosate. These bottles will have the lowest percentage of AI in them of any other container. Of course, if that one quart is kills your weeds easily and lasts you for 2-3 years then this may be the answer. On the other hand, if you go through at least a gallon and still have a hard time controlling weeds then consider buying a larger container with a higher percentage of AI. It will save you money in the long run. Just remember, if that container sits in your garage for 4-5 years or longer then the efficacy, or how well it works may go down, so try not to buy more than you will use in a year.