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"Run Across America"

On "Live" with Regis and Kelly, Regis Philbin and Kelly Ripa announced that "Run Across America" Dean Karnazes started his trek across America on February 25th from Southern California. He'll be running nearly 3,000 miles averaging 40-50 miles per day. On Wednesday, March 23rd, Stratford gave a warm welcome to Dean and his crew (one being Carly Mathews a former resident of Stratford and graduate of Stratford High School and now a crew member). Stratford raised \$2,017 to give the charity "Action for Healthy Kids". Thanks goes out to the Donors and the School and local Business for their support. Dean and his crew said it was the warmest welcome so far. And they really wanted to thank everyone for coming out.

Stratford Ex Student Reunion July 29-30.

Gaynelle Riffe

Mailing lists for the honored classes are needed by April 5 with plans for the class activities. I have received updated mailings for class of 1961 and 1981. I need a volunteer to cook 200 + hamburgers for Friday July 29th.

The next short Ex-Student meeting will be April 5 at 7:00 p.m. at The Imagination Station to finalize mailings and plans for the 2011 reunion.

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1, 2:30 PM
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PROGRAM**



One Act Play advances to UIL District

The UIL One Act Play "The Women of Lockerbie" under the direction of Ronna Riffe and Stacy Metcalf competed at the UIL Zone Meet on Wednesday, March 23 in Boys Ranch. They advanced to the UIL District Meet in Stinnett on Tuesday, March 29th. On Monday, March 21, they performed for the school and held their annual Dinner Theatre that evening. Cast and Crew are back row from left: Derek Vasquez, Heidi Brooks, Perla Reta, Chase Lutes, Kavan Killian, Jordan Johnson, Kammi Birdsong and Stacy Metcalf-director. Front row from left: Tyler Seward, Ransom Lermon, Shyanne Acker, Taylor Melton, Katy Moore, MaryAnn Spurlock, Mazie Vincent, Stacey Sapp, Ronna Riffe-director and Hunter Everett. Congratulations on a great job! Photo of All start Cast on page 4

More photos
on page 6

Keep an Eye Out for Skunks

By Brad Easterling

2011 is starting to develop into another bad year as far as rabies and skunks are concerned if the current trend remains steady the remainder of this year. Fortunately we have not recorded any cases of rabies in here in Sherman County at this point in time, but the Panhandle as a whole is above average. Currently 2.5 times more cases than were recorded at this time last year. We are also above the number of cases reported in 2005, which was considered a bad year as far as rabies is concerned. Remember, no cases have been recorded in Sherman County yet, and none were recorded in 2010, so just be aware of the fact that cases are on the rise in the area.

There are several things that you can do to help eliminate or minimize the presence of skunks and other wildlife around your property. First of all, all pets and any livestock or animal that you are attached enough to that you could never bare to see it put down, should be vaccinated for rabies. A rabies vaccination is the quickest, easiest, and simplest way to prevent pets, livestock, and possibly humans from becoming infected with rabies. Secondly, do not leave pet food out overnight and if possible, remove water sources. Automatic feeders and water bowls provide a constant source of feed and water for skunks as well as your pets. I know this is difficult and not always feasible and I have an automatic feeder for my dog. It is also a good idea to keep livestock feed sealed away and protected. Remember, those things can get into some pretty small holes. Be sure the crawl spaces under houses are sealed up. The underside of a house is the perfect location to breed a whole family of skunks or possibly cats and removing them is never fun. Of course if one of them should die under your house you have an entirely different problem, so close up any holes along the side of your house now before the skunks take up residence.

Also, avoid any skunks or other wildlife that you may see during the daytime, especially species which are known to be nocturnal. This is a quick clue that it may be rabid. If you have any other questions, feel free to give me a call at the Sherman County Extension Office 366-2081.

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.

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!!

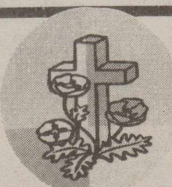
Early voting begins May 2, 2011.

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.

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

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).

S.C.O.T. Hall
Memorial Day Flowers
Don't wait, Get yours early
Call Karen Perrin @ 396-2097



2011 Stewardship & Awards Banquet to be held

The Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District announces its Stewardship and Awards Banquet has been set for March 31, 2011. The meal is set for noon at the Sherman County Barn. We will be having a catered lunch served at 12:00.

Awards will be given to the students from Stratford schools that placed in our Coloring and Poster contests and to honor this year's Conservation Farmer.

This year's program will consist of a presentation by Brad Esterling the new Sherman County Ag Extension Agent.

We hope to see you, your family and friends at the Banquet. Remember - there is no charge for this informative time. Please call the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 with your reservations. Reservations need to be made by March 29, 2011.

Scott Buckles
Mark Hartman
Tom Moore
Roger Wells
Steve Baskin

Transportation News

By Gaynelle Riffe

US 287 railroad road crossing widening on the east lanes will be completed soon and work will begin in the west lanes. The US 287 widening project through town should be completed mid-May. (Weather permitting??) And what is next? Passing lanes on US 287 north to Kerrick. The plans are for 4.2 mile passing lanes plus rehab of the surface from Stratford to the Oklahoma State Line. Monday 28, work will begin to widen the culverts.

A hot mix plant will be set up in Stratford to accommodate the US 287 project and the 4th to 8th Main Street overlay. These projects are planned for June/July.

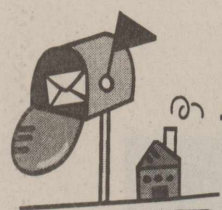
(The Main Street Celebration committee wanted to wait until the whole project was completed. It could be a year from the opening in October 2010)

Annual Livestock Association Meeting
To be held April 11th
at 7 p.m. at
Sherman County
Barn

Special
(Wednesday thru Tuesday)
2 p.m. until closing

Clip this coupon for
2 Burgers-2 fries & 2 drinks
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1120 E. Texas Hwy 54



Letter to the Editor

Dear Friends,

I am writing as a passionate supporter of libraries. As you may or may not know, the proposed state budget eliminates many key educational programs. Statewide library programs have taken a particularly hard hit: all state funding for the direct aid program to community libraries was zeroed out as well as state funding for online resources for public, academic (higher education), and school libraries.

I am asking for your help to speak out for our state's libraries. Please contact state legislators and ask them to restore state funding to libraries. In just about five minutes, you can take three key actions.

Email your state legislators. The Texas Library Association has an automated site with ready text for emailing that will get your message directly to your own individual elected officials. Go to TAKE ACTION at <http://capwiz.com/ala/tx/issues/alert/?alertid=2299250> & PROCESS=Take+Action.

Add your name to the TLA online petition Save Texas Libraries at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/texas-libraries>. (After signing this petition, you will be taken to a screen to make a donation, but no donation is required and you can just exit out of the screen.)

3) Spread the word and get others to email also. Share this message with other library supporters.

Thank you so much for your passion and commitment to Texas, education, and libraries.
Sincerely, Sandy Baskin

Storm Spotter Class

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

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



Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration

Mary Allen Elementary will begin registering children for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year beginning on Monday, April 4, 2011. Please come to the Mary Allen Elementary Office from 9:00 - 2:00 to register. Please bring your child's social security card, birth certificate, and current shot record. To enroll in Kindergarten, your child must turn 5 by September 1, 2011. A child is eligible for enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten if the child is at least 4 years of age by September 1, 2011 and is:

- *unable to speak or understand the English language
- *educationally disadvantaged
- *homeless
- *active duty of Military
- *child of a parent of the armed forces or reserved unit who was killed or injured while serving in active duty
- *in foster care who have been adopted

Children who are currently enrolled in and attending Pre-Kindergarten at Mary Allen DO NOT need to attend this pre-registration to attend Kindergarten next year. If you are unable to attend on the 4th, registration will continue through the end of the school year during school hours.

STRATFORD TO HOST DISTRICT CONVENTION

According to Harold Lehnick, Claude, 18th District Commander of The American Legion, Department of Texas, The annual District Spring Convention will be held in Stratford, TX on Saturday, April 9th, hosted by Stratford Post 262. "This will be Post 262's first Convention and they have done a splendid job in promoting it," stated Lehnick in a recent interview. He went on to state that Dr. Paul Matney, President of Amarillo College would be the featured speaker.

Post 262 Commander, Wayne Smith is coordinating the local effort and recently announced the convention would be a one-day event; beginning with registration at 9:00am and running through the noon hour. Meetings will commence at 11:00 am and continue after lunch. Smith also announced that Post 262 would be serving morning refreshments, a light lunch and a rib eye steak dinner that evening.

Advanced registration fees for the event must be received by April 1st and have been set at \$25.00 per person. Registrations received after that date are set at \$30.00. Smith asked that advanced registration fees be mailed to:

The American Legion
Post 262
PO Box 433
Stratford, TX 79084

District Conventions are scheduled annually for the purpose of training and information sharing. Commander Lehnick also announced that The American Legion Auxiliary would meet during this convention, with their business session coordinated by District President, Susan Wheatley of Darrouzett.

The American Legion, chartered by congress in 1919, is the nation's largest and most influential organization of war time veterans. The 18th District is one of 23 in the State of Texas; representing the top 28 counties of the Texas Panhandle area. It is also one of five Districts in the 4th Division, which includes the whole of West Texas; from Darrouzett to the Del Rio area and El Paso east to the Mineral Wells area.

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From the desk of Chief Powell



From the desk of Chief Powell

This week, I would like to welcome Officer Jon Cooley to the Stratford Police Department. Officer Cooley took his oath on Thursday March 24th, 2011 at 10:45 am. He is originally from Waller, Texas. He graduated from Concordia Lutheran High School in Tomball, Texas in 2003. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and other misc. outdoor activities. Officer Cooley attended the Lonestar Law Enforcement Academy in Houston, Texas from 2010 - 2011. Prior to the academy, Officer Cooley spent much of his time riding with and assisting the Waller, Texas Police Department. He comes highly recommended by the men and women of the Waller P.D. Chief Powell www.stratfordpd.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Stratford has contracted with Panhandle Sweeping and Maintenance to sweep and clean the streets of Stratford on April 1, 2011. In order to assist in this effort, the City of Stratford is asking that all citizens, to the best of their ability and within reasonableness, try and keep the street clear of any obstructions so that Panhandle Sweeping and Maintenance can do the best job possible.

In addition, the City of Stratford would like to invite all citizens to participate in a city-wide cleanup effort that will occur on Friday, April 1, 2011 to Sunday, April 3, 2011. The purpose of this cleanup effort is to clear your yards or alley-ways of any unused or junked items. The purpose of this is to enhance the beauty of the City of Stratford. The City will be placing extra dumpsters, yard waste, and roll-off containers around town to provide extra places to dump. The locations of these containers will be revealed in the next couple of publication of the Stratford Star so stay tuned. If you have questions or would like additional information regarding the City-wide cleanup effort, please contact City Hall.

Thank you all for your commitment to the City of Stratford and for your efforts in keeping Stratford beautiful.

Notice of Public Hearing on Sherman County Appraisal District Budget

The Sherman County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2012 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Friday, May 20, 2011 at 7:00 a.m. at the Sherman County Appraisal District Office.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$368,136
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ 8,658
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	<u>4</u> (full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	<u>4</u> (full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

Sherman County Appraisal
402 N. Third, Abstract Building
Stratford, Texas 79084

(806) 366-5566

Stratford Hospital District

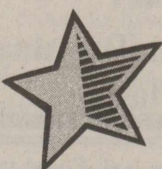
Elk Pharmacy
Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
366-5505
Angie Hipp, RPH

Stratford Family Medical Clinic
Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
396-5583
Tommy Brian, ANP

Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility
396-5568
Karl Punch, LNFA

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

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Deficit Reductions Must be Fair across all Economic Sectors

As Congress continues working towards a budget deal, it's critical that cuts are made fairly and equitably across the board. Conservation's contribution to deficit reduction should not be disproportionate to other sectors of the economy.

The House-passed bill would cut government spending by over \$60 billion, with over \$5 billion coming from agriculture appropriations, including a \$51 million cut to USDA's Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA). CTA is critical to locally-led programs that help landowners adopt conservation practices on their property — where demand already well exceeds current funding levels.

The proposal would also make cuts to important mandatory Farm Bill conservation programs, including the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). As of April 2010, there was a backlog of over 1 million unfunded applications for the WRP and Grasslands Reserve Program. In each of the first three sign-ups for the CSP, qualified applications were more than double the allotted acreage. In 2009, for every application that received funding under the EQIP, 3.4 applications did not.

The bill would also cut \$20 million from the Watershed Rehabilitation Program, and eliminate the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operation and the Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) programs completely. In addition, proposed cuts would remove half a billion dollars from farm conservation and energy money approved by Congress as part of the 2008 Farm Bill.

Reducing the deficit at the expense of working lands and conservation would have a devastating impact reaching far beyond rural America - felt by everyone across the nation. These important programs help ensure food, energy and homeland security by promoting clean air, clean water and productive soils, in addition to helping decrease energy-use and reduce damage from severe weather and other natural disasters.

With increased pressures on working lands to produce food, feed, fuel and fiber for our nation and the world, both Farm Bill conservation programs and discretionary funding for technical assistance are needed now more than ever.

SHERMAN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
STRATFORD, TEXAS



Area Foundation Makes Donation

Recently the Stratford Area Foundation made a donation to Scot Hall for repairing the roof. Shown are Adam Bell-board member of Stratford Area Foundation and Karen Perrin, SCOT Board member.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

If things go as planned, exciting things have happened in Stratford this week.

Attending the recent Rita Blanca Electric luncheon and business meeting were Katie Allen, Joyce Hart, Jon Hart, Mike McDaniel, and Marylou McDaniel.

Yep, Jon and Marylou won a door prize.

Reminder
Stratford Star
Fax number is
366-5884
Office phone
366-5885

Scot Hall Scuttle

By Cindy Jackson

Dearly Beloved, we are gathered here today, does this sound familiar? It's the beginning of a wedding ceremony. Have you ever wondered why they say, "Dearly Beloved"? It means, Dearly Beloved of the Lord." This is a part of who we are in Christ. It gathers us together to be witness to a ceremony. There are several different wedding ceremonies, all beautiful in their own way. Some people get married on a mountain or under water or even on horseback. No matter where, the ceremony takes place it is blessed by God. A marriage should not be taken lightly. Vows are taken and shouldn't be broken. People don't stay married long these days. It used to be for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health. Now, one says, "You make me sick," I want a divorce, and they get one. Love is the key ingredient to a great marriage. If you truly love someone you can't nor do you want to break your vows. Love is never having to say your sorry.

Get your Memorial Day flowers before they are all gone. Call Karen Perrin @396-2087

April 6th-Exercise class starts at 8 a.m.

April 7th-Bingo 3 p.m.

April 8th-Games 3 p.m.

April 14th-Birthday Party 2 p.m. Bingo 3 p.m.

April 14th-Chicken House leave @5:30 p.m.

April 28th-SCOT Hall Board Meeting 5:15 p.m.

April 28th-Noon Luncheon Potluck

Dues are due! The dues are \$24.00 for a year.

Thank you for being a part of the SCOT Hall family.

Scandia Wind Southwest LLC Signs Term Sheet with Tres Amigas LLC.

On Thursday, March 17, 2011, wind power development company Scandia Wind Southwest LLC ("Scandia") signed a term sheet with Tres Amigas LLC ("Tres Amigas"), the company behind the plans for the World's largest AC to DC conversion substation, to be located north of Clovis, New Mexico. The term sheet will form the basis for the final negotiations for an anchor tenant agreement between Scandia and Tres Amigas.

The purpose of the anchor tenant agreement is to provide transmission services to Scandia to become an anchor customer in the first phase of the Tres Amigas superstation. As an anchor customer, Scandia will utilize 50 percent of the initial capacity of Tres Amigas in order to enable Scandia to move 375 MW of electric renewable wind power to the west.

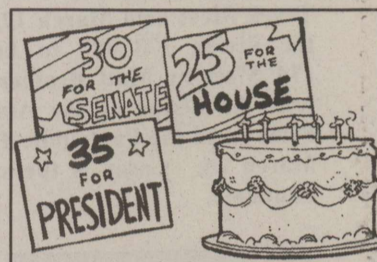
Scandia is developing wind generation facilities in northwest Texas and is the company behind the Mariah Project, a large wind power project located in the Sherman, Dallam and Parmer counties in the Texas Panhandle. The Mariah Project, when fully installed, has the potential to power up to 10,000 MW of wind energy.

Tres Amigas will enable the connection of America's three primary interconnections, the Western, Eastern and Texas Interconnects (WECC, Eastern, ERCOT), while integrating substantial renewable energy sources.

This is a very important and significant day for the Mariah Project, says Scandia Wind Southwest LLC CEO, Jim Swafford. The agreement with Tres Amigas LLC will enable the Mariah Project to provide all corners of the US with clean and renewable power, something which is not possible today.

Today the US is constrained within three separate national grids. When completed, the Tres Amigas superstation will change the US energy markets by tying together the three US grids. This will enable and facilitate the distribution of clean and renewable energy throughout the country, from where the best renewable sources are to where the majority of the energy is being consumed. It is very exciting to be a part of this development, says Scandia Wind Southwest LLC CEO Jim Swafford.

For further information call Jim Swafford, CEO Scandia Wind southwest LLC: 806-789-4989



A person must be 35 years old to be president, 30 to be U.S. senator, 25 to be a U.S. House member.

Humor is...despair refusing to take itself seriously.
—Arland Ussher

Humor is just another defense against the universe.
—Mel Brooks

LIVE BIRDS OF PREY AT CAPROCK CANYONS

Soar with Doris and the Raptors at three special programs at Caprock Canyons State Park on April 1 and April 2. Doris Mager, founder of Save Our American Raptors (SOAR) will have rescued birds of prey to see up close and learn about on Saturday, April 2 at 10:00 a.m. The birds include a Great-horned Owl, a Crested Caracara, an Eastern Screech Owl, and an American Kestrel.

Also, on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 evenings at 9:00 p.m., Doris will lead an owl walk at the park in which the public is welcome to attend. This will be a chance to find owls out in their natural habitat.

Doris has rehabilitated over 80 Eagles and has returned 15 to the wild. Known as "The Eagle Lady", she has devoted the past forty-five years of her life to rescuing, rehabilitating, training, researching, and loving American birds of prey, or raptors. Doris gained international recognition in 1979 when she lived in an abandoned eagle's nest for seven days and six nights to draw attention to this endangered species' plight and to raise money for the Florida Audubon Society's Birds of Prey Center.

Doris gave up her rehabilitation permit due to the overwhelming demand for lectures. Her concern for the protection of wildlife is centered on the education of younger generations. "Giving educational programs and working with live raptors is still the most important thing in my life," Doris said.

The programs are free, although park entry fees apply. No pets, please. Call 806-455-1492 for more information. Please visit us and share the experience at Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway.

How to Ship Oversized, Oddly Shaped Items

NewsUSA

(NU) - Transporting a large or unusually shaped item can be a daunting task. Many people simply give up and hang on to an heirloom armoire or antique dollhouse rather than risk damaging it by shipping it across the country. It is, however, possible to ship just about anything safely.

Pak Mail, a packing and shipping company with locations throughout the United States, specializes in custom packing and shipping. It has successfully shipped a life raft to Saudi Arabia, a motorized hang glider, a stained glass window, an x-ray machine and a Mercedes Benz roof, among thousands of other unusual items. The company offers the following tips to people with large or unwieldy items to ship:

- **Wrap it.** Protect items from scratching or breaking by wrapping them in bubble wrap, tissue or plastic. If you're using one box to ship several items, wrap each item individually. If you're shipping artwork, use non-acidic paper.
- **Pack it.** To help absorb shock and vibration during shipping, use foam or rubber as a second layer of packaging. Make sure that items are secure. Most damage occurs when items shake or move in their packaging.
- **Make it secure.** Choose a hard, puncture-resistant surface,



It's possible to ship almost anything safely.

like plywood, for the outer layer of your package.

- **Hire a professional.** For especially cumbersome items, consider hiring a shipping company that specializes in custom packing and large items. For example, Pak Mail builds custom crates, so it can ship anything from dinosaur bones to grandfather clocks. The company will pick up the item at your house, pack it safely and ship it. The company does not have size, weight or piece limits.
- **Get a guarantee.** Insure your items when you ship them. Make sure that you have each item's tracking numbers so you can watch their progress.

For more information or to find Pak Mail locations, call (800) 778-6665 or visit www.pakmail.com.

"MARK THE DATE!!!"

NEW HOURS FOR ELK JUNCTION

Starting April 4 M-F
6 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m - 3 p.m.

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

First Assembly of God
Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 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.
Senior High UMY 5:00 p.m.
Junior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

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

Church of Christ
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. p.m.



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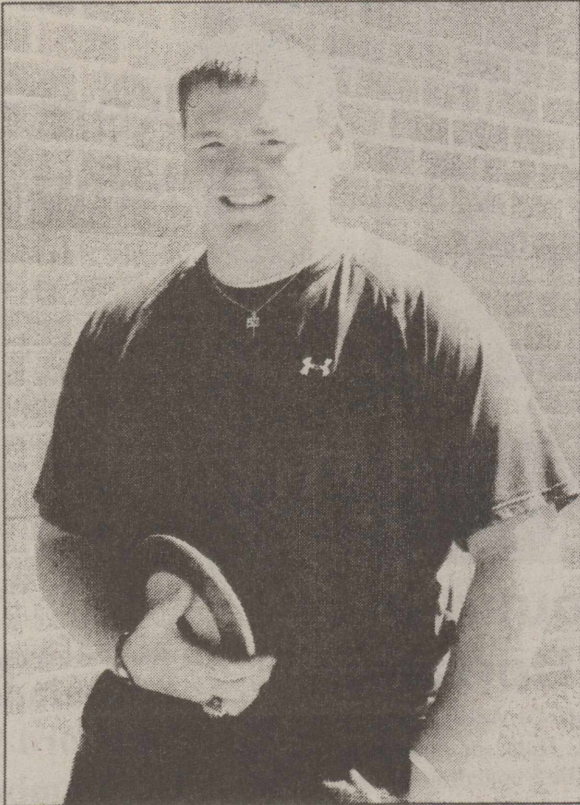
Heritage Bible Baptist
Pastor Rick Carter
302 S. Main
For more Info-Call 396-2212
Morning Worship-11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service-7:30 p.m.

First Baptist
Pastor Jason Stone
702 N. 3rd
Sun.-Coffee-8:30
Sunday School-9:30
Worship Service-10:30
Wed.-Children-6 p.m. youth-7 p.m.

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

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

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



Breaks School Record

Casey Lantelme, junior at Stratford High School set the new school record in Discus at the Shamrock Track Meet held March 17, 2011. Lantelme threw the discus 178'.08" to beat the old record of 174'.5" set by Matt Brotherton in 1993. Lantelme won the discus at the Amarillo Relays this past Friday and the Panhandle Track Meet on Saturday, March 26. Casey is the son of David and Terri Lantelme.

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The first Olympic race at the ancient games was won by Corubus, a chef.

Green fingers are the extension of a verdant heart.
—Russell Page

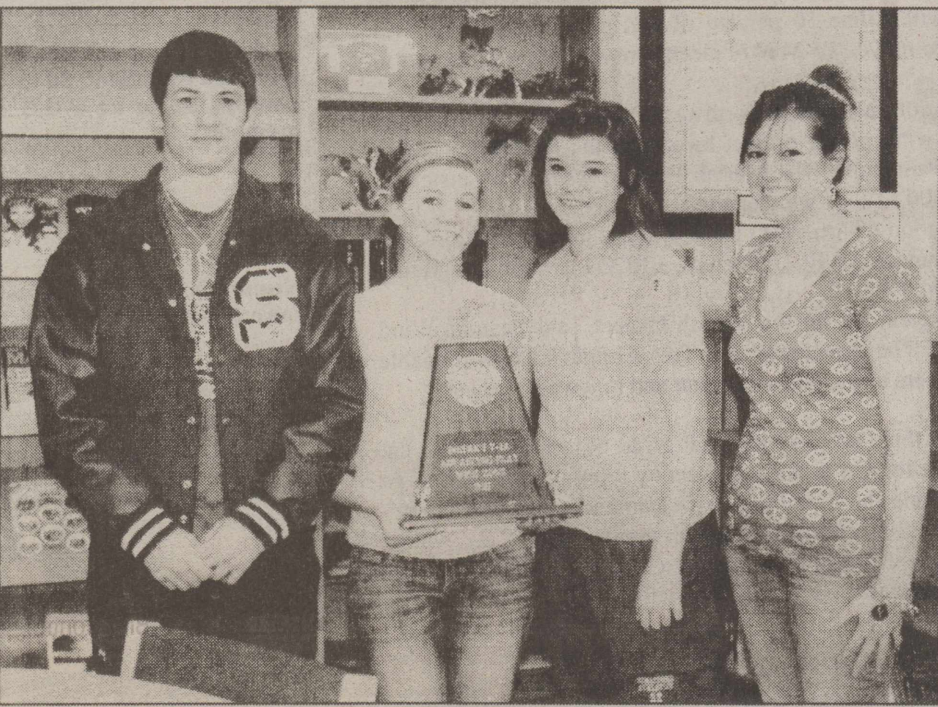


Foos Signs Letter of Intent

On Friday, March 25, 2011, Ragan Foos, Stratford High School senior signed a letter of intent to play golf for Hardin Simmons University. Shown with Ragan at her signing L/R: Jerry Birdsong, Superintendent, Dr. Paul Uttley, High School Principal, Ragan's parents Kim and Gerry Foos, Coach Eddie Metcalf, Athletic Director- golf coach and Ragan's brother Carson Foos.



Dean Karnazes is shown above running into Stratford with lots of folks running with him. We are glad that he took the time to stop and visit with the citizens, he really appreciated the turnout. We all want to wish him well and his crew on their journey to New York in Mid May to run on the Regis and Kelly show. Good luck !!!!!



One Act play cont. from page 1

Named Honorable Mention and All-Star Cast at the Zone Contest for UIL One Act Play from left: Jordan Johnson - Honorable Mention, Shyanne Acker, Katy Moore, MaryAnn Spurlock - all named to All-Star Cast. Congratulations!



Mayor Marca Ewers is shown at left presenting a check to Dean Karnazes for \$2,017.00 for the Charity "Action for Healthy Kids".

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Card of Thanks

On behalf of Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion, I wish to thank the entire community for their most generous support of our fundraiser for the Boys State and Girls State delegates. Special thanks to those businesses and entities that provided the food, condiments, paper products, and drinks: Moore's Food Pride, A&I Parts, Bain Tire, Inc., and Sherman County Development Corporation. Thanks to our Legion wives for the deserts. Special thanks to Sherman County for providing the venue on such short notice. Thanks to the community for such generous giving. It never ceases to amaze m that such wonderful giving folks live in this community who go above and beyond to support our youth programs Your support is very much appreciated!

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Preparing Your Home For Overnight Guests

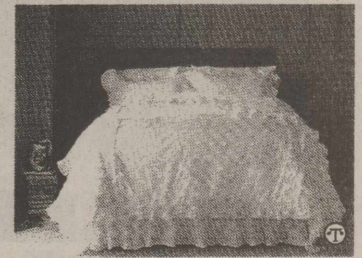
(NAPS)—Every host wants to make sure their guests visiting from out of town feel welcome with cozy, comfortable accommodations. Preparing your home for overnight visitors doesn't have to be time-consuming or costly. Rachel Ashwell, designer of the Simply Shabby Chic for Target collection, says, "A few special touches can make your home feel like the perfect bed and breakfast."

A quick bedroom makeover
"A spare bedroom can feel warm and inviting for guests with just a few key pieces and thoughtful placement," says Ashwell. Refresh the linens and bedding with a clean, white comforter that is warm and simple, like the new Simply Shabby Chic White Heirloom Comforter at Target for \$89.99. Adding new decorative pillows, mixing and matching shapes, sizes and colors can create a nice look without spending too much.

To give your guests some privacy and soften the look of the room, adding window sheers is an easy, affordable option. It will give the room an ambient, inviting glow.

"I always like to add hotel-like touches," Ashwell says. A lamp on the bedside table and a few classic novels or magazines for reading, a bottle of water and a pretty glass, and of course, fresh flowers will make your guests feel right at home.

A fresh take on bath
Getting your bathroom ready for



Making your guest room warm and welcoming can be easy and inexpensive.

guests can take a few simple steps and will create an inviting oasis during their stay. A new crisp, white shower curtain and cozy bath rug will give the room a fresh look and an updated feel. Other items, such as a vintage inspired soap dispenser and wastebasket, can add a unique touch and leave the bathroom guest-ready.

Be sure that your guests have their own set of towels. Place the towels on a dresser or on a spare chair in their room and they will feel well taken care of. The Simply Shabby Chic White Ruffle 3-piece towel set for \$29.99 is a great classic white with a feminine twist and is available exclusively at Target. A dressing robe and individual toiletries are always an appreciated touch.

"Choosing a few items to add or update a room will create a warm, welcoming atmosphere for your guests," Ashwell says. For more product ideas, visit Target.com.

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—Marlene Dietrich

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—John Leonard

Painting is poetry that is seen rather than felt, and poetry is painting that is felt rather than seen.
—Leonardo da Vinci

Every portrait that is painted with feeling is a portrait of the artist, not of the sitter.
—Oscar Wilde

Painting is easy when you don't know how but very difficult when you do.
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XIT Rural Telephone 60th Annual Meeting



XIT Board of Director's Vice President, Walter Lasley congratulates XIT Scholarship winner Chris Hart. Chris is the 18 year old son of Jon Hart and Kathy Hart.



XIT Director, Gared McBryde presents Joyce Hart with the \$500 Grand Prize at the XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Annual Meeting.

XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative Celebrates 60 Years ...

A warm and sunny day greeted approximately four hundred and fifty XIT Rural Telephone members, invited guests, and employees as they gathered at the Rita Blanca Lake Coliseum in Dalhart, Texas, on Wednesday, March 9th to celebrate XIT Rural Telephone's 60th Annual Meeting of the Membership. One hundred and thirty eight were voting members.

Members and invited guests were served a delicious roast beef dinner by XIT = s management and employees. The meal was catered by Bar H Steak House of Dalhart. Round tables were draped with royal blue and lime green tablecloths, the Cooperative's company colors. The stage was set with blue draping and a white banner depicting XIT's organization in 1951. Ficus trees and colorful tulips in white pots helped to create an inviting setting for the meeting.

The invocation was delivered by XIT Director, E.H. Little.

XIT Board President, J.W. McClellan, welcomed the members and recognized the guests. Among the guests were former XIT General Manager, Jimmy R. White, who served the Cooperative for nearly 30 years before his retirement, and Ruby V. Smith, who served as office manager/bookkeeper for 33 years.

Director, James R. Wilson, who has served on the XIT Rural Telephone Board of Directors for 40 years, addressed the membership. He told stories of the early days of the Cooperative and relayed some of his experiences as a director over the years.

Board Vice President and Marketing Committee Chairman, Walter E. Lasley, Assistant Manager, Kathy Duggan, and Sales and Customer Relations Representative, Trena Howell, presented the 2011 XIT Rural Telephone Educational Program recipients and their families to the membership. Duggan explained that several scholarship applications were received this year. She said that all applicants were deserving of a scholarship and that it was a difficult decision to make. The 2011 scholarship winners are: Callie Ferguson, Lakin Riley and Evinn Wyatt from Texline High School; Christopher Hart from Stratford High School, and Christian Olson and Mitchell Mellema from Dalhart High School. Each student received a \$2000 scholarship to the college of his or her choice. The funds will be divided over the number of semesters to be attended by the students.

President McClellan then called on XIT = s General Manager, Darrell Dennis, to present his annual report to the membership. Dennis began by expressing his appreciation to the City of Dalhart's employees for their assistance in setting up the tables and chairs for the meeting and to Bar H employees for a job well done in catering the meal.

Dennis continued by saying that every year seems to have a lot going on, but this year seems to have more than most. He explained that the biggest news is XIT Wireless' announcement that XIT has entered into an agreement to sell its wireless assets to AT&T. Dennis relayed to the membership, "I can tell you that from XIT's side, this was a very difficult decision to make. XIT has been providing wireless service since May of 1990, but over the past twenty years, many dynamics in the Wireless Industry have changed." Dennis said that in evaluating the future of a small RSA wireless market, XIT's management and directors have concluded that it is in XIT's best interest to exit the wireless business. He went on to say, "To those of you have supported XIT Wireless over the years, we cannot thank you enough."

Manager Dennis explained that in 2011, XIT Rural Telephone will continue work on the multi-million dollar expansion of its Fiber-to-the-Home project, which provides benefits to both the operation of the Cooperative, as well as to the service provided to the members. He shared that fiber provides the bandwidth necessary on long loops and is resistant to deterioration, as well as moisture and lighting. XIT is still using fiber placed in the ground in 1986 that is virtually trouble free. He said that in the long run, fiber should reduce XIT's overall maintenance expense for the outside plant.

Dennis said that XIT's original Fiber-to-the-Premise/Home project was in the Stevens and Texline Exchanges. Since then, the Cooperative has done work in the Coldwater, Middlewater, Lautz and Kerrick Exchanges. He explained that the project is very expensive and time consuming. He said, "We have tried to start where we could do the most good for the most people and where we have had the greatest trouble providing DSL services."

Manager Dennis shared that the Cooperative has over 2,000 miles of cable plant. In 2008, XIT plowed 51.93 miles fiber in its rural Stevens Exchange and 11.85 miles in the Draper Community near Texline. Also, in 2008, XIT spun up 6 aerial miles of fiber in the City of Texline. With XIT's current Fiber-to-the-Home Stimulus Project, an additional 339.7 miles of construction is proposed in the rural area. So far this year, XIT has plowed 190.22 miles of fiber. XIT's ultimate goal would be to extend fiber to every member. This, at best, will be a long and costly process.

Dennis explained the importance of Universal Service Funding to the Cooperative. USF was established to support the high costs associated with providing communications services in rural areas. The issue of USF funding has been in play for years; however, industry dynamics are forcing the issues ... loss of access lines due to the use of cellular phones is one issue; loss of long distance and access revenues based on the fact that many wireless plans include long distance is another and the overall change occurring in the market place is another. Manager Dennis informed that Congress and the FCC must grapple now with how to reform USF. He encouraged the membership to talk with our state and federal representatives to encourage them that they have to get the USF reform right. Their decisions will impact the type of communications services that will be provided in the rural areas in the future, which will impact the livelihood of small communities all across America.

Dennis concluded by telling the membership, "We are here to serve you, our members. We are proud to have the opportunity to provide the latest technology and the best service possible in our rural area."

Manager Dennis then introduced Doug Schoppe, Comptroller, and asked him to give the financial reports of the Cooperative and its wholly-owned subsidiary, XIT Telecommunications & Technology, Ltd.

President McClellan, called on Sharon Taylor, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to present the report on the nominations for directors for the ensuing three-year term. Those nominated were District I, Dallam County — Marcia French; District II, Hartley County — James R. Wilson, and District III, Sherman County — Walter E. Lasley.

The election process was then turned over to president, J.W. McClellan. McClellan called for nominations from the floor. There being none, he appointed a Canvassing Committee consisting of Jack Haile, Jim Gustin, and Cecil McClellan to tally the ballots. The committee declared the election of Marcia French, James R. Wilson and Walter E. Lasley.

Director E.H. Little then conducted the drawing for the door prizes, which were awarded to attending members and their children. Director Little was assisted by XIT employees, fellow

director, Gared McBryde and, Bria Ferris, who is the daughter of Gabe and Kayla Ferris and the granddaughter of Scott and Donna Ferris. The Ferris families are members in XIT's Coldwater Exchange. The winner of the \$500 cash grand prize was Joyce Hart. Winners of the \$300 cash grand prizes were: Carl French, Harold Koehn, and Darlene Day. Don Aduddell and Norma Thompson were \$100 cash grand prize winners.

All the members = children and grandchildren (12 years and under) were given "You're Beary Special at XIT" teddy bears. After the prizes were distributed, the meeting was adjourned.

Immediately following the conclusion of the annual meeting, the Board of Directors met at the Cooperative's headquarters and held their Organizational Meeting. At this meeting, the following officers were elected: J.W. McClellan, President; Walter E. Lasley, Vice President, and Gary Finch, Secretary-Treasurer.



Girls team wins 2nd place in Guymon

Stratford 5th/6th girls basketball team wins 2nd place in the Guymon, OK Tiger Tournament. Front row: Mattie Fangman, Carlee Metcalf, Libbie Uttley. Back row: Allie James, Laynee Burr, Camie Guest and Nicole Law. Not pictured Vanessa Gonzalez Coaches Scott and Patti Law.

Women's Health

Coping with Endometriosis



By Richard N. Waldman, MD, President, The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Up to 50% of child-bearing-age women struggle with endometriosis, a condition that can cause mild to

severe pelvic pain before and during menstruation and can lead to infertility in women. Endometriosis is most common among women in their 30s and 40s, but it can occur in menstruating women of any age. Women who have never had children and those who have a mother, sister, or daughter with endometriosis may be at increased risk.

In a normal menstrual cycle, endometrial cells thicken the lining of the uterus in preparation of supporting a fertilized egg. If no egg implants, the lining sheds off during menstruation. In most women, a small amount of endometrial cells flows back through the fallopian tubes and into the abdomen or travels through blood and lymph vessels. Endometriosis occurs when these cells attach to other places such as the ovaries, fallopian tubes, rectum, intestines, bladder, ureters, and the surface of the uterus. The misplaced cells behave just like the endometrial cells inside the uterus—they may bleed before and during menstruation and cause scar tissue to develop.

Women with endometriosis may experience pain during sex, urination, or bowel movements, before or during menstruation, or may have menstrual bleeding more than once a month. Some women do not have symptoms and may

be first be diagnosed when they have trouble getting pregnant.

Endometriosis can only be truly confirmed through surgery. Laparoscopy is the most common surgical procedure used. A lighted scope is inserted through a small incision in the abdomen and allows your doctor to view your pelvic organs. If endometriosis is found during the procedure, it can often be removed at the time of the exam.

Endometriosis can also be treated with medication. Your doctor may prescribe ibuprofen, naproxen, or other pain-relief drugs. Birth control pills may be prescribed to control the menstrual cycle and shrink areas of endometriosis. Other hormonal methods such as progestin or gonadotropin-releasing hormones may be used, but they can cause side effects, such as hot flashes, loss of bone density, bloating, headaches, vaginal dryness, mood changes, sexual problems, and weight gain. Though hormonal medications can suppress endometriosis, they are not effective in treating infertility caused by the disorder.

Surgery to remove endometriosis and scar tissue may be necessary in severe cases. While surgery and treatment may help on a short-term basis, about half of women who have surgery will experience symptoms again within a year. Many women report improvement in their symptoms after menopause.

For more information, the ACOG Patient Education Pamphlet "Endometriosis" is available in English and Spanish at www.acog.org/publications/patient_education.