

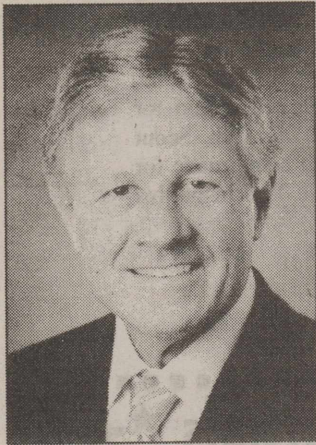
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David Seim

Happy State Bank announces expansion to Lubbock

A branch application has been filed with The Texas Department of Banking and the FDIC to open a Happy State Bank & Trust Company branch in Lubbock, according to J. Pat Hickman, Chairman & CEO of the Bank. The initial branch office will be located at 8001 Quaker, Suite N. The Lubbock location will be the 29th branch for Happy State Bank. While awaiting the approval of the branch application (which is expected in 45 days), Happy will operate in Lubbock as a Loan Production office and a Deposit Production Office.

David Seim has been named Chairman of the Lubbock Market for Happy State Bank. Additionally, he will serve on Happy's Board of Directors as an Advisory Director. Seim attended Texas Tech University and is a graduate of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University. David Seim and his wife, Paula, have three children and five grandchildren.

"The values and culture of Happy State Bank fit me to a tee. I could not be more proud to represent one of the fastest growing and most respected banks in Texas, and to introduce a level of banking service that is unsurpassed in its commitment to its customers, employees, and the communities it serves," states Seim.

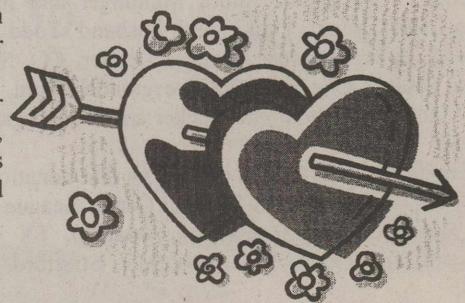
Seim's community involvement is extensive. He has served as chairman of United Way, Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, Southwest Lubbock Rotary Club, South Plains Council Boy Scouts of America and the Texas Tech University Foundation. His volunteerism has earned him several honors including the United Way's Rita Harmon Award for Community Service, the Roy Bass Distinguished Citizen Award and the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America. Additionally, Seim received the William Tinney Award for Ethics in Business. In 2006, he was awarded the Prestigious Chairman's Award from the Independent Bankers Association of Texas for his service to community banking. Seim is currently co-chairing a community visioning plan for Lubbock in conjunction with the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

"We are so excited about our bank's future in Lubbock. It fits right into the banking services we currently offer to the South Plains/Panhandle communities and its vast agriculture industries," states Hickman. "I, personally, am so pleased to partner with David Seim. David and I have worked together within our industry for 20 plus years. David is looked upon as an icon, a statesman among his banking peers and the folks in and around Lubbock. His reputation, leadership and experience will be invaluable to the Happy Bank."

American Legion calls special meeting

Robert Marr, Commander of the Howard Norvell Green Post 262 has called a special meeting for Monday, February 13, 2012 at the SCOT Hall. Meeting time is 7:00 PM. Purposes of the meeting are to select the Boys State and Girls State Delegates for this year. All Legionnaires are encouraged to attend this important meeting. If you have any questions, please call Robert Marr, Post Commander, at 806-827-7415 or Aaron Sheehan, Post Adjutant at 806-680-4513 or Robert McGinnis, Post Sgt-at-Arms at 396-2212.

Valentines Day



PSF Accepting 2012-2013 Scholarship Applications

-Submitted by Charlene Rider Goodwell, Okla.- Panhandle State Foundation awards scholarships annually to deserving OPSU students. Over 230 scholarships totaling more than \$200,000.00 are available for the 2012-2013 academic year. The Panhandle State Foundation scholarship packet contains this wide selection of scholarships with varying requirements. The scholarship packet is available in the Foundation Office (SL 207 on the OPSU campus) or online at www.opsu.edu/Offices/Foundation. Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2012. For more information, please call 349-1392.

2012 Tree Sale

Time is here once again for Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual Spring Tree Sale. Order forms are ready and can be picked up at our office at 418 North 4th in Stratford, or we can mail it if you give us a call. We can also email the order form if you supply us with an email address. Just call us or email us at shermwcd@xit.net.

While we try to list as many species that are available for this area, we cannot list them all. If you have any special wants or wishes as far as trees go this year, please call the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 and we will be happy to try and find what you need.

The District can also fill requests for drip irrigation supplies. We keep some drip supplies in stock, and will help in the design of your system and order exactly what is needed for you if we do not have it. Delivery is usually within three working days. You can also help your investment with the installation of weed barrier. We have this available also. This is especially important in windbreaks because we do not want the newly planted seedlings to have to fight with weeds and grass for water. The barrier will help prevent the growth of weeds and grass and keep the moisture in the ground.

If you need a Tree Order Form, want to place an order for trees, irrigation supplies, weed barrier or just have any questions regarding the trees or need help planning for your particular needs, please do not hesitate to contact the District or the NRCS at 396-5517 ext. 3.

Thank you for your continued support of conservation in Sherman County.

Sherman County Historical Commission

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Sherman County Historical Commission met Tuesday January 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom. The commission is looking for pictures of early to present activities in Sherman County: celebrations, school activities, business, agriculture, weather. We found a great picture on the front cover of "The Oklahoma Panhandle" book of the Stratford Flour Mill being moved in the early 1900's from Stratford to Boise City. How did they do that, watch for the picture in the Stratford Star.

Commission members present were: Alfred Pronger, Jill Pronger, Mattie Baskin, Katy Allen, Ann Wells, David Brown, Kent Cartrite, Ginger Roach, Judge Terri Carter and Gaynelle Riffe.

Rocky Sprott was the guest presenter on the Confederate Veterans buried in the Stratford Cemetery. He identified nine Confederates, two Union and a number of able bodied men that might have been in the War Between the States. The nine confirmed Confederate Veterans are: Jefferson Levi Davis, Gilmer D Engle, Alfred Marion Gladish, Lemuel J. Hensley, Alexander Campbell Jackson, William Thomas McKenney, Walter G. O'Brien, ARC Salon, Alexander Foxworth. Some of these were members of the UCV Bedford Forest Camp 1678 in Stratford. The two Union Veterans are Carl Shy and Levie S. Shuum. Mr. Sprott brought attention to the fact that Sherman County History is at the Cemetery. A project of the commission is to update John Wood's "Stratford Cemetery Book" and to place permanent stone markers for unmarked graves.

The next Sherman County Historical Commission meeting will be February 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Court Room. The public is invited to all Commission meetings and anyone interested in helping with pictures, updating the Cemetery Book or presentations of family histories at the cemetery is welcome.



Notice of Availability of Electronic Communications

Under a new law, chief appraisers, appraisal districts, and appraisal review boards may communicate electronically through email or other methods with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically instead of mailing. The Chief Appraiser has the discretion to offer this type of communication. At this time Sherman County Appraisal District will not be offering agreements to send or receive notices electronically for the 2012 tax year. If you have any questions, contact the District at 402 N. 3rd or PO Box 239, Stratford TX 79084.

Blood Drive Feb. 14th

Stratford High School Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the High School Activity Center at 503 N. 8th.

Every eligible donor who comes to donate will receive a grab bag t-shirt. Photo ID or Donor Card Required. Must be at least 17 years old to donate.

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All of these I listed in the article with AJ Riffe receiving his Eagle Scout.

The complete list so far of Eagle Scouts are Orville Eastman, Bill Reed, Rex Sladek, Fred Pronger, Ronnie Larimore, Pat Flores, Blake Sladek, Andy Riffe, Adam Witcher, Scott Zak, Chris Riffe, John Riffe, Patrick Pronger, Mathew Taliaferro, Eric Riffe, Andy Witcher and Pat Barnard. Added to list are Dave McReynolds, Byron Campbell and Pete White.

If you know of other names-please contact me. Thanks-Marty

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

A Medical benefit fund has been set up for Donna Wagner at the Happy State Bank in Stratford

The Food Pantry in Stratford is in need of your help, we need donations. They may be made at the First State Bank of Stratford or Happy State Bank. Canned goods etc. are also very welcomed. THANK YOU

A fund for Pepe Licon and Brenda Ibarra is set up at the First State Bank to help with expenses for their house that sustained fire damage

Attention to all subscribers!! Rate changed

The Stratford Star is no longer be sending out notices when your paper is due. Check the label on the paper and see what month your subscription expires. **I will be putting "Stars" on the current month" If you have a Star on your label it means that your sub expires that month.** If you are not sure the amount you owe if you live out of the area call 753-7373 and double check. Locally is \$33.00 and out of the area \$40.00. If you are paying for someone else's sub, you will be billed for that person. The Stratford Star, PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084
Thanks-Marty

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Obituaries



Donna Marie Wagner
February 8, 1947
February 4, 2012

Donna Marie Wagner, 64, of Stratford died Saturday, February 4, 2012.

Memorial Mass was held at 1 p.m., Monday February 6, 2012 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stratford with Father Joseph Pudhota officiating. Private family inurnment was at St. Mary's Cemetery, in Groom. Arrangements were by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St.

Donna was born in Groom, on February 8, 1947 to James and Jesse Smith. She graduated from Groom High School in 1965. Donna married Tom Wagner on August 14, 1965, they moved to Stratford in 1987. She was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Groom and St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stratford.

Survivors include her husband Tom, daughters, Angela Ledbetter of Amarillo, Audra Meidinger and husband Shawn, and Brandi Drake and husband Todd all of Stratford. Niece Michele West of Denver, CO, Nephew Grover Paul of Odgen Utah. Five grandchildren, Tiffni, Laci, Madeline, Colton, and Tucker and a great-grandson Pearson.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers that donations and memorials be sent to BCS Medical Center League House 7000 West Amarillo Boulevard, Amarillo, TX 79106-1820 and The Pantry P.O. Box 912, Stratford, Texas 79084.

Please sign the online guest book at www.schoolerfuneralhome.com

Lillie Belle Bradshaw
December 14, 1928
January 31, 2012

Lillie Belle Bradshaw, 83, of Amarillo died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday February 3, 2012 in First Family Church with the Rev. Robert Slaton and the Rev. Ronnie Woodward officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements were by Griggs-Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors, 5400 S. Bell St. in Amarillo, Texas.

Mrs. Lillie Belle Bradshaw was born Dec. 14, 1928, in Bowie. She was a member of the First Assembly of God for at least 60 years. She was involved in the WM Ministry for 15 to 20 years. She was a nurse at St. Anthony's Hospital, Northwest Texas Hospital and Osteopathic Hospital. She had lived in Amarillo since 1948.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Eugene Bradshaw; and two brothers.

Survivors include three daughters, Peggy Burke and husband Ron and DeRenda Bishop and husband Dwight, all of Amarillo, and Brenda Meroney and husband Lloyd of Stratford; two sons, Larry Bradshaw and wife Faith of Indianapolis, Ind., and Bobby Bradshaw and wife Peggy of Amarillo; a sister, Coren Day of Qdessa; a brother, Lee Jonas of Fresno, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

America's greatest strength, and its greatest weakness, is our belief in second chances, our belief that we can always start over, that things can be made better.

—Anthony Walton

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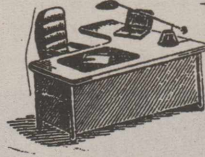
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From the desk of Chief Powell



Valentine's Day is just next week and for some it is just another day but putting my article together this time, I thought of something I'd like to say:

The residents & employees of Coldwater Manor don't always get the recognition they deserve. From now through Valentine's Day, join the Stratford Police Officer's and myself in making sure we show our appreciation in some way. Whether it is dropping off a card or perhaps a rose or two, or maybe giving a hug and just saying Thank You. The employees take care of moms, dads, brothers, sisters, and grandparents each and every day. And, those who are being taken care of, as well as ALL seniors, deserve a little love too!! This was on my mind and I simply thought I would share it with you. "Chief"

Also, as a reminder to our AWESOME elementary students: The deadline to have your project turned in to the Police Department is this Friday by the end of the day. They will be judged on Thursday the 10th and the officer's will visit your school on Monday the 13th to award the two winners. Again, we will award one boy and one girl.

As always: WE APPRECIATE THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF "YOUR" POLICE DEPARTMENT!!

Chief Joe Powell www.stratfordpd.com

S.C.O.T. Hall Scuttle

By: Cindy Jackson

Can you believe this weather? Wind and more wind.

We raised our dues \$1.00 per year. Our dues are now \$25.00 a year. You have also elected a new board. We have a new President, it is Terri Carter. Ann Johnson is Vice President and Susie Spurlock will be our new Secretary. Martha Mitts will remain our Treasurer. We will be having a membership soup supper on March 8th, 2012. Watch for more details to follow, at a later date. The board has a lot of wonderful things planned for you this year so keep your eyes and ears open.

I'm not much for the Super Bowl so I watched a classic called Giant. Rock Hudson, Elizabeth Taylor and James Dean. Elizabeth Taylor was so young and beautiful. I think the movie gave a true picture of Texas. How proud Jordan Benedict (Rock Hudson) is too being a Texan. It was tough for Leslie to adapt to the climate and desolate landscape. In the end she became a true Texan. A true Texan doesn't necessarily have to be born in Texas they just have to have a great love for Texas.

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—Ogden Nash

The man who puts into the marriage only half of what he owns will get that out.

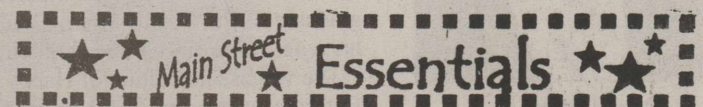
—Ronald Reagan

Imagine That at The Imagination Station

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Imagination Station has a new permanent sign on a freshly painted building with a new awning. Thanks to Joe Zak and help from Stratford Grain for the installation that saved about \$600.00. The next building project will be Russell Spurlock's Eagle Scout project to build a permanent stage and then perhaps refinishing the concrete floor.

The Imagination Station is beginning to receive items for the "Minnow of a Sale" in June and the "Whale of a Sale" in September. If you have items to donate, please contact a board member, Laurie Spurlock, Jeanne Bell, Yvonne Pittman, Cindy Jackson, Kathy Switzer, Amanda Sims, Jill Killian, Gaynelle Riffe or Don Riffe at Stratford Grain. Girl Scouts meet on Tuesdays and the computer lab is open on Sunday afternoon. We appreciate your help in our largest fund raiser to help keep the lights on. All items not sold are sent to other not for profits. The Imagination Station will host a celebration for 100 years of Girl Scouting and the Cub Scout Pinewood derby in March. Plans are being made for "Week of the Young Child" in April. The theme this year will be Transportation.



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Golden Nail Awards Nominations

Golden Nail Awards nominations are due to the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Feb. 6, 2012. The Golden Nail Awards dinner will be April 12, 2012 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

What is the Golden Nail?

The purpose of the Golden Nail is to honor individuals, businesses and foundations whose financial, in-kind contributions and volunteerism to The fine arts in the Panhandle are of such magnitude that the impact on the arts is significant; to recognize that private sector involvement is essential to the vitality of the fine arts; and to provide an incentive for greater support of the arts by the private sector.

The Golden Nail Symbol is derived from the bit of fold wisdom:

For the want of a nail, the shoe was lost.
For the want of a shoe, the horse was lost.
For the want of a horse a rider was lost.
For the want of a rider the battle was lost
And all for the want of a horse-shoe nail

Past Stratford recipients; Janet Riffe, Stratford Grain, Mr. & Mrs. Scott Buckles, George Harding.
For more information or nomination forms, contact Becky Zenor at Amarillo Chamber of Commerce 806-342-2010 or Gaynelle Riffe, Area Representative 806-396-5303

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Bridal Shower Held Feb. 4th

A bridal shower was held for Wes Kimball and Jamie Bauer, Saturday, February 4, 2012 in the home of Valerie Naugle. Shown above left to right are Nancy Kimball, Wes Kimball, Jamie Bauer, Betty Gamble and Julie Kimball.



Kautz honored with baby shower

A baby shower was held for April Kautz on Sunday, January 29th, 2012 in the home of ViAnn Reed. Left to right are Jennifer Artho, Jeanette Artho, Monica Pale, April and Lynette Kautz

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

A few Kerrick men had breakfast Saturday at the Community Building.

Present were Karl Punch, Doug Taylor, Alvie Hudgens, Angelo Card, Patrick Kushla, Roy Harris, Bill Gillenwaters.

Cooks were Ciccy Harris and Donna Gillenwaters. And Marylou McDaniel assisting.

Indolence is a delightful but distressing state; we must be doing something to be happy.

—Mahatma Gandhi



Wedding Shower held Feb. 5th

A Wedding Shower was held Sunday, February 5th, 2012 for Monica Pale in the home of ViAnn Reed. Shown above left to right are Lynette Kautz, Jennifer Artho, Monica Pale, Jeanette Artho and Sandy Pale.

Food

(NU) - A healthy diet is a necessity for individuals of all ages, but getting enough nutrients is especially important for school-age children. Not only are children developing eating habits that will follow them throughout their adult life, they also need the right kind of fuel to stay focused.

Fruit offers fiber and minerals to improve performance in class, provide energy for sports and curb appetites. Get creative during the school year with your afternoon snack. For example, try a quick and easy Banana and Raisin Wrap recipe from La Tortilla Factory at www.latorillafactory.com.

You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.

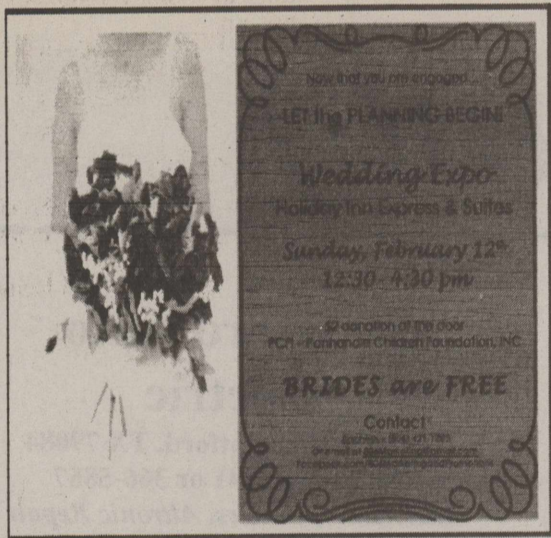
—Mahatma Gandhi

Valentine Party for Singles

A new singles fellowship group is being formed in Stratford. Their kickoff event will be a Valentine's Day Party; held on Tuesday, February 14th at the 1st United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall — located at 520 N. Main St. in Stratford. Activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. Anyone post-high school age and single (never married, divorced or widowed) is encouraged to attend.

Future social events and activities will be discussed. Plans at this time, include 2 monthly gatherings (one to be held in town, and one to be held at an area event).

Come and join the fun and fellowship. You might just meet your new best friend! Anyone interested in planning or decorating for the party is encouraged to contact David or Paula. For more information, contact Pastor David Terry (806-338-0028) or Paula Nusz (806-753-6489).



Stratford Hospital District

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366-5505
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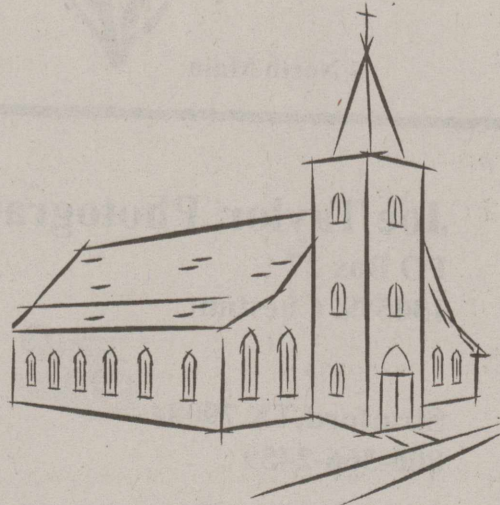
First Assembly of God
Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
Pastor Gary Smith
5th & 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
6th & Pearl
Rectory 366-5687
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First Baptist Church
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Basketball

The 7th grade Elks beat Gruver 26-23 on Monday, January 30, 2012. Russell Spurlock and Gage Brooks led the Elks with 10 points each.

On Monday, January 30, 2012, the 8th grade Elks beat Gruver 46-28. John McBroom was high point with 19 points followed by Tanner Stone with 7.

The J.V. Elks beat Booker on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 41-26 with Preston Burr leading the scoring with 13 points followed by Colten Rendon with 10 points. On Friday, February 3, 2012, the Elks traveled to Gruver where they won 31-24. Logan Uttley led with 12 points followed by Colten Rendon with 9 points.

On Tuesday, January 31, the Stratford Elks beat Booker 51-29 with Edgar Guerrero leading the scoring with 15 points followed by Sterling Audrain with 12 points and Marcos Garza with 11 points. On Friday, February 3, the Elks lost 30-42 to Gruver. Marcos Garza was high point with 8 points followed by Justin Mungia with 7 points.

Safety Sense

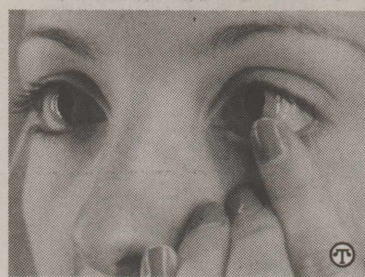
American Academy Of Ophthalmology Warns Parents And Teens About Buying Decorative Contact Lenses Without A Prescription

(NAPS)—Obtaining decorative lenses including colored contacts and novelty or costume lenses without a prescription is dangerous. And circle lenses, which are one of the latest fads with teenage girls, are not FDA approved and may cause serious eye-health risks.

Websites often advertise decorative contacts as if they were cosmetics, fashion accessories or toys. With whimsical, playful packaging and names like Dolly Eyes, their targets are often teens and young adults.

For this reason, the American Academy of Ophthalmology is warning parents and teens that purchasing any contact lenses without an eye examination and a prescription from an eye care professional such as an ophthalmologist—a medical eye doctor—can cause serious eye disorders and infections, which may lead to blindness. Even if someone has perfect vision, he or she needs to get an eye exam and a prescription from an eye care professional in order to wear any kind of contact lens.

"Most people believe that decorative lenses do not require the same level of care or consideration as a standard contact lens because they can be purchased over the counter or on the Internet. This is far from the truth," says Thomas Steinemann, M.D., professor of ophthalmology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and a clinical correspondent for the American Academy of Ophthalmology. "In fact, permanent eye damage can result from buying contacts without a prescription. Many of the lenses found online or in beauty salons, novelty shops or in pop-up Halloween stores are not FDA approved and are being sold



Websites often advertise decorative contact lenses as if they were cosmetics, fashion accessories or toys, but contacts are medical devices.

illegally. All contact lenses are medical devices that require a prescription and proper fitting by an eye care professional."

In 2005, a federal law was passed that classified all contact lenses as medical devices and restricted their distribution to licensed eye care professionals. Illegal sale of contacts can result in civil penalties of up to \$11,000 per violation. Consumers should only buy decorative contact lenses from an eye care professional or a seller who asks for a prescription.

Laura Butler of Parkersburg, W.V., purchased decorative lenses from a souvenir shop while on vacation. "I was unaware of the dangers involved in buying these lenses over the counter or of the harm that could result," Butler said. "After wearing the contacts for a total of 10 hours, I experienced extreme pain in both eyes. Because I had not been properly fitted by an eye care professional, the lenses stuck to my eyes like a suction cup. Removing them resulted in a corneal abrasion and a painful infection. I was in severe

pain and on medication for four weeks and couldn't see well enough to drive for eight weeks. I now live with a corneal scar, vision damage and a drooping eyelid. I want to share my story in the hopes that others will not have to live through this nightmare."

To protect the eyes, an eye care professional measures each eye in order to properly fit contacts for the patient. There is no such thing as a "one size fits all" contact lens. Lenses that are not properly fitted may scratch the eye or cause blood vessels to grow into the cornea. Additionally, the eye care professional instructs the patient on appropriate contact lens care. Lenses that are not cleaned and disinfected increase the risk of eye infection. Not all patients are good candidates for contacts (prescription or decorative lenses). Patients who have frequent eye infections, severe allergies, dry eye that is resistant to treatment, a very dusty work environment, or an inability to handle and care for the lenses may not be suitable candidates for contacts. An eye care professional can assist in helping patients make a decision that is right for them.

For more information on the safe wearing of decorative lenses as well as regular contacts, visit www.geteyesmart.org.

About EyeSmart: EyeSmart, the American Academy of Ophthalmology's public education program, works to educate the public about the importance of eye health and to empower patients to preserve their healthy vision by providing the most trusted and medically accurate information about eye diseases, conditions and injuries.



All bodies of water are subject to the tide-producing forces of the sun and moon, but only when oceans and continents meet are the tides great enough to be noticed.



A Texas tabby named Dusty was the world's most prolific cat. She produced 420 kittens during her life.

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Legal Notice

Texas Department of Transportation

The Texas Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Panhandle Rural Planning Organization will host an Informational Meeting on March 13, 2012 concerning the planning of future projects.

This informational meeting is held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. We would like to receive the public's input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plan for the Amarillo District.

The meeting will be Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. It will be located at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, located at 415 SW Eighth Ave in Amarillo.

The meeting will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo. An overall view of the planning process will be presented, as well as the criteria used for selecting individual projects. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public comment.

The public is invited to speak regarding projects currently planned or any additional projects that might be proposed. Speakers will be limited to five minutes. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding any project may be submitted at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the TxDOT District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (P.O. Box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than March 26, 2012.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting whom have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact David Miller at 806.356.3246. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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When marrying, ask yourself this question: Do you believe that you will be able to converse well with this person into your old age? Everything else in marriage is transitory.
—Friedrich Nietzsche

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.
—Mahatma Gandhi

Health

(NU) - Liposuction fat leftovers contain adult stem cells, which can be stored as a tangible form of future "bio-insurance." Leftover lipo fat can offer a solution for over 100 life-threatening diseases, including heart attacks. For families with a history of diabetes, heart disease or neurological disorders, stem cells may offer treatment options unavailable to others.

The first-ever adult stem cell bank, American CryoStem, offers a full service and facility to store adult stem cells for future health applications. Their providers extract viable fat samples in a simple, 30-minute process.

FSA Accepting Emergency Loan Applications

Sherman County was declared eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster emergency Loans on August 15, 2011 and again on August 18, 2011. Generally, that means that farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of their production or suffered any physical losses caused by wildfires beginning April 6, 2011 and ending May 3, 2011, are eligible for FSA loans. Proceeds from crop insurance and/or hazard insurance are taken into consideration when determining a producer's eligibility and total loss.

FSA Farm Loan Manager, James M. Heck, is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to submit their applications into FSA as soon as possible. The deadline for filing under these designations is April 18, 2012.

For further information, the FSA Farm Loan Program Office covering Sherman County is located at 800 N. Main, Suite D, Perryton, TX 79070 or you may contact James M. Heck at (806) 435-6597, ext. 2. Additional information regarding Disaster Assistance Programs may be found online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

Avoid Tax Season Pitfalls For Your Small Business

(NU) - Tax season tends to be people's least-favorite time of the year, which is only compounded for small businesses. Don't live in fear under the ever-nearing tax thundercloud, make sure your business is prepared to meet the daunting season. Here are five basic rules to keep your business ahead of tax season.

1. Regularly update accounting records. Knowing the intricacies of your company's financial situation throughout the year makes tax season much less intimidating. Plus, if all records are up-to-date and exact, your accountant has more time to spend on finding ways to save the business money instead of organizing information.
2. Triple check your tax bracket. Marginal tax rate analyses help guarantee that your small business isn't needlessly pushed into a higher tax bracket. This is especially beneficial if your business is teetering on the edge. Recognize income when your tax bracket is lower; pay deductible expenses when the bracket is higher.
3. Take inventory of supplies, equipment and other potential write-offs. Equipment might be damaged or too outdated to maintain productivity. Replacing office supplies and obsolete assets before the new year gives the company added deductions. For costly technology, confer with your accountant to see whether an immediate or depreciable write-off is preferable. Financial planners like On Call Accountants help maximize deductions and increase expenses to prevent owing exorbitant fees. Learn more about possible deductions at www.oncallaccountants.com.
4. Contribute to a retirement plan. If you haven't set up a retirement plan yet, do it before year-end to reduce this year's income. Qualified retirement plans afford tax deductions for all contributions. Find an appropriate plan for your business, and explore contribution limits. A retirement savings opportunity will also garner loyalty among employees.
5. Look into business tax credits. Small businesses may be eligible for numerous tax credits, as listed on the IRS website. Examples of possible credits are Low-Income Housing, Credit for Increasing Research Activities and Disabled Access Credit.

Entertaining

(NU) - A birthday celebration can be anything from a quiet dinner to an extravaganza with party hats, games and noisemakers - and you can pull off either one even if you are on a budget.

Food, drinks, decorations and other party-related costs are easily affordable at retailers like Dollar General (www.DollarGeneral.com). Stock up on kid's toys, birthday cards (two for \$1), dessert and party favors for a party that only seems extravagant.

CAREER

Balancing Higher Education as An Adult

NewsUSA
(NU) - Online education is a great solution for working adults seeking an advanced degree. Online programs enable working adults to accommodate their busy schedules. However, despite the schedule flexibility that online learning offers, adult students still must prioritize their responsibilities and commitments in order to complete assignments on time.

Savitri Dixon-Saxon, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, associate dean of Walden University's School of Counseling and Social Service, offers the following tips for achieving balance.

- Choose a focus that you truly care about. The juggling act will be much more challenging if you don't enjoy your field of study.
- Set aside time for your studies. Set specific time frames for studying and completing assignments. This requires discipline and time management, but once you establish a routine, it helps keep you on track.
- Find a good place to study. It's easy to be distracted, so find a quiet place to study away from excessive noise and interruptions.
- Ask for help. Make connections early on with classmates and faculty members to set up online study groups and start the term off right.

Walden University has more than 60 online doctoral, master's and bachelor's degree programs. For more online learning tips, go to www.WaldenU.edu/studytips

I want freedom for the full expression on my personality.
—Mahatma Gandhi

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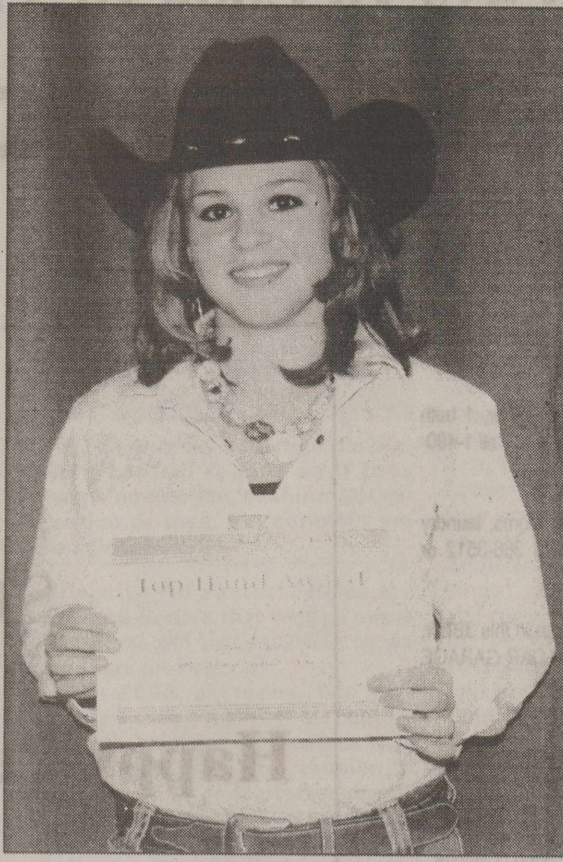
Get Your Car Ready For Spring

NewsUSA
(NU) - The experts at the non-profit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) offer the following advice for getting your car ready for spring driving:

- Read the owner's manual and follow the recommended service schedules.
- If you are not a do-it-yourselfer, look for an orderly repair shop with modern equipment in the service bays and qualified automotive technicians as evidenced by trade school diplomas, certificates of advanced courses and ASE certifications.
- Have engine performance problems - hard starts, rough idling, stalling - corrected now, before summer's demanding stop-and-go vacation traffic.
- For comfort in hot weather now's the time, too, to have a marginally working air conditioning system serviced.
- Flush and refill the cooling system according to the service manual's recommendations. The level, condition and concentration of the coolant should be checked periodically. (Make sure the engine has cooled down before removing the radiator cap.)
- A qualified auto technician should check the tightness and condition of belts, clamps and hoses, but you can look for signs of wear, cracking or fraying.
- Replace other filters (air, fuel, PCV etc.) as recommended in the service manual.

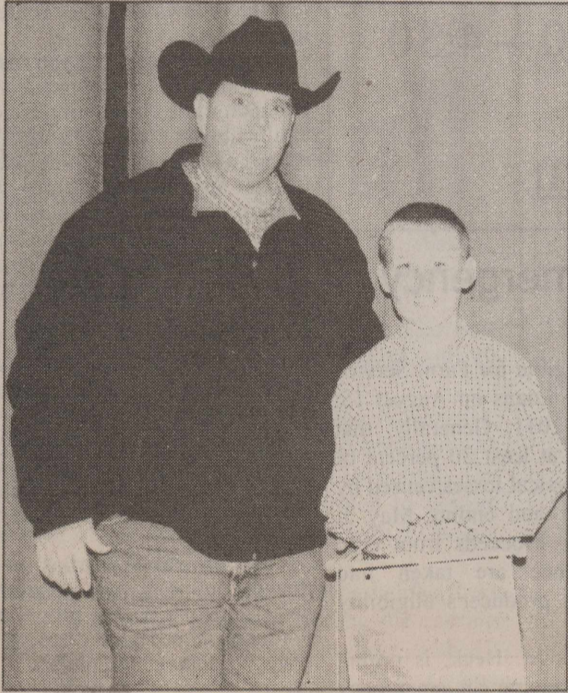


Benjamin James exhibited the Grand Champion Steer and his buyers were Ben Tom and Gayla James and Capital Farm Credit - Zane Johnson

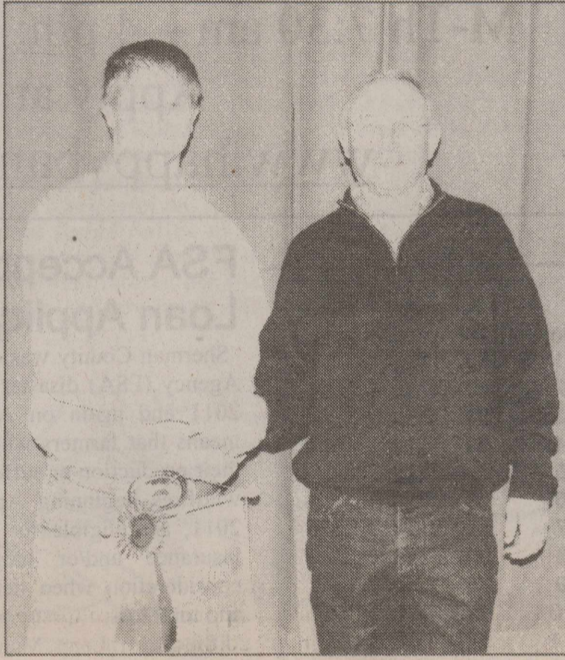


Top Hand Award went to Erin Wilkins

Sherman County Stock Show January 27 & 28th



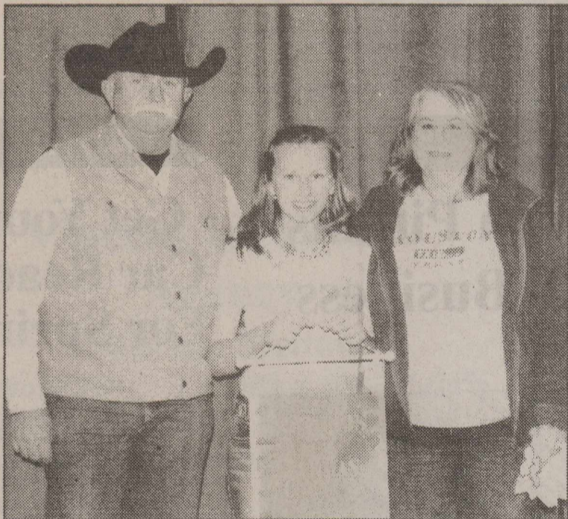
Turner Smith exhibited the Grand Champion Lamb and is shown with his buyer Chad Hinds of Coronado Feeders.



Grand Champion Swine was exhibited by Justin Mungia and he is shown with his buyer Ken Wight of Green Country.



Hannah Sims exhibited the Grand Champion Goat and her buyer was Jon Engelbrecht with Channel Seed.



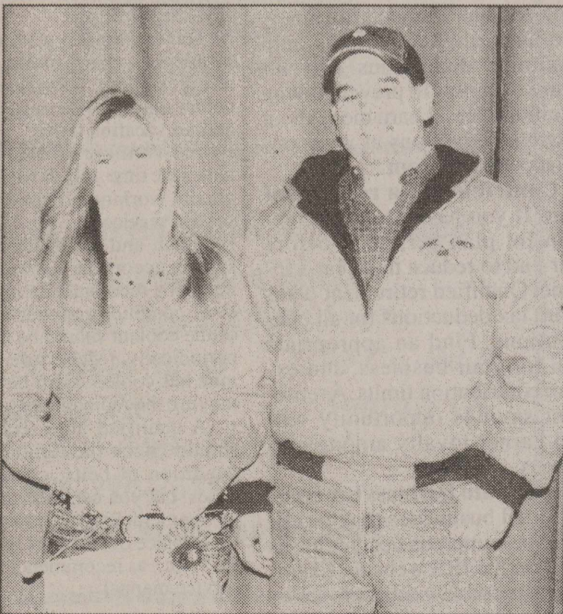
Grand Champion Heifer was exhibited by Katelin Berry and her buyer was Stateline Escort - Roy and Ciccy Harris.



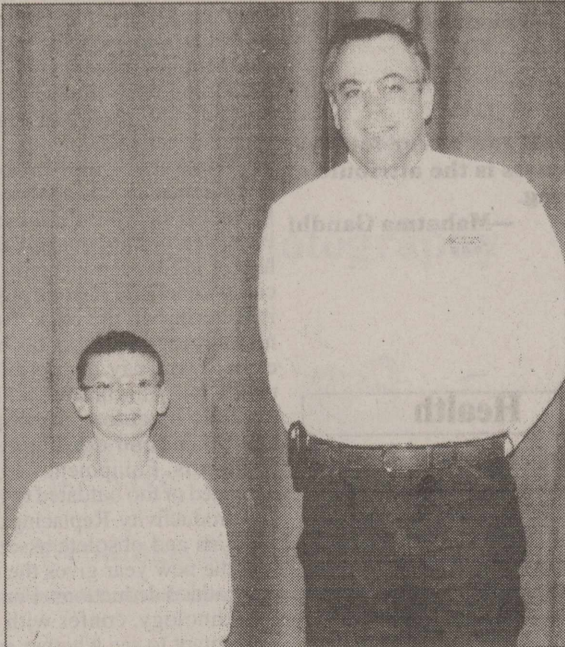
Keirstin Campbell exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Lamb and her buyer is Prestage Farms represented by Garland Dahl.



Reserve Grand Champion Heifer was exhibited by Payton Berry and her buyer was Texhoma Livestock Auction represented by Garland Dahl.



Reserve Grand Champion Swine was exhibited by Madison Mungia and her buyer was Leighton Stovall of Moore County Gin.



Nicholas Payne exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Goat and his buyer was Capital Farm Credit represented by Zane Johnson.



Allie James exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Steer and her buyer was Capital Farm Credit - Zane Johnson pictured and Green Country

Congratulations to all!