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Lions Club Presents Check To Stratford Fire Department

Stratford Lions' Club President John Killian (left) is shown above presenting a \$500.00 check to the Stratford Fire Department. Shown also are Dean Hauser and Jack Gore, representing the Fire Department.

In order to become the master, the politician poses as the servant.
—Charles De Gaulle

REMINDER: The Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District is still taking orders for landscape trees and spring flower bulbs. Call 396-5517 for more information or to place an order.

Stratford Angel Tree is looking for responsible persons to take over the angel tree project. Interested parties should contact Isabell at First State Bank (396-5521).

SCDC to co-sponsor Candidates Forum

The Sherman County Leadership Advisory Board & Sherman County Development will co-sponsor the Candidates Forum again this year.

In the past, the forum was held when there were contested races in local elections. Candidates from all races will be invited to participate, whether running opposed or not. The Candidates Forum is open to the public and will be held Mon., April 18th @ the Sherman County Barn starting at 7 p.m. Come to the Forum, visit with the candidates, ask your questions - **AND THEN take advantage of your right to vote!!**

Early voting begins May 2, 2011.

A benefit fund has been set up for Medical Expenses for Matthew Chaffee at The First State Bank of Stratford.

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Imagine That

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Imagination Station is presenting an Exhibit "Texas" to area school children April 11, 13, 15. The exhibit is open to the public after 3:00 on those days and from 2:00 to 4:00 Sunday. The exhibit will cover animals, plants, Texas symbols, Six Flags and folk lore.

The Imagination Station is hosting about 400 children Pre-K through 2nd grade from Sunray, Goodwell, Plainview/Griggs and Stratford

ATTENTION! JR. Students @ Parents

Your help is needed each Thursday @ 6 p.m. to help with prom decorations. We meet at the high school. Call Desine if you have questions 930-2758.

The museum is in need of volunteers to set at museum 2 hours a month April through October. Call Kay 366-7679

PANHANDLE REGIONAL 9-1-1 NETWORK CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

Amarillo, TX — The Panhandle Regional 9-1-1 Network (PRPC) is celebrating the week of April (April 10-16) as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. This week, sponsored by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International and celebrated annually, honors the thousands of men and women who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance to the world's citizens.

Each year, the second FULL week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators. It was first conceived by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County (CA) Sheriff's Office in 1981. and was observed only at that agency for three years. Members of the Virginia and North Carolina chapters of the Association of the Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) became involved in the mid 1980's. By the early 1990s, the national APCO organization convinced Congress of the need for a formal proclamation. Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) introduced what became H.J. Res. 284 to create "National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week." According to Congressional procedure, it was introduced twice more in 1993 and 1994, and then became permanent, without the need for yearly introduction.

The official name of the week when originally introduced in Congress in 1991 was "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" and "International Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week." The Congressional resolution also stated there were more than "500,000 telecommunications specialists."

Of course, you don't need National Telecommunications Week to honor your public safety dispatchers for excellence! You can write them commendations, mention their "good job" at shift briefings, or just give them a thank you or pat on the back.

Governor Rick Perry has recognized National Public Safety Telecommunications Week and has released an official Proclamation.

ABOUT THE PANHANDLE REGIONAL 9-1-1 NETWORK:

The Panhandle Regional 9-1-1 Network is responsible for the planning, design, implementation and maintenance of the 24 county 9-1-1 emergency communications network. These services are delivered through 23 9-1-1 call centers, or Public Service Answering Points (PSAPs) throughout the TX panhandle. It is our responsibility to provide the telecommunications links, call-taking equipment, database maintenance, training and public education to support the public safety professionals serving the citizens of the Panhandle. For more information, visit www.panhandlemaps.com

ABOUT APCO INTERNATIONAL

The Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International, Inc. is the world's oldest and largest professional organization dedicated to the enhancement of public safety communications. APCO serves the professional needs of its 16,000 members worldwide by creating a platform for setting professional standards, addressing professional issues and providing education, products and services for people who manage, operate, maintain and supply the communications systems used by police, fire and emergency medical dispatch agencies throughout the world. For more information, visit www.apcointl.org

Two-day Grant writing workshop To be held

A two day grant writing workshop is being taught by Melyn Johnson, Main Street Guymon Project Director, on April 27 and 28. Beginning at 9 am and ending at 3 pm both days, the class (limited to 10 people) is going to focus on Oklahoma government and foundation grants that are open to government and 501c3 entities.

"The key to grant funding is that you have a good, fundable project and find a funding source whose mission is met by your project," explains Johnson. "We shall spend time talking about what makes a project fundable, how to research grant opportunities, and how to write a decent grant application."

Reservations for the class can be made at 580-338-6246 or email Director@MainStreetGuymon.com. The class is geared for the beginner and each person must have a project chosen before they are accepted into the class. The cost is \$75 per person and only those who can attend both days are taken in to the class. The class is to be taught at the Main Street Guymon office, 116 NE Fifth.



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators, such as 9-1-1 operators and dispatchers, are dedicated to saving lives. They respond to Texans in times of great need, and their specialized skills and calm, caring, presence are invaluable to the Lone Star State.

The Commission on State Emergency Communications works with local and state governments to ensure reliable access to emergency telecommunications services. To highlight the invaluable role of public safety telecommunicators, the commission designates a week in April for an awareness campaign.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to extend their appreciation to public safety telecommunicators. Their diligent efforts ensure that help is on the way when we need it most.

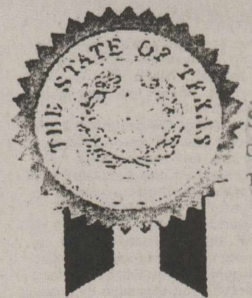
Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 10-16, 2011, to be

Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition thereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 10th day of March, 2011.

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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. 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:

The Quiet Fighter

Did you know that in your community, there is a quiet fighter, a young man that many of you know, his name is Matthew Chaffee. What you don't know about him is how strong and courageous he is. This young man has had to fight for his life on more than one occasion. He was born as a twin at 27 weeks gestation; his twin died 3 hours after they were born.

Since that time this young man has fought every day to stay alive and be as normal as possible. When he was 24 hours old, he perforated or (exploded) his intestines in two places. The doctors didn't know if he would live. They did an emergency surgery, and were able to save him. In the process he lost 32 cm of small intestines, and 5 cm of large intestines as well as a very important valve that stops food in the small intestines so that the body can absorb nutrients. The doctors had to give him an ostomy so that he could still eat, but to give his body time to heal. This young man was very sick with an infection throughout his body. He was in the hospital for 4 months fighting every day for his life.

Very slowly, he got better. Since then he has had many more surgeries, most of them were to fix things that went wrong with other parts of his body. But he fought through them all. When he was 5 years old, he got sick again with his intestines. He had to have another surgery to take scar tissue out that caused an obstruction in his intestines. He was not gaining weight or growing very well. He still has that problem now.

Throughout his life he has been hospitalized many times to rest his intestines so that he can be as healthy as possible. When he is hospitalized for these problems, he is in pain, and has to have an IV and cannot eat or, drink anything. Sometimes he is so bad that they have to put a tube in his nose that goes into his stomach to take the pressure off of the intestines. This young man has been through a lot in his life already.

A few weeks ago, he found out that he is missing half of his colon. No one knows if this is because of the first surgery, or if it is just the way he was born. Because of this, this young man is going through a lot of testing he has been hospitalized, and will eventually have to have an intestinal transplant. The family is trying to keep him stable until after graduation, when they will be taking him to Dallas to Baylor hospital.

He is a strong individual, and tries to be normal at all times. He has a good outlook on life, but at times he gets depressed and just wants the pain that he has when he eats to just stop and the doctors to fix the problem.

I think this young man is very special, and I thought you would like to hear his story. The fact that he never complains about what he has to go through and fights to stay as normal as possible, makes him a hero in my book. The quiet fight he endures every day is hard for him and his family to go through, but they won't give up. Maybe you can help his family by donations to his medical fund at First State bank. He and his family would appreciate the help, and you can be a quiet fighter if you want to donate anonymously too.

Tiffany Chaffee

From the desk of Mayor Marca Ewers

On April 1, 2011 I attended a Texas Municipal League Redistricting seminar in Austin. Based on the recent census the state is going to redistrict. Stratford, like many small communities, has grown but not at the rate of urban areas. This is true state-wide and could leave our rural areas with very little representation. When rural areas lose representation so do agriculture and other industries vital to our economy.

At the seminar I learned the rules the legislature must follow when drawing the new maps and met a variety of leaders from across the state. It was extremely helpful to understand the formulas behind the proposed maps and gain some insight in to how the legislature must process the new census information.

In addition to the seminar I visited with our Senator Kel Seliger, Representative Four Price, and the Commissioner of Agriculture, Todd Staples. I shared information about Stratford's growth and new businesses. We also discussed the importance of rural Texas to the rest of the state.

Below is a list of interesting statistics regarding rural Texas and agriculture:

*In 2007, rural Texas generated \$24.1 billion in sales; comprising 8% of sales tax Revenues collected in the state

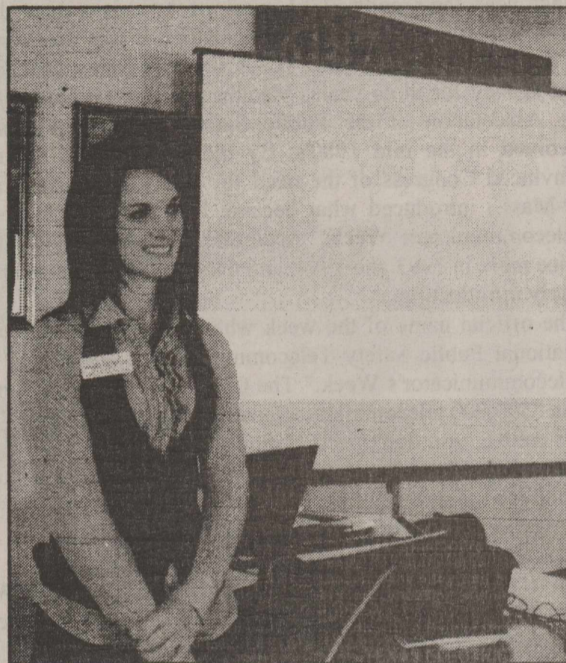
*The Texas agriculture industry employs 1 out of every 7 working Texans

*Approximately 16% of the state's employees are located in rural Texas

*Texas' rural population is 3 million, 12.1% of the state's total and the largest rural Population in the US

*Rural Texas hosts 11% of the state's workforce — 1.6 million jobs

It was great to learn more about the redistricting processes and meet with others from around the state with the same concerns and challenges. We must continuously remind the folks in Austin that rural communities are just as important as urban areas. If you have any questions about my trip or in general please feel free to contact me! My number is 806-753-7358 or I can be reached at ewers@xit.net.



Make-A-wish Program presented to Lions Club

Megan Szydoski recently gave a program to the Stratford Lions Club on the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

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Ag Logic LLC Seeking to Obtain Permanent Registration of Aldicarb: EPA Seeking Comment by April 29th

By Brad Easterling

The EPA has announced that Ag Logic LLC has submitted an application to register the active ingredient aldicarb (active ingredient in Temik) as a 15% pesticide in cotton, dry beans, peanuts, soybeans, sugar beets. Currently, Temik was slated for a gradual discontinuation with sales ending in 2014 and use of all product in 2018. However, recent legal actions filed against Bayer to close the plant that manufactures the raw material to produce Temik resulted in a recent cessation, and permanent halt of Temik production. The fact that Ag Logic has come forth in attempt to register an aldicarb product is good news for Texas cotton growers who rely heavily on aldicarb for control of nematodes and thrips. The EPA is requesting comments concerning support or opposition to the new registration. I strongly encourage you to visit the web site and submit your opinion regarding the value of aldicarb to our cotton production system. This is especially important if you have been or may have been using aldicarb (Temik) for control of Thrips or nematodes in cotton.

Difficult things take a long time, impossible things a little longer.
—Author Unknown

Historical Commission Tuesday April 19

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Sherman County Historical Commission will meet in the commissioner's court room Tuesday April 19 at 2:00 p.m. The Commission is seeking pictures old and new of celebrations, social activities, sports, business/agriculture, school, church, organizations.

The Commission has many interviews from old timers and is seeking advice on how to preserve and share the stories with the public.

Any person interested in preserving Sherman County history is invited to attend the Historical Commission meetings.

Any party which takes credit for the rain must not be surprised if its opponents blame it for the drought.

—Dwight Morrow

Stratford Hospital District

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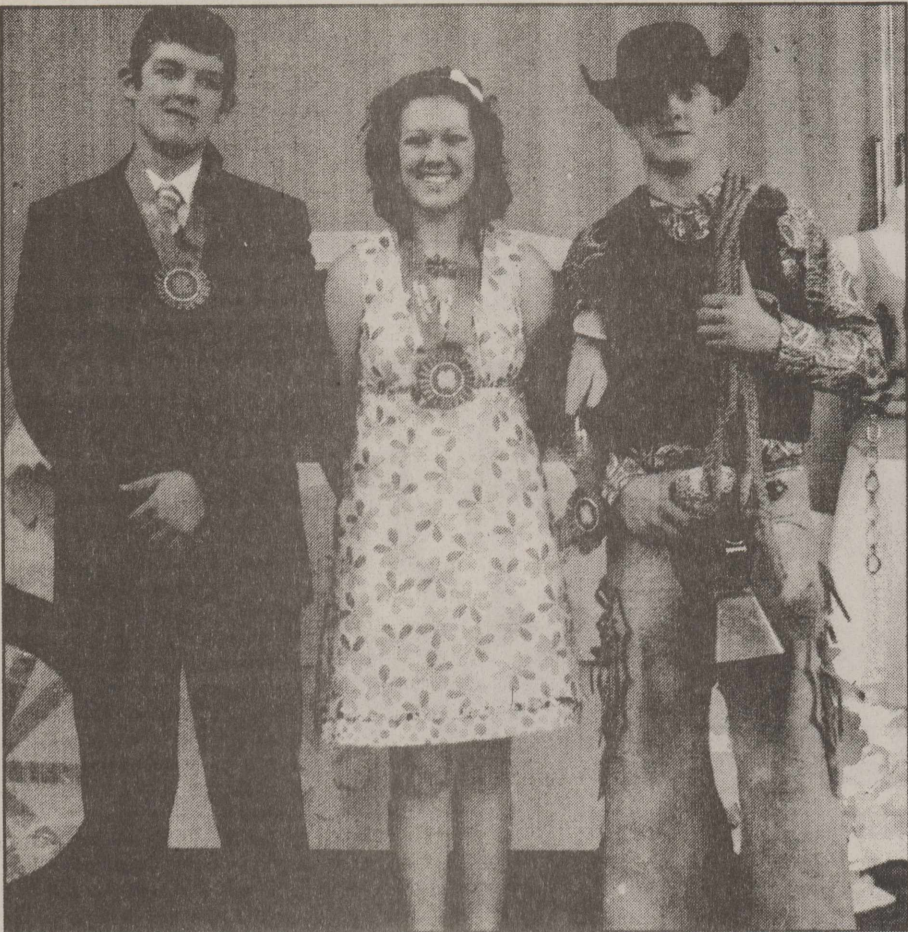
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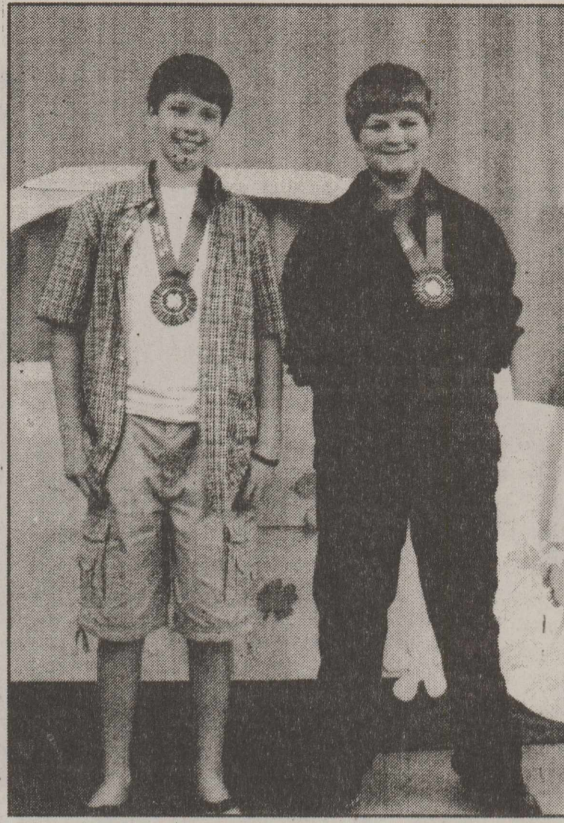
Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel
Dumas Lodge #1009.
AF&AM honored Masonic Widows April 9 with a banquet. Going locally were Billy Cox, Gladys Arnold and Marylou McDaniel.
Services were held April 9th for Maylene Rish, 89, at Houston, Mississippi. She is the mother of Peggy Hawkins who attended the funeral along with Chandra Hawkins, Kenna, Dempsey & Jackson Collums, Roger & Brandi Wells and children, Lara, Addie and Maylee, and Victor Carrera.
Mike & Marylou McDaniel were in Denver for opening day of Rockies baseball with Patti McDaniel. The second game they were joined by Terri Bell Blevins.
Marylou also attended a baby shower for Sarah Lynch, daughter of Sharon Martensen Powell. Visiting from Lendore, CA for the shower was Kristen Gottschalk, Sarah's sister.
Donna Gillenwaters was a hostess for Red Hats last week at the Elk Junction. Kathy Switzer was a co-hostess.

The artist's world is limitless. It can be found anywhere, far from where he lives or a few feet away. It is always on his doorstep.
—Paul Strand



Kavan Killian, Mary Ann Spurlock and Rhyan Burton



Russell Spurlock & Blaine Killian



Abby Ely and Daniela Valdez

Cruisin Down the Fashion Highway

By Brad Easterling

Seven 4-H members participated in the 4-H Fashion Show that was held on April 4th at the County Exhibit Building. In the Junior division was Abby Ely - Construction, Dressy; and Daniela Valdez—Construction, Casual;

In the Intermediate division was Blaine Killian - Buying, Specialty and Russell Spurlock—Buying, Casual. In the Senior division was Mary Ann Spurlock - Construction, Casual, Kavan Killian—Buying, Formal and Rhyan Burton—Buying, Specialty.

All participants are eligible to compete at the District 4-H Fashion Show on April 30th in Boys Ranch. **GOOD LUCK AT DISTRICT!!**

Study Club Meeting

Rodney Weiser, DC for NRCS, Water District, presented the April program for GFWC/Prospectus Study Club.

Michelle Lutes, club President, conducted the business session.

Members selected the scholarship recipient for this year. Will be announced at graduation.

Old Timers to be selected at May meeting.

Laurie Spurlock was hostess to Michelle Lutes, Joyce Hart, Pat Hartman, Ann Johnson, Marylou McDaniel, Margaret Reed, Marty Bain, Mattie Baskin, Linda Swain, Paula Everett, Jill Killian, Cindy Jackson, and Karen Perrin.

Annual Fun Run

The Annual Big Fun Run and Family Fun Walk Series will be held Saturday, May 21st at Purple Park in Spearman starting at 8:30AM and Saturday, August 20th at 8:00AM starting at Perryton High School. Proceeds will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters. Male and female first and second place prizes will be awarded in four divisions: 14 & under, 15-25, 26-40, and 41+. For runners participating in both races, they will receive an additional medal. To register for the 5K race or one mile fun walk call the BBBS office at 806-434-0016 or April Snyder at 806-202-2883. Registration will be available the day of the event.

AUTOMOTIVE

Vehicle Features That Make Mom's Life Easier

NewsUSA

(NU) - Parents have plenty to worry about when packing their kids in the car and heading out on the road. Luckily, car manufacturers have been designing vehicles with parents in mind to make these trips a little easier.

"Manufacturers are really embracing family-friendly features, and not just in minivans," says Jennifer Newman, editor at Cars.com. "Besides things like DVD players and other entertainment options, parents need to consider step-in height, latch connectors and other features that most people might not have even known existed."

Newman's 10 best features for families include:

10. **Easy-to-Use Latch System.** Few automakers offer Latch systems that are easy to use, but some do get it right. Latch systems in the 2011 Mercedes-Benz E350 wagon, 2010 Chevy Traverse and 2011 Toyota Avalon stand out.

9. **Flip-Up Trash Bin Ring.** The 2011 Honda Odyssey has a lot of family-friendly touches. One of Cars.com's favorites is the second row's trash bin ring that can hold a plastic grocery store bag.

8. **Ford's MyKey.** This safety feature from Ford allows parents to keep a modicum of control over their teen drivers - even when they're not in the passenger seat. Parents can limit the car's top speed and radio volume. It also allows parents to block explicit satellite radio stations.

7. **Integrated Sunshades.** Retractable window shades mean no more fiddling with aftermarket shades that barely cover the rear windows and don't keep the sun out of a napping child's eyes.

6. **Easy-Folding Third Row.** With the 2011 Toyota Sienna, the third row can be quickly folded into the floor with minimal effort. If you go for a higher trim level, you can get a power-folding third row in the minivan.

5. **Power Sliding Doors.** Power sliding doors make it easy for kids to get in and out of the car on their own with just the push of a button. Another bonus is it removes the chance that your overzealous child will fling open a car door into another car in a parking lot.

4. **Inflatable Seat Belt.** This safety feature is found in the backseat of the all-new 2011 Ford Explorer. The optional seat belts look like traditional seat belts, but in a crash they inflate to help distribute crash forces across a greater area on the passenger's chest.

3. **Seat Belt Icon.** Some automakers—Cadillac and Jaguar—are helping out parents by providing a simple icon in a car's instrument panel that indicates who's buckled up in the backseat.

2. **Backup Cameras.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recently proposed that by 2014 all cars must have a 180-degree view around the car, which means requiring backup cameras on new cars.

1. **Expanding Second Row.** Leave it to Honda to score the top spot. In all but the base model, the 2011 Odyssey's second-row seats can be moved together to form a bench seat that will easily hold three child-safety seats. If you have adults riding in that position, the seats can be moved apart to create three individual seats and some shoulder room.

Automotive

(NU) - According to Porsche Cars of North America, what you bring with you into your car could be the most critical decision of your day. A cell phone is one of the most dangerous items to use in your car. Anytime you're talking, texting or using GPS applications, you're not paying attention to the road. Using cell phones while driving, especially to text message, is as dangerous as driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Do yourself a favor, and turn your cell phone off.



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Sherman County Depot Museum Hours

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For more information call Ann Wells 396-2527 Pat Hartman 366-7644 Dick Bachman 366-7679

CALLING ALL QUILTERS---

SCOT Hall's annual Garden Tour is expanding to include a Quilt Show!!! This event will be held the morning of Saturday, July 9th at SCOT Hall.

SCOT would like to show case the talents of quilters in our community at this event. Anyone who would like to display a quilt (either one they made or have received) is encouraged to do so. So that adequate arrangements can be made for the display, persons interested in exhibiting quilts are asked to contact Susie Spurlock at 396-2864 or email lockspur@xit.net as soon as possible.

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Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
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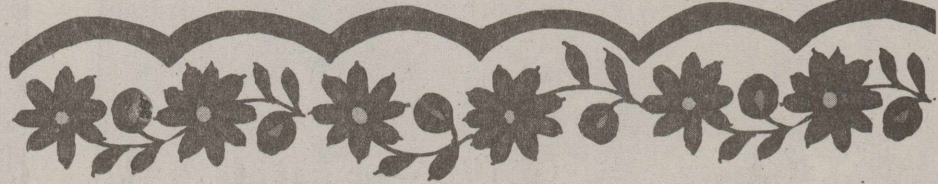
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Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

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



Area Track Meet Qualifiers

Qualifying for the Area Track meet in Panhandle on Tuesday, April 12 standing L/R: Karen Lozoya - 1600 M Relay, Edgar Guerrero - High Jump, Bryce Cummings - 110 H Hurdles, Victor Acevedo - 100 M Dash, Michael Ortega - District Champ Triple Jump, Casey Lantelme - Shot Put & District Champ Discus, Alex Asher - High Jump. Kneeling L/R: Erika Robles - Relay alternate, Kelsie Keener - 300 M Hurdles & Relay alternate, Jackie Gonzales - 1600 M Relay, Nohemi Ruedas - 1600 M Relay, Meghan Brooks - Relay alternate and Elizabeth Reyes - 1600 M Relay.



Dempsey Honored with Bridal Shower

Mindy Dempsey, bride-elect of Trenton Boyd was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Tami King on Sunday, April 10. L/R Jackie Francis holding Teal, Kathy Dempsey, Mendy Dempsey, Reganne Payne, Penny Boyd and Kathy Boyd.

Take a seat and let's bid on some antiques.

Main Street Guymon is holding an antique auction on Sat., June 4 as a fund raiser for the Main Street Guymon program. Children's toys, beautiful furniture, classic items from Buster Brown, Coca-Cola, and much more is going to up for the gavel on that Saturday evening.

"All of the items are from the John Jarvis collection," explain Main Street Project Director Melyn Johnson. "The Jarvis' have been collecting antiques for years and we have had the opportunity to choose almost 60 items to offer on the floor at the historic Hotel Dale Lobby (also known as Southern Office Supply), 5th and Quinn (half a block off Main Street), Guymon."

The collection being offered up for sale is diversified and can be viewed at www.MainStreetGuymon.com. Some items being offered include an oak jelly cabinet, buffet with a marble top, old cash register, telephone, ice cream parlor table and chairs, cookie jar, children's toys, coal shuttle, stained glass, rocker, spinning wheel, art deco candle holders, and much more. For the website tour, go down the page a bit too where you see the notice of the auction and click. There is a full list of the items and what the minimum price is for each item.

Several of the items are going to be displayed at Main Street Guymon member offices and stores the month prior to the auction. A list of those items and their stores shall be released the first part of May. Stores currently signed up to display items are Bank of the Panhandle, Brown and Associates, Chris Urias Photography, Elite Therapy, Epic Touch, Main Street Guymon, Merle Norman, Mitre Box, No Man's Land Center, P.C. Sound Service, and Urban Bru. If you're interested in having an item on display, please contact Melyn Johnson at 338-6246 or Director@MainStreetGuymon.com.

"We're really excited about the auction," explains Johnson. "The items are of great quality and there are many different price ranges."

The auction opens at 5 pm on the evening of the 4th when you can come in and partake of beverages and finger foods, with the auction beginning at 6 pm.

"It's my understanding," comments Johnson, "that the Sunflower Art Festival is going on that day on Main Street. A day of art filled with a relaxing evening of antiques sounds like a great Saturday."



UIL Academic Regional Qualifiers

UIL Academic Regional Qualifiers: L/R: Derek Vasquez - 1st Newswriting, Shyanne Acker - 2nd Poetry Interpretation, Casey Lantelme - 3rd Headlines, M'Lynn Wells - 2nd Spelling, Ransom Lerman - 3rd Number Sense, MaryAnn Spurlock - Alternate - 4th in Prose Interpretation, Heidi Brooks - 3rd Lincoln-Douglas Debate. Not pictured: Britney Garza - 3rd Editorials and Stacey Sapp - Alternate - 4th Ready Writing. These students will compete Friday, April 15 at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas.

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Garage Sales

Lots of baby stuff-1205 N. Olive, Saturday, April 16
8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Tiffany Hudson & Jo Hinds

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The Sherman County Commissioners' Court will accept sealed applications to serve as the Depository for County funds and County/District Clerk Registry funds until Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Applications will be opened at that time. The depository contract will be discussed and awarded at the May 10, 2011 meeting of the Sherman County Commissioners' Court. Applications must include a general description of depository services to be provided; service charges; interest rates to be paid on commercial checking and interest bearing checking; interest rates on time deposits of 30, 60, 90, 12, 180, 360 days and 24 months; and the interest rate to be charged to the county on short-term loans. Applications should be presented to Terri Carter, Sherman County Judge at the Sherman County Courthouse, Room 204, Stratford, Texas 79084. The Public Funds Collateral Act (Article 2529D, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) governs the type, level substitution, possession, release, and method of valuation of the security necessary to secure the deposit of public funds. Terri Carter, Sherman County Judge Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, April 14, 2011, Thursday, April 21, 2011 and Thursday April 28th, 2011 Edition

NOTICE:

Texhoma ISO is taking Requests for Proposals for the production and installation of two modular homes. RFP's will be accepted from April 11, 2011 at 8:00 am through April 28, 2011 at 4:00 pm. Additional information about the RFP specifications may be viewed at www.texhomaisd.net. More information shall be directed to Hope Appel at 806-827-7400, fax at 806-827-7657, email at hope.appel@texhomaisd.net, or by mail at PO Box 709, Texhoma, TX 73949. TISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed RFP's, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the district. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, April 14, 2011, Thursday, April 21, 2011 and Thursday, April 28, 2011



In 1935, University of Chicago running back Jay Berwanger became the first winner of the Downtown Athletic Club Trophy. It was renamed the Heisman Trophy the following year.



The Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 declared slaves free in the Confederate states still in rebellion. It wasn't until the ratification of the 13th amendment in December of 1865 that slavery was entirely abolished throughout the United States.

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HEALTH

Look Better, Feel Better, Have More Energy

NewsUSA

(NU) - As you push to fulfill the demands of your hectic schedule, make sure that you carve out some time to take care of you and your health. It may seem like a daunting task to add healthy eating and regular physical activity to your list, but it does not need to be.

With a season of spring time and renewal around the corner, the "Sisters Together: Move More, Eat Better" program offers busy, black women some easy ways to move more, eat healthier and feel better.

- **Make working out fun.** Don't torture yourself with physical activities that you don't enjoy. Dancing, swimming or bicycling are fun ways to get your exercise. Try exercising with friends so you can socialize and cheer each other on. Remember, you can look good as you get fit. Just ask your hair stylist for tips on how to maintain your hair as you exercise.
- **Fit exercise into your daily routine.** Try parking a little farther from your destination or taking the stairs instead of the elevator. When you go shopping, walk around the whole mall.
- **Always eat breakfast.** Choose whole grains and healthy fats. For example, try eating fruit with low-fat yogurt or whole-grain toast spread with a tiny amount of jam or peanut butter.
- **Prepare your favorite foods in healthier ways.** For example, you can bake chicken instead of frying it. Reduce the amount of butter you use; fresh or dried herbs can



Always start off your day with a healthy breakfast.

provide flavor without fat. Try using a little less salt. You might not even notice the difference.

- **Learn to eat healthy on-the-go.** Try to choose restaurants with healthy options. Order vegetable pizza instead of pepperoni or sausage, or a plain hamburger without sauce or mayonnaise instead of a bacon cheeseburger. Get a side salad instead of fries, and be sure to request fat-free or low-fat dressing. Split portions with friends.
- **Make healthier choices at parties or social events.** Snack on pretzels or cut-up vegetables, and skip the soda. If you drink alcohol, limit yourself to one drink.

For information about Sisters Together and more tips for busy black women, visit www.win.nidk.gov and read the publication, "Celebrate the Beauty of Youth" or call WIN at 1-877-946-4627.

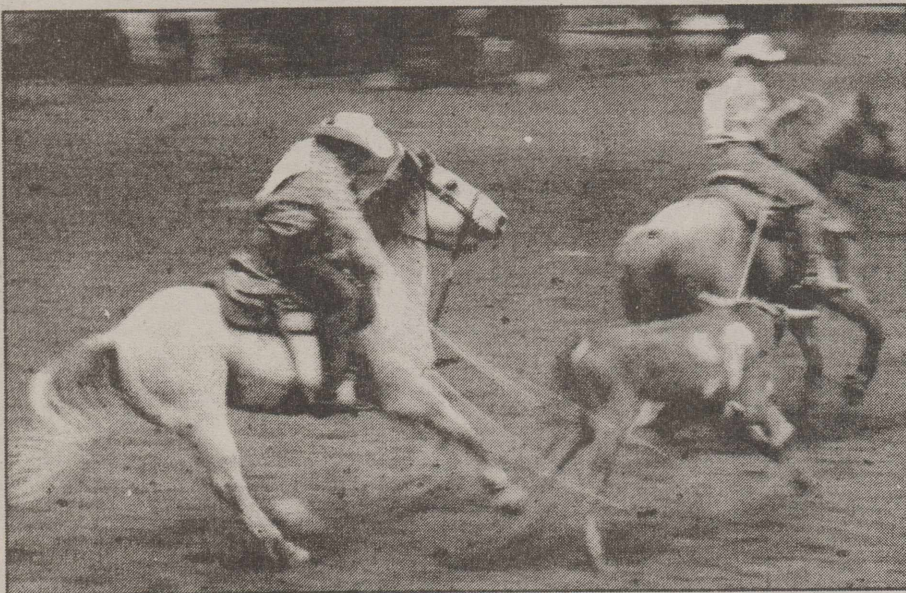
Health

(NU) - Janice Newell Bissex, MS, RD and Liz Weiss, MS, RD, authors of the book "No Whine with Dinner," along with the California Raisin Marketing Board, suggests assessing your children's lunches. If your child's lunch doesn't contain something from each food group, figure out where you can add healthier foods. Improving your child's lunch could be as simple as using whole-wheat bread instead of white bread or adding more fruit.

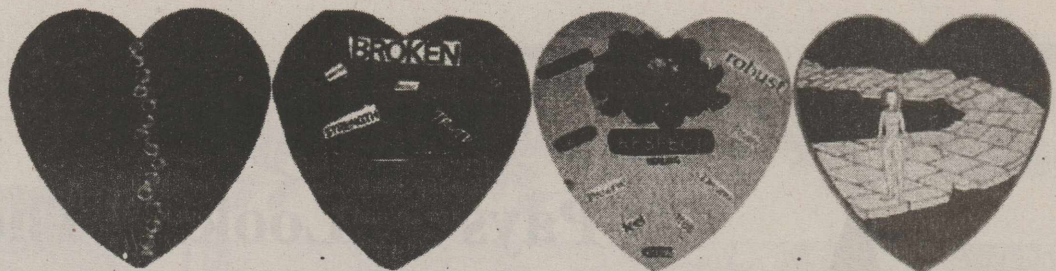
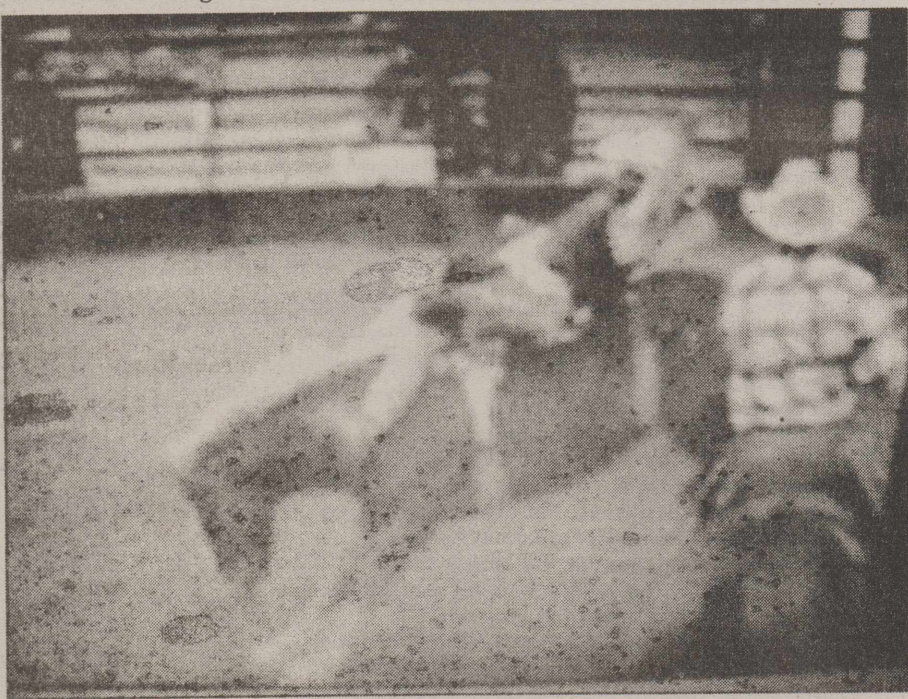
If you've found a way to improve your kids' lunches, go to the California Raisins' website, LoveYourRaisins.com, to enter the "Let's re-Do Lunch" contest.

Local Team Roping Duo Qualify for State Rodeo Finals

Will Gaillard of Texhoma and Preston Burr of Stratford have advanced to the Tri-State Rodeo Finals in Vernon, Tx. May 6-8th. They have also qualified from Region 1 for the Texas High School Rodeo Finals in Abilene, TX June 10-19th. Will is a freshman at Texhoma High School and the son of Steve and Regina Gaillard. Preston is a freshman at Stratford High School and the son of Ed and Christy Burr. Good Luck Guys!!



Preston Burr Qualifies for Tri-State Finals and Texas High School Rodeo Finals in Bareback Riding



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the theme this year is **Healing the Wounded Heart.**

Survivor art offers visual testimony to the impact of sexual violence in our lives by offering survivors and those who love them wooden hearts to use as vehicles of expression and healing. The project actually began in March 2001 as a collaboration between sexual assault programs in Texas and Arte Sana in conjunction with International Women's Day. Safe Place, Inc. is asking those who live in any of their service areas (Moore, Harley, Sherman and Dallam) and who are survivors of sexual violence to take part in this project. There will be no names put on the hearts so they will remain anonymous. Wooden hearts and paint will be provided for those participating as well as examples of art already done. Afterwards, in May 2011 the painted hearts will be displayed at the Window On The Plains Museum for one week.

Safe Place, Inc. is located at 306 W. 7th St in Dumas, Texas 79029. You can also call 806/935-7585 for further information about this project.

Center's director honored

Wes Allison named Manager of the Year by Fair association

By Regina Dennis - Tribune-Herald staff writer

Extraco Events Center Executive Director Wes Allison was recently named Manager of the Year by the Texas Association of Fairs and Events.

Allison was presented with the award Saturday during that association's annual convention at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin.

TAFE Executive Director Penny Neeh said the annual award honors members for their leadership and vision for their fair or event, community involvement and contributions to the association.

Allison has been with the Extraco Events center since 2002. He is in charge of attracting large events to the facility and helms the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo each fall.

"It's a great honor for me and an honor for the fair, too," Allison said. "There are a lot of people beside me that make this place work. We have good volunteers and great staff."

Allison served as the association's president in 2008. Neeh said one of Allison's main initiatives was to create a benefits fundraiser at the annual convention to raise money for student scholarships.

"Wes is just that go-to-guy, whether there's a big-picture project to complete or something last-minute where you have to ask to borrow a piece of equipment," Neeh said. "He's that guy that never says no and is always there to help."

It's not the first time the association has given nods to the HOT Fair organizers. Longtime HOT Fair volunteer and board member Scott Felton was named Volunteer of the Year by the fair association in 2010.

The HOT Fair has a \$40 million economic impact on McLennan County each year, Allison said. The facility has hosted the All-American Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association ProRodeo Championship for three years straight.

"We've had an opportunity to enjoy some really good growth and become a major event within Texas fairs," Allison said. "I've had the privilege of driving the ship, so to speak and enjoying that growth."

Allison said the events' center is focusing raising money to fund a \$25 million renovation. Allison hopes will make an additional \$20 million impact on the local economy.

The three-phase project includes adding more parking spaces, increasing the number of cores stalls and adding a fourth show arena. Also included in the project are plans to tear down the Creative Arts and General Exhibit buildings and combine them into a larger Exposition Hall that connects the Extraco Events Center main arena.

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EDUCATION

Should I Go Back to School?

NewsUSA

(NU) - School is never easy, but responsibilities like bills or a family can make the prospect of adding to the mix seem overwhelming. Despite these challenges, people from all different backgrounds are choosing to go back to school, seeing continued education as a way to improve their current job prospects or create future job security.

Many choose to go back to school to complete degree programs they never finished or to enter a new career. Some find that an advanced degree is needed in order to get to that "next" position. However, in a lot of cases, these individuals worry it may be too late to go back to school.

Annette R. Uncangco, MS, and regional director of career services at DeVry University, disagrees. "It is never too late to go back to school!"

"Many of our students are adult learners, who have come back to continue their education. Our Career Services department partners with our graduates in their career search and provides them with lifetime assistance throughout their career."

Whatever your situation, going back to school is a big decision. Consider the following when making such a choice:



Going back to school can catapult your career to new heights.

List Pros and Cons

Ask yourself: How much money does earning a degree cost versus the salary that it is likely to bring? What are the short-term and long-term impact on the family? What are the different jobs available to someone with this degree? Weighing the items that are most important will help you reach a conclusion.

Research

Be proactive when it comes to selecting a school and degree program. Take a tour of campus, talk to the admissions officers, explore your financial aid options and make sure to talk to career serv-

ices, too. Employability after graduation is one of the most important factors to consider when selecting an area of study.

Create a Support Network

Talk to friends and family, and figure out how much support you can expect. This support could take the form of practical things such as preparing a week's worth of meals in advance or finding someone who will babysit one night a week to allow scheduled study time, or maybe it's time to enlist the kids' help with weekly chores.

Clarify Priorities

Undertaking a big goal often necessitates giving up lesser priorities. Be realistic about what sacrifices pursuing a degree will require. This change in life may be a time to learn how to say no to some outside obligations.

Going back to school can be a complicated choice that will likely require a lot of research and consideration. MSN Career Igniter, powered by DeVry University, is one of the many tools available to help make the proper preparations.

It's a lot of hard work, but earning a college degree may well be more than worth the effort.

CHARITY

Child Homelessness: A Growing Problem

NewsUSA

(NU) - Homelessness can happen to anyone - including families and children.

According to the National Center on Family Homelessness, one out of every 50 American children experiences homelessness each year. That's 1.5 million children. The majority - about 75 percent - are elementary-school-aged. Forty-two percent are younger than six.

To help the homeless children out there, The Company Store (www.thecompanystore.com), a catalog and online retailer of various bedding and home furnishings, launched its Buy One, Give One Comforter Donation Program. The program will benefit homeless children across the country. For every comforter purchased from its website or catalog, The Company Store will donate one comforter to a homeless child. The comforter will be one of the few things a child can call their own - he or she will be able to take it with them when they transition from temporary to permanent housing.

"There are a significant number of homeless children in this country who do not have a home to call their own," says Dennis Warner, chief marketing officer of The Company Store. "The



More than 1.5 million American children are currently homeless.

Company Store is committed to bringing some comfort to these children in need."

Homeless children get sick, go hungry, repeat grades and develop learning disabilities more often than children with homes. Numerous charitable organizations work to provide relief and shelter to homeless families, but it's difficult to give homeless children a sense of stability.

"We hope that the donated comforters will raise the spirits of thousands of children and their families as they work to rebuild their lives," says Dennis Warner, CMO of The Company Store.

Education

(NU) - Transition years, in which students move from elementary to middle school and from middle school to high school, can be exciting. But adjusting to greater academic challenges and a different social environment can be scary, as well.

Sylvan Learning suggests that parents take their children to the school's open house and explore to figure out how to get to each class. For additional resources and free seminars on "Transitions: Middle and High School," visit www.sylvanlearning.com.

Education

(NU) - The positive impact of programs that develop life skills in the classroom has caught the attention of some of the nation's largest school districts, including Chicago Public Schools (CPS).

Lions Quest, a positive youth development program of Lions Clubs International Foundation, recently entered select CPS schools. Now in more than 10 schools throughout CPS, Lions Quest is garnering recognition and support for additional expansion.

For more information, visit www.lions-quest.org.

Education

(NU) - With music programs being cut across the country, independent organizations are working hard to help students access musical education.

NAMM, the 109-year-old trade association of the international music products industry, has launched the non-profit Wanna Play Fund (www.nammfoundation.org) to support programs and activities that strengthen music education in schools. The Wanna Play Fund uses donations to fund community-based music programs and provide musical instruments to schools.

Charity

(NU) - Kiehl's Since 1851 (www.kiehls.com), a company that creates skin and hair care formulas, is collaborating with artist Jeff Koons to benefit The Koons Family Institute, an initiative of the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC).

One hundred percent of Kiehl's Worldwide Net Profits up to \$200,000 will benefit The Koons Family Institute and ICMEC. Surely, your loved ones will enjoy knowing that their gift raised money to help children.