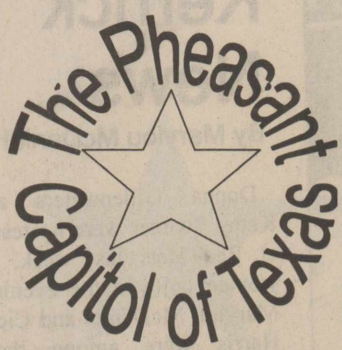


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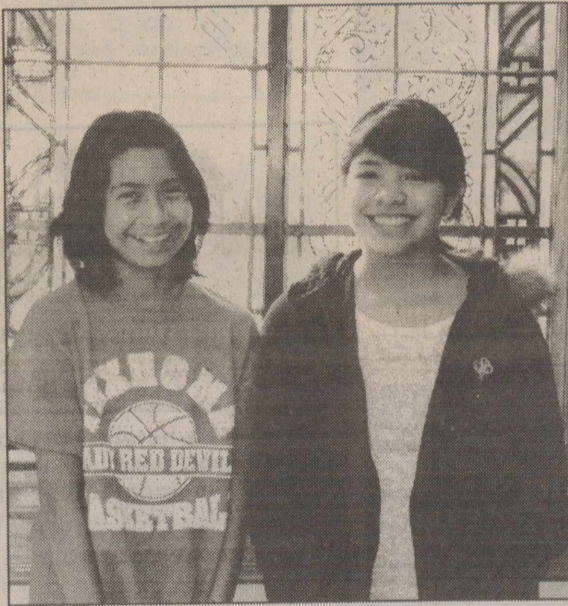
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2011 Sherman County Spelling Bee



Winners of the 2011 Sherman County Spelling Bee held on Thursday February 10 were Jr. Division, Laura Morales and Sr. Division Krystal Hernandez, both of Texhoma, (Shown at left) Stratford students participating in the Sherman County Spelling Bee on Thursday, February 10 in back L/R: Karina Henderson, Magaly Guerrero and Taylor Wright. front L/R: Francisco Barajas, Daniela Valdez and Darcee Robinson. Valdez and Robinson participated in the Jr. Division. (Shown above left)

"Letter's from Dad"

A national men's ministry is expanding into the Stratford area. It's called "Letters from Dad." It is helping fathers to learn to leave a legacy by saying the things they've always wanted to say but just didn't know how. "I love you," "You're the treasure of my life," and, "I'll always be there for you," are things every child wants and needs to hear from their dad. Endorsed by the likes of Ken Canfield, National Center for Fathering, Steve Farrar, best-selling author, Dr. H. Norman Wright, renowned author of Marriage and Counseling books and videos, Dave Dravecky, former San Francisco Giants pitcher and many others. *Letters from Dad* has helped to restore family communication, produced healed marriages and reconciled parent-child relationships, all through the "lost art of letter writing".

Greg Vaughn, author of the best-selling book, *Letters from Dad*, recalls "I was in my garage, cleaning up after the death of my father when I found his rusty tackle box. I realized that he died without leaving me a note or a signature, only this rusty tackle box. Then it dawned on me, what if I were to die today, what would I leave for my wife and children? I concluded that I would be leaving nothing but a rusty tackle box too! That's how *Letters from Dad* was born. From there I called 14 other fathers and we started on a journey to leave a legacy to our family. That group birthed a group of 130 men that turned into a group of 350 men and then a group of 700 men. It is now in over 700 churches and nearly 13,000 men have participated."

Letters from Dad teaches men to open up their hearts and put into words their love for their wives, children and parents. It not only teaches men "Why" to write letters, the men also learn the mechanics of letter writing and how to keep them preserved for posterity.

First Methodist Church will be hosting a Kickoff BBQ Event to introduce *Letters from Dad* to our community. It will be held Tuesday March 1, 2011 in the Fellowship Hall at 611 North Main, in Stratford. It will run from 6:00 pm to 7:30. Admission is FREE. Anyone is welcome. BRING A FRIEND!

NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT

Notice is hereby given that application for a place on the Stratford Independent School District Regular election ballot may be filed February 12, 2011 thru March 14, 2011. Office Hours: 8:00 AM— 4:00 PM Monday — Friday, March 14th office hours 2:00 PM — 5 PM. You may file applications in person at Stratford ISD Administration Office, 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX.

Board members whose terms will expire are Joe Reinart and Barney Willborn. Holdover members are, DeWain Traylor, Greg Wright, Michelle Lutes, Tres Hess and Chet Everett.

Stratford Hospital District Election

STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT has two openings in the upcoming election. Applications may be picked up at the District's Business Office at Coldwater Manor. Application signup time will be February 14, 2011 through March 14, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Election will be May 14, 2011. Board members whose terms will expire are Billy Bell and Richard Chumley. Holdover members are George Bonds, LeRayne Donelson and D'Lynn Reed.

City of Stratford to hold Election

The City of Stratford will hold an election on Saturday, May 14, 2011 to fill four expiring terms on the ballot. Council members who terms will expire are

Bryan Wright, Councilmember: two year term Ann Johnson, Councilmember: two year term Ricky Reed, Councilmember: two year term Brad Williams, Councilmember: one year term

Holdover members are Marca Ewers, Mayor and Joe Zak, Councilmember.

Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so from February 12, 2011 through March 14, 2011. You may apply at City Hall, 518 N. Third, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

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Do you want to sponsor a Scholarship for Class of 2011?

Any organizations/individuals wanting to sponsor a Scholarship for the Class of 2011 please contact Desine Garza at 366-3322. You may also drop off applications at the school or mail them to PO Box 108.

Sherman County Depot Museum Hours
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Free Library Cards

The Sherman County Public Library is still issuing free replacement library cards through February 28, 2011. New library cards are always free, but if you have misplaced or lost your library card the cost to replace will be \$5.00 on March 1, 2011.

Due to the cost of databases which are based on the current number of users a library has, the Harrington Consortium, of which our library is a member, urged all libraries to delete users who had not used their library cards in the past three years. If your library card was deleted or if you are new to town, the library will be glad to issue a new card to you. When applying for a library card you will need to complete

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SCOT HALL LUNCHEON

The February Scot Hall Luncheon scheduled for February 24th has been cancelled

Due to water damage all February Activities are cancelled.

Please watch for future announcements

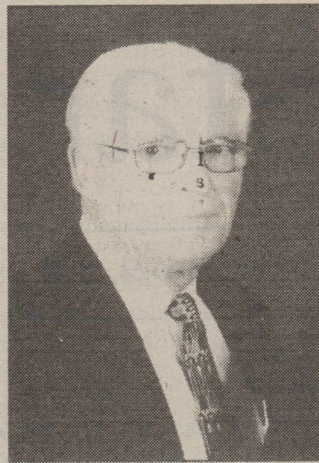
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Obits



Ronald Francis Engelbrecht
June 26, 1935
February 17, 2011

Ronald Francis Engelbrecht, 75, of Stratford, died on Thursday, February 17, 2011.

A rosary and prayer service was held at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 20, 2011 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stratford. Services were at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, February 21, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church in Stratford. Burial was at the Stratford Cemetery. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers at Stratford, 311 N. Main St.

Ronald was born on June 26, 1935 in Stratford, Texas to Joseph and Mary Freund Engelbrecht. He attended Stratford schools until junior high and graduated from Price College High School in Amarillo in 1953. He attended OPSU and then joined the Army. He was stationed in the Washington, D.C. area and served with the 8th Army (Old Guard). He was discharged in 1962 and returned to Stratford to work on the family farm. He married Marihoward Apel on August 26, 1966 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Amarillo.

He was awarded the Outstanding Young Farmer and in 1981 was chosen as Farmer of the Year. Ronald was a past member of the Perryton Equity Board, St. Joseph's Catholic Church building committee, and Knights of Columbus. He served as song leader at St. Joseph's for many years. As a farmer, he loved to raise corn and wheat. He was a master welder and loved to make things out of metal.

Survivors include his wife, Marihoward Engelbrecht, of the home; two daughters, Mari K du Plessis and husband Marius, and Ronna Jo Riffe and husband Chris, all of Stratford; a son, Jon Eric Engelbrecht and wife Sharon of Stratford; a sister, Marion Prien and husband Ray of Amarillo; a brother, Alvin Paul Engelbrecht of Amarillo; seven grandchildren, Eric Nathan and Alexander Joseph Riffe, Max Riley and Bo Britten Engelbrecht, and Hein, Adrian, and Val-Mari du Plessis.

The family suggests memorials to St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 515 South Pearl; SCOT Hall at 513 E. Third; Stratford Education Foundation at Box 108; or the Depot Museum at Box 1248, all in Stratford, TX 79084.

Viewing was on Sunday February 20th from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Boxwell Brothers in Stratford, 311 N. Main St.

Leave online condolences at www.boxwellbrothers.com.

William Adam Dean
November 2, 1971
February 10, 2011

William Adam Dean, 39, formerly of Stratford, passed away on Thursday, February 10, 2011. The family is planning to hold a private memorial service on a future date. Arrangements are by Morrison Funeral Directors.

William was born on November 2, 1971 in Columbia, South Carolina to William and Merlene Dean. He lived most of his adult life on the east coast. The last five years he was a resident of Daytona Beach, Florida. He was employed as a general laborer in the construction industry.

William was preceded in death by his grandmother, Hattie Dean.

Survivors include his parents, William and Merlene Dean of Stratford; one brother, Coy Dean of Stratford; and one sister, Lacey Dean of Dumas.

Memorials may be made to the local Food Bank (The Pantry) or to a favorite local charity of your choice.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Pets can get stressed, so many pet owners turn to helpful holistic flower remedies such as Rescure Remedy Pet to reduce behavior problems. Learn more at www.rescuremedy.com/pets and (800) 319-9151.

"America is going broke paying for somebody else's retirement," said Robert Enlow, president and CEO of The Foundation for Educational Choice, the legacy foundation of Milton and Rose Friedman. To learn more access The Foundation for Educational Choice—Manhattan Institute study at www.edchoice.org/Teacher-Pensions-PR.

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First say to yourself what you would be and then do what you have to do.

—Epictetus

Joy is not in things; it is in us.

—Richard Wagner



3rd and 4th Stratford Lady Elks 1st Place at Gruver Tournament

Back row (l/r): Katelin Berry, Shaylee Audrain, Natalia Reta, Coach Jessica Audrain. Front row (l/r): Lilia Trayler, Payton Berry, Cambri Cummings, Kenlee McBryde, Adamaris Castro, Reaghan Audrain



Stratford Stars win 2nd place

Stratford Stars win 2nd place in the girls 5th/6th grade Gruver Basketball Tournament. Front row—Mattie Fangman, Cammie Guest, Carlee Metcalf, Vanessa Gonzalez, Libbie Utley. Back row—Coach Patti Law, Allie James, Laynee Burr, Shaylee Audrain, Nicolle Law and Coach Scott Law.

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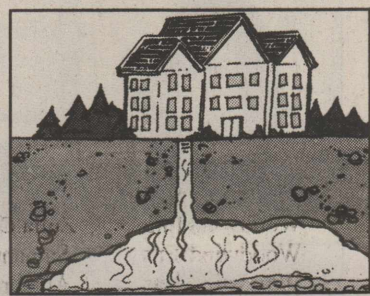
By Marylou McDaniel

Donna Gillenwaters and Kathy Switzer were hostesses at Red Hats last week. 18 women enjoyed the evening. Marylou McDaniel and Ciccy Harris were among those attending.

Florencia Eslinger had some frozen pipes—luckily they were outside! BUY—Susie Asher wasn't so lucky! Her pipes froze in the house and it was a mess!!

Hamburger Fundraiser Postponed

The Hamburger Fundraiser sponsored by the American Legion Post 262 for the Boys State and Girls State delegates has been postponed. The fundraiser was originally scheduled for Sunday, March 6th. This happens to be the same day as the Depot Museum fundraiser. Therefore, to avoid conflict and to support the Depot in their effort, the American Legion will conduct their Hamburger Fundraiser on Sunday, March 20th. The Legion encourages everyone to support the Depot in the fundraising efforts. Then come and enjoy a hamburger and all the fixing's on March 20th. Thank you.



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—John Wooden



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STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT -BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION February 10, 2011

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, February 10, 2011. President Joe Reinart established a quorum of members present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, DeWain Trayler, Greg Wright, Michelle Lutes, Tres Hess and Chet Everett.

Board members absent: Barney Willborn

Staff present: Paul Uttley, Clint Seward, Misti McBryde, Dinah Horsford, and Lynette Kautz.

Mr. Seward led the invocation.

Mr. Birdsong gave the superintendent report. Joe Reinart read a thank you note from the Jim Bob Brown family for the flowers. He reported a district enrollment of 594. He discussed the depository bid. He notified the board that First State Bank is wanting to put up a town marquee and would like to know if the district is interested in helping out. The board decided to wait to see what the budget will be once the legislature has met. An itinerary was passed out for the Winter Governance Conference.

Lynette Kautz gave the business manager report. Monthly expenditures are at 39.98%, revenue 92.10%, and all taxes collections are at 95.98%. Cost for transportation for the month was .96.

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. She reported on the County Stock Show winners. They were **Lambs** - Res Grand Champion - Turner Smith, Jr Showmanship - Turner Smith, **Pigs** - Breed Champion Spot - Rylie Long, **Heifers** - Grand Champion Heifer - Katelin Berry, English Reserve Breed Champion - Lilia Trayler, Exotic Breed Champion - Katelin Berry and Jr Beef Showmanship - Katelin Berry. The kindergarten attended the Stephen Fite concert in Amarillo on Friday, February 4th. This trip was funded through a grant provided by the Stratford ISD Education Foundation. She thanked the foundation for the grant. The kindergarten through 4th grades have been working on their entries for the Soil and Water Conservation poster contest. Third and fourth grades continue to work on preparing for the TAKS test. She demonstrated the document camera to the board. Twelve document cameras have been purchased for the Mary Allen campus. The document camera connects through a laptop computer is projected to the Smartboard and allows teachers to manipulate the document as needed.

Mr. Seward gave the Junior High report. He gave the monthly recognition for the junior high campus. The Jr. High Basketball teams competed in the Sunray Tournament on Jan. 15th. The 7th boys won 1st place, the 8th boys won 1st place, and the 7/8 girls combined team placed 3rd. The Jr. High Basketball teams also competed in the Spearman Tournament on Jan. 20th and 22nd. The 7th boys won 1st place, the 8th Boys placed 2nd, the 7th Girls placed 2nd and the 8th Girls placed 4th. He congratulated the following students who placed in the Sherman Co. Stock Show - RaeLeigh Willborn had a Grand Champion Pig, Madison Mungia had a Breed Champion Chester, RaeLeigh Willborn had a Reserve Breed Champion Duroc, RaeLeigh Willborn had a Breed Champion, RaeLeigh Willborn won the Jr. Showmanship swine award. Allie James had a Grand Champion Steer as well as a Reserve Grand Champion Steer. The following students competed in the Region I Solo and Ensemble Contest in Canyon on Feb. 5th and received the following ratings.

Clarinet Trio	Monica Reyes, Yadhira Chavoya, Samantha Gonzalez	1
Woodwind Ens.	Zulia Cocoba, Yadhira Chavoya	1
Woodwind Ens.	Zulia Cocoba, Marissa Roldan	1
Woodwind Ens.	Samantha Gonzalez, Whitney Stone	1
Woodwind Ens.	Amber Jimenez, Vanessa Mendoza	1
Woodwind Ens.	Brittany Law, Madison Mungia	1
Woodwind Ens.	Orlando Mayorga, Julian Lozano, Rubie Jimenez	1
Woodwind Ens.	Ethan McGinnis, Blaine Killian	1
Woodwind Ens.	Estefany Perez, Diana Franco	1
Woodwind Ens.	Chesney Rendon, Whitney Stone	1
Woodwind Ens.	Monica Reyes, Chesney Rendon	1
Woodwind Ens.	Marissa Roldan, Rubie Jimenez, Sidney Turner	1
Woodwind Ens.	Jacie Seward, Allissa Palmer	1
Woodwind Ens.	Alexie Wright, Sidney Turner	1
Woodwind Ens.	Taylor Wright, Vanessa Mendoza, Amber Jimenez	1
Cornet/Trumpet Trio	Andy Reyes, Erasmo Robles, Miguel Rosales	2
Cornet/Trumpet Duo	Cindy Rocha, Miguel Rosales	2
Cornet/Trumpet Duo	Miguel Rosales, Andy Reyes	2
Trombone Duo	Carlos Castenada, Chisum Rutherford	2
Trombone Trio	Juan Cocoba, Dalia Cruz, Daniela Morales	1
Trombone Duo	Juan Cocoba, Aron Villegas	1
Trombone Duo	Daniela Morales, Dalia Cruz	Brass
Trio	Sean Godsey, Blaine Killian, Colton Summers	2 Brass
Trio	Cindy Rocha, John McBroom, Wes Allen	1 Brass
Duo	Daniel Sanchez, Chisum Rutherford	1
French Horn Duo	Kelsey Pickens, Alexie Wright	1
Snare Drum Solo	Kevin Hernandez	1
Percussion Ens.	Erika Ortega, Kevin Hernandez, Danielle Ramos	1

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Over the years, numerous surveys have shown apple pie to be the favorite dessert in the United States. It has also been a favorite in England for hundreds of years.

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—Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Nutrition For Active Families Make Everyday Meals A Better Nutrition Choice With Simple Switches

(NAPS)—Making dinner a family affair is a great way to share time with each other and lets parents make better nutrition choices for their kids. Preparing great-tasting and balanced meals at home is more important now than ever, especially with the release of the new Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Among other recommendations, the guidelines urge everyone to limit the amount of saturated fat in their diet. Registered Dietitian Pamela Nisevich says that meals at home can be quick and good for your family, and that with a few simple switches, you can save on saturated fat without sacrificing taste.

Here are three simple switches to save on saturated fat that your family will love:

- Brighten Up Your Mornings**—Swap bacon and eggs for oatmeal with a variety of brightly colored berries and fresh fruit. The fruit adds a rainbow of color sure to excite kids and gives the oatmeal a naturally sweet taste to satisfy their sweet tooth.
- Lighten Your Lunch**—Opt for leaner cuts of lunch meat. Dress up turkey, low-fat ham, chicken or roast beef with fresh veggies and low-fat cheese. The savory sandwiches are sure to be a lunch room favorite.
- Beat the Dinner Dol-drums**—Make your veggies more exciting: Instead of topping them with butter, switch to one serving of Shedd's Spread Country Crock®, which has 70 percent less saturated fat than butter and no hydrogenated oils, so there's 0 grams of trans fat per serving.

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With a few simple switches, you can save on saturated fat without sacrificing taste in your meals.

Here's an easy-to-prepare, great-tasting recipe you can try tonight:

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4 servings
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 6 minutes

5 tsp. Shedd's Spread Country Crock® Spread
1 1/2 cups sliced carrots
1 large red or yellow bell pepper, finely chopped
2 cups broccoli florets (about 4 oz.)
1 small onion, finely chopped
2 tsp. chopped fresh parsley (optional)
1/2 tsp. ground black pepper

Melt Shedd's Spread Country Crock® Spread in 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat and cook carrots, red pepper, broccoli and onion, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are crisp-tender, about 6 minutes. Stir in parsley and black pepper.

Nutrition Information per serving: Calories 80, Calories From Fat 30, Saturated Fat 1g, Trans Fat 0g, Total Fat 3.5g, Cholesterol 0mg, Sodium 85mg, Total Carbohydrate 10g, Sugars 5g, Dietary Fiber 3g, Protein 2g, Vitamin A 210%, Vitamin C 140%, Calcium 4%, Iron 4%

Healthy Ideas

(NAPS)—The CONTROL Hypertension (Consequences of Not Taking Control of Hypertension) Survey was conducted from October 25 to November 11, 2010 by Mended Hearts, a community-based, national heart patient support organization, and Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, Inc. It found patients' attitudes and physicians' perceptions regarding uncontrolled hypertension don't always align, specifically in patient motivation and involvement. Learn more at www.mendedhearts.org.



The healthcare experts at the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) recommend that everyone—especially health care professionals—follow good hand-washing habits. For more information on the AANA, nurse anesthesia and safe healthcare visit www.aana.com or call (8-692-7050).

According to retired Brigadier General Becky Halstead, the pain and stiffness of fibromyalgia can be relieved through chiropractic care. The condition, which affects the central nervous system, forced her to retire. Learn more www.yes2chiropractic.com.

2011 Production Agriculture Planning Workshop

Thursday, February 24, 2011
Floyd County Unity Center, Muncy, TX

7:30 am	Registration and refreshments
7:50 am	Welcome & Introductions - David Doerfert, Texas Tech University
8:00 am	TAWC Update, Glenn Schur, TAWC Producer Board Chair
8:15 am	What You Can Expect From Commodity Prices For The Coming Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darren Hudson, Professor and Larry Combest Chair for Agricultural Competitiveness, Director, Cotton Economics Research Institute, Texas Tech University • Don Klose, Market Director, Texas Cattle Feeders Association
9:00 am	Emerging Technologies for Managing Your Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin Weinheimer, Texas Tech University • Rick Kellison, Texas Alliance for Water Conservation
10:00 am	Optimal Irrigation: Growing More With Less <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Glodt, Owner, Agri-Search • David Sloane, Principal Agronomist, AquaSpy Inc.
11:00 am	Agriculture Directions for 2011 and Beyond (commodity panel discussion) <p><u>Commodity leaders panel discussion</u> Moderator: David Doerfert Panelist: David Gibson, Texas Corn Producers Board Shawn Wate, Plains Cotton Growers Tim Lust, National Sorghum Producers Don Klose, Texas Cattle Feeders Association Calvin Trostle, Texas AgriLife Extension</p>
Noon	Lunch Program Keynote Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Conkright, Manager, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 • Larry Combest, Former U.S. Representative and Chairman of House Agriculture Committee; Co-owner, Combest, Sell & Associates, LLC

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Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church
Pastor Gary Smith
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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
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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Senior High UMY 5:00 p.m.
Youth High UMY 6:00 p.m.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass or by appt.
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Jr. & Sr. High, Wed.-6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
N. 3rd & Chestnut
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Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. p.m.



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Wed. Service-7:30 p.m.

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Sunday School-9:30
Worship Service-10:30
Wed.-Children-6 p.m. youth-7 p.m.

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Stratford High School: Front Row (Left to Right): Mary Ann Spurlock, Derek Vasquez, and Jordan Shy Acker. Middle Row: Carlos Armendariz, Victor Castro, Tyler Seward, and Ridl Garay. Back Row: Demetry Sandoval, Dominique Sandoval, Daniel Acosta, Me Vincent, and Christina Roldan.



8th Grade: Front row (L-R): Aron Villegas, Colton Summers, Vanessa Mendoza, Allissa Pe Chisum Rutherford, and Daniel Sanchez. Middle row: Taylor Wright, Amber Ji Dalia Cruz, Juan Cocoba, Jacie Seward, Sean Godsey, and Blaine Killian. Back Carlos Castaneda, Daniela Morales, Brittany Law, Madi Mungia, Cindy Rocha, Ethan McGinnis.

SISD Minutes
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Christian, Reserve Grand Champion Pig - Justin Mungia, Sr. Swine Showmanship - Kyle Horsford. The following were breed champions: Chester - Reserve Breed Champion - Logan Uttley, Duroc Breed Champion - Ransom Lefmon, Hamp Breed Champion - Kaylee Mungia, Reserve Breed Champion - Kyle Horsford. In the Goat division, Ransom Lermon won Sr. Showmanship. In the beef division, Bryce Cummings exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Heifer and Sr. Beef Showmanship went to Trevor Christian. The following had breed champions - English Breed Champion Grayson Gonzalez, Exotic Reserve Breed Champion-Bryce Cummings. The Top Hand Award was awarded to Kyle Horsford. He congratulated all of the exhibitors on the winnings and hard work. He reported on the solo/ensemble contest. The participation doubled over last year. The Student Council will hold a blood drive on Monday, February 14th in the gym. The UIL participants will go to a practice UIL meet this Saturday in Canadian. The One Act Play participated in the Shallowater OAP Festival and did well. He reported that the campus will have an altered schedule on Friday to allow UIL participants to work with their sponsors. Cheerleading tryouts will be held the week of March 7th. He reported on tutoring, attendance letters and Saturday school participants. He gave a special thanks to Police Chief Powell for his added security during the Gruver basketball game. He reported a campus enrollment of 178. He then demonstrated the CPS (clickers) that the district has recently purchased. The teacher writes a quiz and each student is given a clicker and is able to key in their response. Reports are available once the quiz is completed. Each board member had a clicker and took a short quiz that he had written.

Greg Wright made the motion and Michelle Lutes seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented the order of elections for the May 14th school trustee elections. Tres Hess made the motion and Chet Everett to accept the order as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented the Staff Development and Early Release Waiver for the 2011-2012 school year. Michelle Lutes made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to approve application for expedited staff development and early release waivers as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented the 2011-2012 school calendar that the SBDM committee submitted for approval. Chet Everett made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to approve the calendar as presented. Motion carried.

The board took a short recess at 7:58 PM.

The board reconvened at 8:15 PM.

Mr. Birdsong presented Eddie Metcalf, Athletic Director for contract extension. DeWain Traylor made the motion and Michelle Lutes seconded to extend the contract of Eddie Metcalf to 2013. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented Dr. Paul Uttley for contract extension. Greg Wright made the motion and Chet Everett seconded to extend the contract of Paul Uttley to 2013. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented Mr. Clint Seward for contract extension. Tres Hess made the motion and DeWain Traylor seconded to extend the contract of Clint Seward to 2013. Motion carried.

Stratford Band Students Receive Highest Ratings At UIL Solo/Ensemble Contest

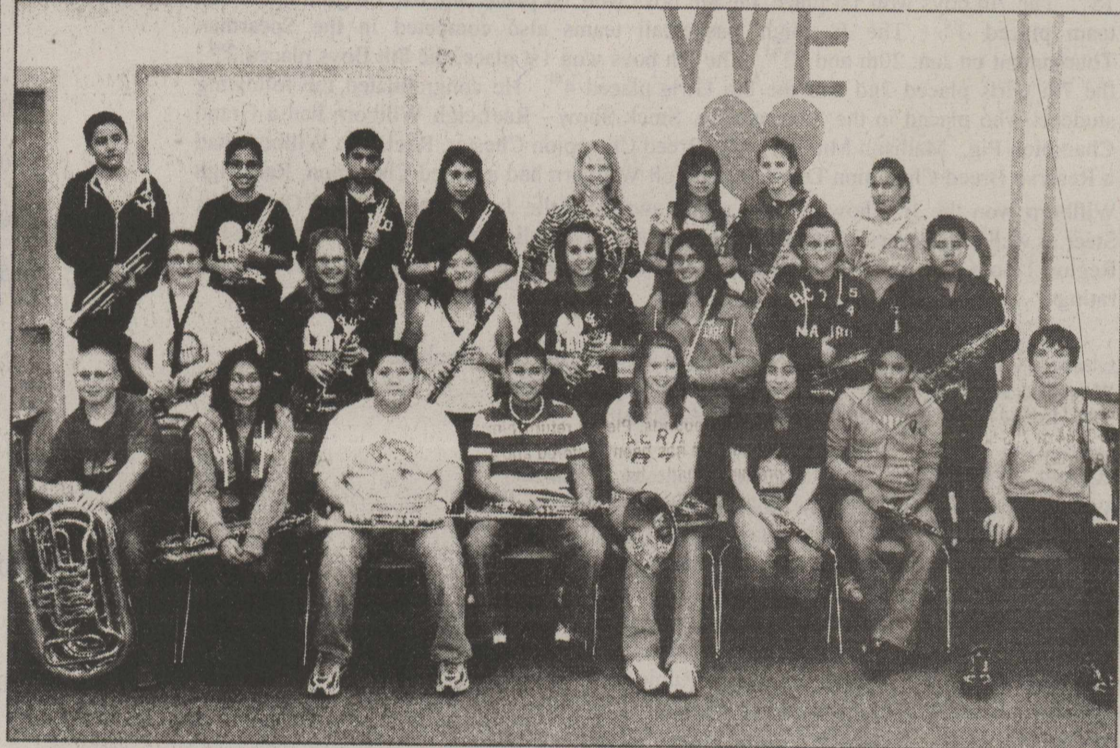
On Saturday, February 5, 55 Stratford Band students travelled to Canyon to perform in the UIL Regional Instrumental Solo and Ensemble contest. The 7th and 8th grade students performed at Canyon High School and the 9th-12th grade band members performed on the West Texas A & M campus. Of 38 separate events entered, 28 received Division I (Superior) Ratings. This is the highest rating given at UIL music contests. Students almost doubled their participation in the contest as last year Stratford entered only 22 separate events.

Below are results of the contest listing High School (9th-12th grade) first and then Junior High (7th-8th grade).

Mazie Vincent, clarinet solo - I; Mary Ann Spurlock, bass clarinet solo - II; Christina Roldan, alto saxophone solo - I; Daniel Acosta, baritone solo - I; Victor Castro, trombone solo - II; Ricky Garay, trombone solo - II; Jordon Shyanne Acker, tuba solo - I; Carlos Armendariz, Tyler Seward, and Derek Vasquez, trombone trio - III; Demetry Sandoval, Dominique Sandoval, and Derek Vasquez, brass trio - III; Carlos Armendariz, snare drum solo - I.

Monica Reyes, Yadhira Chavoya, and Samantha Gonzalez, clarinet trio - I; Zulia Cocoba and Yadhira Chavoya, woodwind (WW) duet - I; Zulia Cocoba and Marissa Roldan, flute duet - I; Samantha Gonzalez and Whitney Stone, clarinet duet - I; Amber Jimenez and Vanessa Mendoza, clarinet duet - I; Brittany Law and Madi Mungia, clarinet duet - I; Orlanda Mayorga, Julian Lozano, and Rubie Jimenez, alto saxophone trio - I; Ethan McGinnis and Blaine Killian, WW duet - I; Estefany Perez and Diana Franco, WW duet - I; Chesney Rendon and Whitney Stone, clarinet duet - I; Monica Reyes and Chesney Rendon, clarinet duet - I; Marissa Roldan, Rubie Jimenez, and Sidney Turner, WW trio - I; Jacie Seward and Allissa Palmer, WW duet - I; Alexie Wright and Sidney Turner, mixed duet - I; Taylor Wright, Vanessa Mendoza, Amber Jimenez, clarinet trio - I; Andy Reyes, Erasmo Robles, and Miguel Rosales, trumpet trio - II; Cindy Rocha, Miguel Rosales, trumpet duet - II; Miguel Rosales, Andy Reyes, trumpet duet - II; Chisum Rutherford, Carlos Castaneda, trombone duet - II; Juan Cocoba, Dalia Cruz, and Daniela Morales, trombone trio - I; Juan Cocoba, Aron Villegas, brass duet - I; Daniela Morales, Dalia Cruz, trombone duet - I; Sean Godsey, Blaine Killian, and Colton Summers, mixed trio - II; Cindy Rocha, John McBroom, and Wes Allen, brass trio - I; Daniel Sanchez, Carlos Castaneda, and Chisum Rutherford, brass trio - I; Kelsey Pickens, Alexie Wright, horn duet - I; Kevin Hernandez, snare drum solo, I; and Erika Ortega, Kevin Hernandez, and Danielle Ramos, snare drum trio - I.

Congratulations go to all band students for their hard work and effort given to represent Stratford Schools so well at the Solo/Ensemble Contest. Also, thanks go to Mariah Carrel-Coons for providing piano accompaniment for the soloists.



7th Grade: Front row (L-R): Wes Allen, Rubie Jimenez, Miguel Rosales, Erasmo Robles, K Pickens, Yadhira Chavoya, Estefany Perez, and John McBroom. Middle row: S Turner, Whitney Stone, Monica Reyes, Chesney Rendon, Marissa Roldan, Orlap Mayorga, and Julian Lozano. Back row: Andy Reyes, Erika Ortega, Kevin Her Danielle Ramos, Alexie Wright, Samantha Gonzalez, Diana Franco, and Zulia

He reported a campus enrollment of 163. The Sherman County Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, February 10th in Stratford. Krystal Hernandez from Texhoma was the winner. Students participating from Stratford in the junior division included DarCee Robison and Daniela Valdez. Karina Henderson, Francisco Barajas, Magaly Guerrero and Taylor Wright participated in the senior division. Barbara Haile received a grant from the Education Foundation that brought the Chinese Acrobats to Stratford on Friday, February 4th. Their presentation was very good and the students enjoyed the performance. He thanked the education foundation for funding this grant. The junior high campus has also purchased six document cameras for their campus and two sets of classroom performance systems (clickers). A demonstration of the clickers will be given later. He told the board about a new blog that he has set up for the junior high. It can be found at www.jrhighehls.posterous.com. He found out about this website that can be used as a communication tool at the Mid Winter Conference he attended.

Dr. Uttley gave the high school report. He gave the monthly recognition. The varsity boys record is currently 17-7, 7-2 District, the Junior Varsity is 7-7, the varsity girls basketball record is 14-14, 4-5 in district, the Junior Varsity is 11-8, 4-3 in district.

Edgar Guerrero and Tyler Wright made the Texas Sports Writers Association All-State Team. Edgar was a 2nd team defensive back and Tyler was Honorable Mention on both the offensive and defensive line. The Sherman County Stock Show Results were as follows: Lambs - Grand Champion - Bryce Cummings, Sr. Lamb Showmanship - Trevor

Mr. Birdsong presented Mrs. Misti McBryde for contract extension. DeWain Traylor made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to extend the contract of Misti McBryde to 2013. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented Desine Garza for contract renewal. Greg Wright made the motion and Chet Everett seconded to renew the 11 month contract of Desine Garza, counselor. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.



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Sherman County Commissioners' Court will hold a Public Hearing on the establishment of minimum infrastructure standards for manufactured home rental communities located in the county outside the limits of a municipality. The hearing will be March 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Sherman County Courthouse, 701 N 3rd St, Stratford, Texas.
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Lost: 15 month old Shih Tzu Wednesday night. Tan & Creme color- 18 pounds. Please return him if found. He has been neutered and a prominent under bite Call 396-5845.
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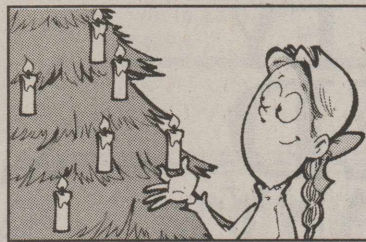
I am thankful for the mess to clean after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.
—Nancie Carmody

The words that enlighten the soul are more precious than jewels.
—Hazrat Inayat Khan

Babies are always more trouble than you thought—and more wonderful.
—Charles Osgood

You cannot fly like an eagle with the wings of a wren.
—William Henry Hudson

I'm tired of all this nonsense about beauty being only skin-deep. That's deep enough. What do you want, an adorable pancreas?
—Jean Kerr



The tradition of using small candles to light a Christmas tree is thought to date back to the mid-17th century.

Develop interest in life as you see it; in people, things, literature, music—the world is so rich, simply throbbing with rich treasures, beautiful souls and interesting people. Forget yourself.
—Henry Miller

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Contributors Fund and say thank you for purchasing my animal this year. I really appreciate you supporting me and my animal. It means a lot to me that you supported everyone who was in the Sherman County Stock Show this year. Thank you so much.
Sincerely, Kaylee Mungia

Card of Thanks

Thank you so much for the meal the Methodist youth brought to us on Sunday night. What a great bunch of youth. The meal was delicious and what a good job by these kids.
Wendell and Nelda Stacy

Card of Thanks

Thank you to Let's Make Arrangements for Valentine Flower donation
Stratford Hospital District

Honor Rolls

Stratford High School
Sch Year: 2011 Semester 1 Cycle 3 Grades
Grade Level 09

Last Name	First Name
Audrain	Sterling
Everett	Hunter
Garay	Ricky
Roldan-De Casas	Christina
Soto	Citaly
Spurlock	Mary
Uttley	Logan
York	Emily

A Honor Roll Report
Stratford High School
Sch Year: 2011 Semester 1 Cycle 3 Grades
Grade Level 10

Acker	Jordan
Brooks	Meghan
Everson	Macy
Lozoya	Karen
Ruiz	Kenny
Seward	Tyler
Wells	Ryan
Wilkins	Erin

A Honor Roll Report
Stratford High School
Sch Year: 2011 Semester 1 Cycle 3 Grades
Grade Level 11

Birdsong	Kammi
Garza	Marcos
Henderson	Taylor
Johnson	Jordan
Lantelme	Casey
Marquez Joven	Nayely
Mungia	Justin
Palmer	Braiden
Reta	Perla
Ruedas	Jesus
Soto	Arleth
York	Julie

A Honor Roll Report
Stratford High School
Sch Year: 2011 Semester 1 Cycle 3 Grades
Grade Level 12

Armentariz	Carlos
Brooks	Heidi
Chavoya	Brianda
Foos	Ragan
Hart	Christopher
Horsford	Jacob
Olivas	Miranda
Ruvalcaba	Daisy
Terry	Stephen
Wright	Tyler

3rd Grade

A Honor Roll

Cambri Cummings
Rylie Long
Toni Lopez
Fernando Martinez
Kenlee McBryde
Ty McBryde
Walker McBryde
Alex Osborn
Shantel Radford
Carlos Reta
Annahi Ruiz
Jacob Sanchez
Akira Vacio
Abraham Villegas

3rd Grade

AB Honor Roll

Itzel Botello
Janeht Bravo
Ethan Davila
Jesus Duran
Bian Folsom
Abigail Gomez
Roy Hacker
Charles Harbour
Xhander Lewis
Jesse Sanchez
Oscar Sausamedia
Lilia Trayler
Luis Valles
Alexandra Villa Tello

4th Grade

A Honor Roll

Eugenia Almendarez
Katelin Berry
Caden Blankenship
Adamaris Castro-Gonzalez
Daniel DeAnda
Xenia Franco
Carlos Gonzalez Carnero

4th Grade

AB Honor Roll

Lupita Henderson
Elizabeth Martinez
Luis Mendoza
Francisco Olmos
Tyson Ortiz
Nicholas Payne
Kelsey Radford
Turner Smith
Astrid Valenzuela

4th Grade

AB Honor Roll

Shaylee Audrain
Emily Barajas
Mason Barnett
Davin Chapman
Noah Davis
Justin Duran
Damian Maldonado
Eimy Mendoza
Nadia Ortega Acosta
Natalia Reta
Brianna Rich
Creed Riley
Aide Rosales
Efrain Rosales
Remie Seward
Kyle Tidrick
Jennifer Torres
Victor Torres
Jake Weiser

A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.
—Harry Truman

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambition. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.
—Mark Twain

An invasion of armies can be resisted, but not an idea whose time has come.
—Victor Hugo

5th grade

Taylor Aduddell
Laynee Burr
Brandy Castenada
Jennifer Chavez
Juan DeCasas
Lucero Garcia
Vanessa Gonzalez
Chantal Guel
Sergio Guerrero
Wylie Hacker
Noah Harris
Shay Hess
Allie James
Colten Lanning
Erika Lopez
Sonia Lopez
Kade McBryde
Carlee Metcalf
Natalia Niave
Baruc Ortega
DarCee Robinson
Robert Ruiz

6th grade

Francisco Barajas
Bret Barnard
Gage Brooks
Zorro Daniels
Julio Duran
Hannah Franklin
Ella Godsey
Karina Henderson
Fernando Jacquez
Nicolle Law
Kyfar Ontiveros
Russell Spurlock
RaeLeigh Willborn
Libby Uttley
Daniela Valdez

7th grade

Wes Allen
Yadhira Chavoya
Diana Franco
Josh Garza
Kevin Hernandez
Ty Hess
Maty Mace
Orlando Mayorga
Jack McBryde
Branson Palmer
Monica Reyes
Alex Riffe
Marisa Roldan
Miguel Rosales
Tanner Stone
Whitney Stone
Sidney Turner
Alexie Wright

8th grade

Austin Aduddell
Bethany Everett
Vanessa Mendoza
Allissa Palmer
Cindy Rocha
Jordan Ruiz
Rett Schoover
Jacie Seward
Colten Summers

I finally realized that being grateful to my body was key to giving more love to myself.
—Oprah Winfrey

Stratford Little League

After six years of organizing and running Stratford Youth Baseball, we are asking for a replacement. This program has a life of its own because of the strong foundation put in place by Lance and Dinah Horsford. We have simply done what they did. We believe that their patterns will continue to sustain Baseball for years to come.

There are many responsibilities associated with running the League. Field maintenance, team uniforms, league drafts, team schedules, concession stands, fund raisers, team pictures, player awards, and All-Star selections are a few of the things that fall under the responsibility of the "Commissioner." We have always had a full and competent staff of volunteers willing to make sure that these things get done.

We realize that any organization is only as strong as its members. Our coaches, umpires, players, parents, contributors, and volunteers are what make Stratford Youth Baseball successful. The simple fact that we are stepping away from our roles should not change the culture of Stratford Youth Baseball. It has always been our goal to make youth baseball rewarding, enjoyable, and affordable for the kids of Stratford. The growing number of participants leads us to believe that we are reaching that goal.

For the 2011 season, we are asking for a replacement. We will give you enough room so that the League can become your own. Or, we will show you the plan put in place by the Horsfords and managed by us. In other words, we will be around as much, or as little, as you would like us to be. If you've got an interest in running the League, please let us know. Preliminary plans for the 2011 seasons will need to be addressed by March 1, 2011. Our home phone number is 366-5307.

Thank you for your support and consideration,
Gared & Misti McBryde

Severe Weather Awareness Week

Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas will be observed February 20-26, 2011. If variety is the spice of life, we're sure spicy in our region of Texas! Severe weather can mean different types of events depending on the season of the year. It could be blizzards, ice storms and snow. It might be bitter cold. It might also mean tornado producing thunderstorms with a little (or a lot of) hail and high winds thrown in. Or it could even be a threat of wildfire due to extreme dry conditions.

Whatever the event is, we should begin to prepare now. Getting ready doesn't mean living in fear. It just means doing all you can to take good care of your family, friends, and neighbors. Knowing you're prepared for an emergency can help you and those you love stay calm and act effectively.

So, how do we begin to prepare? A good start is by making safety a way of life. Think and plan ahead of an event so that you don't have to scramble around trying to make critical decisions in the middle of the mayhem. You should have a plan that considers each person in your household or your circle of friends. What are each person's age and special needs? What do you need to know if you must evacuate or shelter in place? Where should you find access to reliable information? Do you know our community's warning signals? What's the difference between a watch and a warning? If you must do without services such as, gas, electricity, water, and phone for at least 3 days, what would you do? Could you cope?

During the next few weeks, I'll begin a series of articles that will help answer some questions about preparedness. If there is a particular topic you'd like to see addressed, please come by and visit with me at the County Judge's office in the Sherman County Courthouse or give me a call at 366-2021.

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Rodeo Season Back in Full Swing

—By Jordan Muncy-Taton

Manhattan, Kansas—The Oklahoma Panhandle State University rodeo teams made their way to Wildcat country for the first rodeo of the spring season in Manhattan, Kansas at Kansas State University. After a long winter rest, the teams enjoyed the beautiful Kansas weather and kicked off the season with several team members qualifying for Sunday's championship round.

First to compete in Weber Arena on the KSU campus in the short round was Ryan McIntyre in the bareback riding. McIntyre, a native of Boys Ranch, Texas, came into the short round in third place after posting a 75-point score. He made the eight-second mark once again in the short round giving him another qualified ride good enough for a third through fifth place tie in the aggregate. Of the ten competitors in the short round of saddle bronc riding, five of them wore the red and blue vests of OPSU. However, no one could catch Tyrel Larsen. He made a clean sweep winning the long round, short round and average. Close behind was teammate Troy Crowser who ended up second in the average, each adding crucial points to the men's team standings. Will Abshire rode both of his broncs good enough for a sixth place finish. Also qualifying for the short round was Kole Wynia and Whit Peterson

Brice Ingo and Cody Larsen were the only timed-event cowboys to qualify for the championship round from OPSU, but they made sure to leave their mark. Paired up in the team roping, Ingo and Larsen roped their first steer respectfully for a sixth place finish. However, they came back strong in the short go and posted a wicked 5.3 second run, allowing them to walk away as the champions in the aggregate.

Several lady Aggies secured a spot in the short go as well. Colorado native Jesse Suazo posted the fastest time of the entire weekend in the barrel racing with a 12.75, and matched with her long round time, Suazo finished second in the average with teammate Kaylee Moyer close behind in third. Moyer won second in the long-round with a 12.84, also earning valuable team points on the women's side. Also making the short round was Katie Jolly who finished second in the long-g (of breakaway roping), and Jordan Muncy-Taton in the goat tying.

With the first spring-season rodeo in the books, both teams have one weekend off before traveling to Garden City, Kansas March 4-6. The final stretch of the season has officially begun, and many hopes and dreams are on the line as the cowboys and cowgirls strive for both team individual titles. Though the season is merely halfway finished, the College National Finals remains the ultimate goal for all team members, so stay tuned to follow OPSU Rodeo on their journey to Casper, Wyo. in June.



James Gordon Bennett is considered the father of the present-day American newspaper. He was a reporter who founded and edited the New York Herald in 1835.

Chains do not hold a marriage together. It is threads, hundreds of tiny threads, which sew people together through the years.
—Simone Signoret



Legend has it that in the first century, the Roman emperor Nero used to send slaves to the mountains to collect snow and ice to make flavored ices, the precursors to ice cream.

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