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Balloons Released in Memory

Classmates of Blaine Killian and Derrek Hager released balloons last week in memory of them. Our prayers and thoughts go out to the families and friends of these young men who left us way too soon.

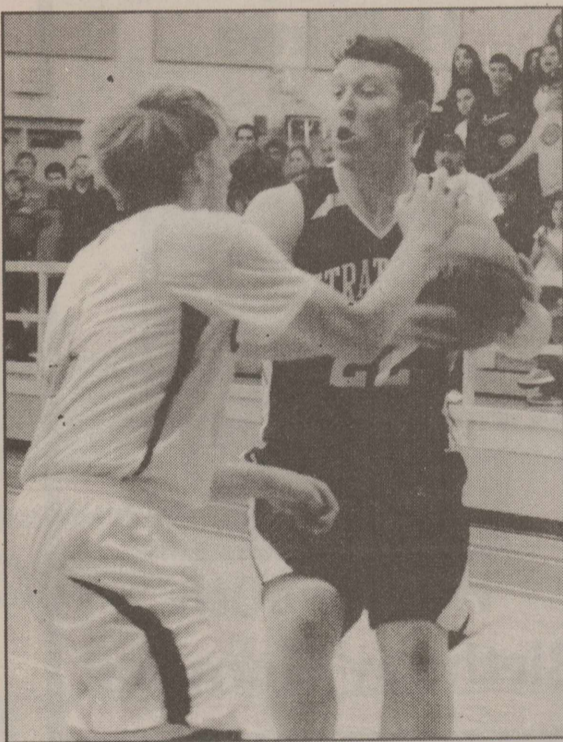
Mobile VET Center (MVC) to Visit Stratford March 11

Mobile Vet Center will be in the City of Stratford, Texas to conduct 2014 Veteran Outreach in Sherman County on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sherman County Courthouse. This is open to all Veterans, their families and the general public.

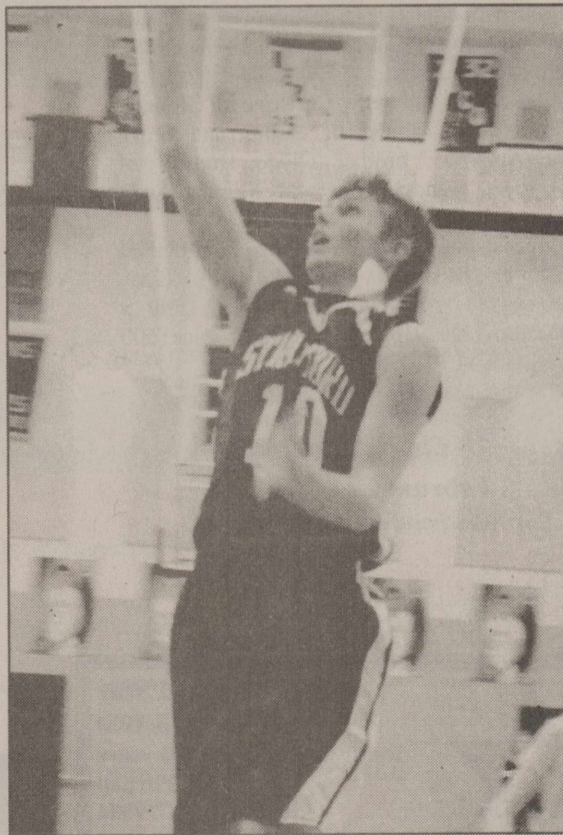
The Event Sponsor is Amarillo Vet Center located at 3414 Olsen Blvd., Suite E Amarillo, TX 79109

The Purpose of this event is Provide education about readjustment counseling services offered at Vet Centers. All War Zone Vets qualify for counseling services. War Zone Vets with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or Military Sexual Trauma may receive care at any Vet Center or MVC. We provide 3 sessions to Non-War Zone Vets for information and referrals. Certain families of active duty service men and women who have died while on active duty may qualify for bereavement service. We provide individual, group and family counseling.

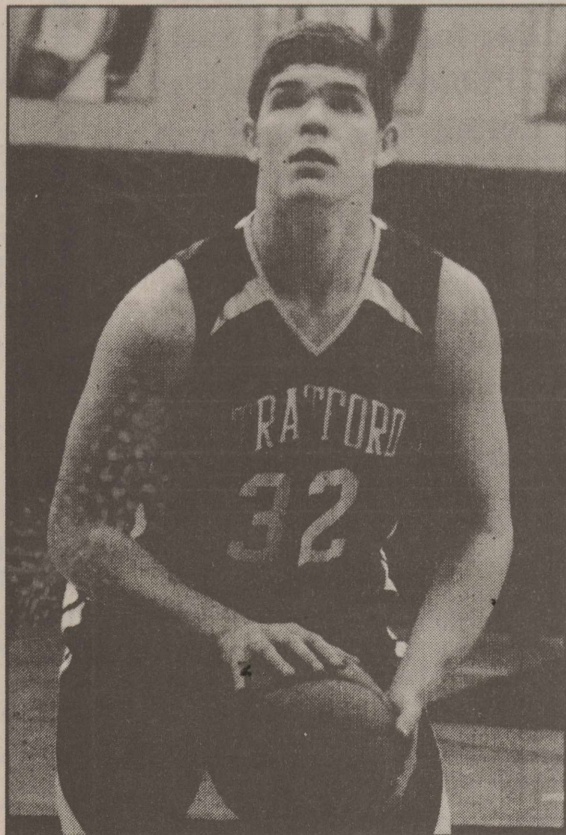
For more information contact Shawn T. White, Technician at 806-354-9779



Stratford Elk senior Logan Uttley is fouled as he goes up for the shot in the Elks 66-63 Area lost to Memphis.



Ty Hess scores on the shot in the Elks Area loss to Memphis on Friday, February 21.



Stratford Elk Trevor Melton scores at the free throw line for the Elks.



Senior Sterling Audrain goes up for 2 points in the Elks Area loss to Memphis on Friday, February 21, 2014.

AMERICAN LEGION SCHEDULES MEETING

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion will conduct a meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at the SCOT Hall. Meeting time is 6:00 pm. Please note the early meeting time!! The main business of this meeting will be to conduct Boys State and Girls State interviews and select the delegate for each program. Details of the Boys State/Girls State fundraiser will also be discussed. All American Legion members are encouraged to attend this very important meeting. For information call Robert McGinnis at 396-2212, Post Sgt-at-Arms, or Wayne Smith, 753-6708 or 396-2031, Boys State/Girls State Unit Chairman.

What's Happening In Stratford

Scot Luncheon

Scot Luncheon will be Thursday, February 27, 2014 at Scot Hall at 12 noon. Thelma Smith will be performing with the "Darling Ding a Lings" from Dumas

Depot Museum Fund Raiser

Depot Museum will be having a Fund Raiser Mexican Pile On-on Sunday March 2, 2014 from 11:30 to 1 p.m.

Fundraiser for Stratford Fire Dept.

Coming in the Spring 2014. Sunday, April 6, 2014. 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Location- Stratford Fire Department.

Hamburger Feed

Boys State & Girls State Hamburger Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, March 23, 2014 at the Sherman County Barn. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free Will Donation. Proceeds go to help with the costs of sending the Boys and Girls State Representative to the programs in Austin and Sequin this summer. Everyone is invited.

Sherman County Public Library hours

Monday-9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday-9 a.m. 6 p.m.
Fridays-9 a.m. 1 p.m.

Address for Donna Gillenwaters

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A Jim Owen Everson Memorial
fund has been set up at Happy
State Banks anywhere in Texas.

Medical/Expense Fund has been set up for Salma Iliana Ortega Aguilera at First State Bank. Salma is a 6 year old daughter of Sarah D. Ortega and sister of Baruc, Vinny and Lui. Salma will be undergoing brain surgery in the near future and will be out in Dallas for 2 months during that time. We ask for many prayers as the family is undergoing tough times but also want to thank you all for the words of strength, prayers and help received from this wonderful Stratford Community. Words cannot express the true gratitude we feel towards the great people of Stratford and what they have done for Salma and the entire family. May God bless all of you and we thank you in advance for your help.

**Sherman County
Depot Museum Fundraiser
Mexican Pile-On
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Obituaries

Deda Billeck

March 21, 1925 - February 18, 2014

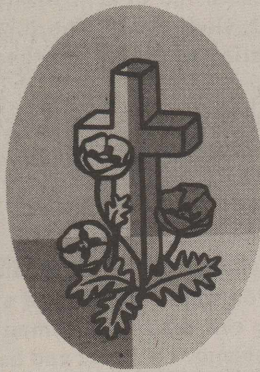
Deda Billeck, 88 of Stratford, passed away Tuesday, February 18, 2014. A Graveside Service was held at 3 o'clock on Friday, February 21, 2014 at Capital Parks Cemetery in Pflugerville, TX. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors of Dumas.

Deda was born March 21, 1925 in Lampasas, TX to Otto and Estelle (Lehman)Anderson. She was united in marriage to George Billeck on November 26, 1945 in Schulenburg, TX. He preceded her in death in 1988. Deda was a loving and devoted homemaker, who loved taking care of her family. She made all of her children's clothes and loved to play cards especially bridge. Deda was also an avid bird watcher. She will be dearly missed by all family and friends.

In addition to her husband, George, she is preceded in death by her parents and a son-in-law: Gene Singleton.

Deda is survived by two daughters: Brenda Chandler and husband Frank of Stratford, TX, and Cheron Singleton of Longview, TX; one son: Charles Billeck of Big Springs, TX; one sister: Kathryn Dunn of Corpus Christi, TX; a sister-in-law: Myrtle Little and husband Oran of Lexington, KY; six grandchildren: Monty Crist of San Diego, CA, Brian Crist of Lamar, CO. Justin Crist of Rocky Ford, CO, Sheri Kay Battles and Shonna Singleton both of Longview, TX and Ashley Laskowski of Big Springs, TX; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials be made to Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001, American Heart Association, PO Box 15186, Austin, TX 78761, Memorial Hospice, 209 Bliss Ave, Dumas, TX 79029, or Coldwater Manor Nursing Home, 1111 Beaver Rd, Stratford, TX 79084.



L.J. Russell

July 15, 1926-February 19, 2014

Texhoma, Oklahoma - L.J. Russell, 87, went to be with the Lord Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at the family home.

L.J. Russell was born July 15, 1926, near Andice, Texas, located northwest of Austin in the Texas Hill Country. He was the only son born to Neva (Windsor) and Lemuel Jackson Russell and had two older sisters and two younger sisters. L.J. accepted the Lord, as his personal Savior, while he was still a young teenager. He was baptized in the creek that flowed through the family property, and was active in the Andice First Baptist Church for many years. After graduating from Florence High School in 1943, L.J. entered the U.S. Navy and served honorably as a Machinist Mate 1st Class, in the South Pacific. His ship, the USS Pine Island (AV-12), which was a seaplane tender, which took him around the world. After the Navy, he attended trade school on the GI Bill, while farming and ranching with his father.

L.J. remembered a sweet little girl he knew from his second grade class, that was now a hometown grade school teacher. He and Margaret Joyce McCormick were married June 26, 1948, at the First Christian Church, Mahomet, Texas.

L.J. continued farming and Margaret continued teaching. Their first son, Charles David was born in 1955. Always looking for farming possibilities, L.J. had the opportunity to rent irrigated land near Olton, Texas. The Russell's moved to Olton, where he learned how to raise crops under irrigation. The family was always active in the First Baptist Church in Olton. In August, 1960, their second son, Lemuel James was born.

In 1965, L.J. and Margaret purchased land and moved their home northwest of Texhoma. Always an innovative farmer, he brought his knowledge of irrigation to the area. L.J. was a man of integrity and raised and guided his family to have respect for God and country. He appreciated his employees and treated them fairly and as if they were part of his family. The couple enjoyed seeing their sons graduate from Texhoma High School and Panhandle State University, Goodwell. The Russell's were blessed with two wonderful daughters-in-law and four precious grandchildren. L.J. was able to spend his entire life farming and ranching and doing what he loved. Through the years, he built many friendships with neighbors and businesses. He leaves a rich legacy, and was respected as a man of integrity, who always kept his word.

Throughout their years, L.J. and Margaret were able to travel, enjoying sites across the North American continent, from Alaska to the Panama Canal.

Always a faithful member of First Baptist Church, Texhoma, L.J. served the church in many ways and enjoyed his Prestige Men's Sunday School Class.

Survivors include his sweetheart and wife of 65 years, Margaret Russell; sons, Charles Russell and wife, Susan, of Texhoma; Lem Russell and wife, Cindy, of Stratford, Texas; four grandchildren, Kasey Elizabeth Russell, Guymon, Oklahoma; Rustin James Patterson Russell and his fiancé, Marie Hellenbrand, of Memphis, Tennessee; Sarah Suzanne Russell of Texhoma; and Sunny Caprice Russell, student at UNL.

Lincoln, Nebraska. He is also survived by three sisters, Doris Sealey of Burnet, Texas; Albena Proctor of Jarrell, Texas; Beckie and husband, Roland Moore of Kingsland, Texas; sister-in-law, Joyce McCormick of San Antonio, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Russell family so appreciates the care and love given by Kathy Lewis, Gerri Smith, Britney Madrid, Kara Glover, all of Guymon; and Jerri Lou Green and Susie Wall of Texhoma.

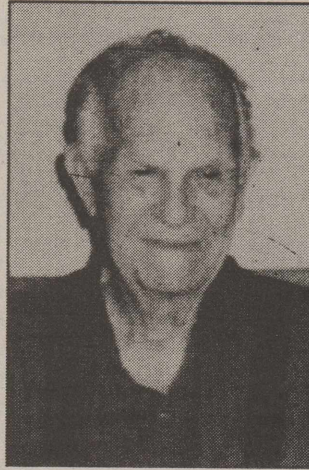
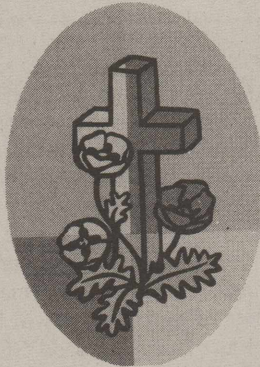
He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Martha Lee

Mihlberger, and a granddaughter, Lacy Russell.

The Russell family received friends for viewing and visitation on Tuesday evening, 6-8:00 PM at the Texhoma First Baptist Church.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday morning, February 26th, 10:30 AM, at the Texhoma Cemetery. A memorial service with Naval funeral honors was held Wednesday afternoon, 2:00 PM at Texhoma First Baptist Church, with Rev. Tommy Hull and Rev. David Moore, officiating.

Memorials may be given to the First Baptist Church, Texhoma Volunteer Fire Department or the Texhoma Volunteer Ambulance, do Henson-Novak Funeral Directors, P.O. Box 1306, Guymon, 73942. Friends may sign the online guestbook and send condolences at www.hensonnovak.com.



Owen E. Hudson

November 21, 1921 - February 21, 2014

Owen E. Hudson, 92 formerly of Stratford, passed away on Friday, February 21, 2014. Graveside services were held at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of Monday, February 24, 2014 at Stratford Cemetery with the Rev. Steve Ulrey, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Stratford, officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

Owen was born November 21, 1921 in Kingman, KS to Eugene and Edna (Dovel) Hudson. He was raised in the Spurlock community, attended church there, and was a graduate of Stratford High School. He was united in marriage to Mary Grace Foreman on June 5, 1942 in Sherman County, she preceded him in death. Owen proudly served his country during World War II, where he was stationed on the USS Rooks and the USS Fanning. After the military he farmed for the majority of his life in Sherman County and was also a volunteer firefighter there.

Owen and his wife loved traveling to Arizona and spending time at their home in Colorado during the summers. Owen was an avid collector and hobbyist. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Stratford and was also a lifelong Mason. The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at Harrington Assisted Living Center for the wonderful care that was given to both Owen and Mary Grace during their time there. They would also like to extend their gratitude to BSA Hospice for their excellent care also.

In addition to his wife, he is also preceded in death by his parents, daughter Judy Jones, son Mark Hudson, and a brother N.W. Hudson.

He is survived by his daughter Sue Smith of Dallas; a son in law Robert Jones and wife Jean of Amarillo; grandchildren: Kim Roten and husband Ron of Amarillo, Mike Jones and wife Christine of Rhome, Jeff Smith and wife Tabitha of Dallas and Steve Etheridge of Amarillo; brother Clyde Hudson of Rockwall; 8 great grandchildren and 6 great great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to First United Methodist Church Missions Fund, PO Box 1289, Stratford TX, 79084, American Red Cross, 1800 S Harrison, Amarillo TX, 79107, or to BSA Hospice, 600 N Tyler, Amarillo TX, 79107.

Gary Pool

February 24, 2014

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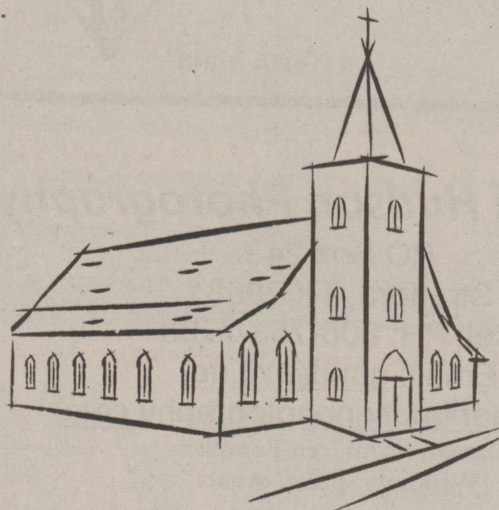
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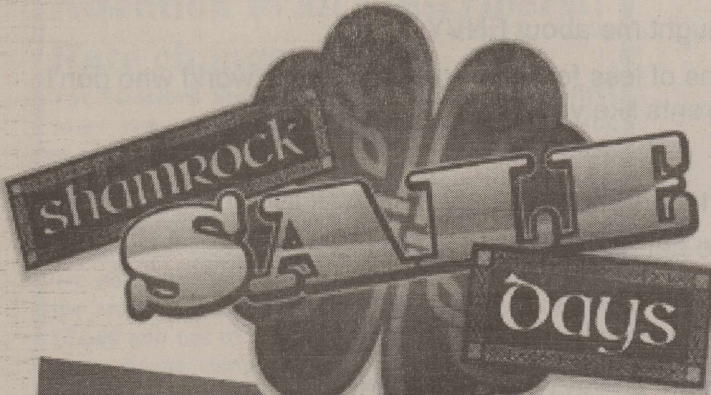
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From the Bird's Nest February 2014

By Jerry Birdsong-Superintendent

We have made it through 2/3 of our school year. Our students have performed at the highest level in and out of the classroom. Of course, the last third is the busiest and this spring looks no different. Band, OAP, UIL Academics, Athletics, and FFA along with the traditional end-of-year activities will keep the time moving quickly.

During the February Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the district calendar for the 2014-15 school year. They also approved the staff development and early release waiver.

In personnel, I am pleased that our junior high principal, elementary principal and athletic director received extensions to their contracts through 2016 and our district counselor's contract was renewed for next year. I enjoy working with these talented leaders day in and day out.

This week marks the final week with Dr. Uttley as the principal at the high school. This transition is bitter sweet – losing a quality instructional leader, but happy for Paul as he prepares to become the chief operating officer for Vega ISD. Our loss will be their gain.

The transition process will continue for us until a permanent replacement is found. The high school campus is served by an excellent staff and we have many outstanding students. I expect the education process to continue. The interviewing of possible replacements will happen during the month of March. At this time, three interviews have been scheduled. We are also beginning the process for staffing the 2014-15. We have posted open and/or anticipated open positions. Our first job fair is in March.

It always brightens my Sunday morning newspaper reading to see a Stratford ISD student recognized in the Globe News Academic Spotlight. Last week was our second student honored this academic year. Great to see the great students at Stratford being recognized and thanks to the faculty members for the nominations.

The County Stock Show was another huge success thanks to our Ag teachers, the Livestock Board and the great exhibitors in our student body. Our kids looked good and performed well. Thanks to all that contributed to the show with their time and monetary gifts.

We have animal projects headed to the major stock shows over the next month. Our kids have already been successful in Fort Worth and San Antonio. Looking forward to hearing of their successes as the showing season continues.

The OAP has less than a month to prepare for the Zone competition. They have been in rehearsals and practice festivals. The always great Dinner Theatre will be March 17 and Zone competition is set for March 19. Break a leg!

The UIL Band Concert and Sight-reading Contest will be the first week in March at Panhandle HS. The Big Blue Band has been preparing since the end of marching season for this contest. Good luck in continuing the successful tradition of the Stratford Band.

We closed out a successful basketball season a little sooner than we wanted. Both the Lady Elks and Elks reached the playoff before bowing out. We won a lot of games and they had many bright moments throughout the season. At the junior high, three of the four teams went undefeated so the future is bright for Stratford basketball.

Many of the tracksters are sore as the nice weather and the end of basketball has given many of our athletics the opportunity to begin training for next week's first track meet at Sunray. Stratford will be hosting the District Junior High Meet the first weekend in April and high school district competition will be in the following week.

I am amazed with some of the new technology appearing in our classrooms. I have observed in several classrooms on the two secondary campuses where the teacher is utilizing Apple TV technology to move an iPad screen to the Smart board. I even observed a teacher using her personal iPhone to project a lesson on the screen to enhance student learning. It is a long way from chalk and dry erasers. I am thankful that we have teachers that are willing to step out and bring the most technologically-advanced classroom possible for our students.

The high school computer lab is up and running. It was fun to watch the high school teachers peering into the new lab just waiting on their opportunity to use the facility. A big thanks to Travis and Jim for making it operational in a short time, along with the school board for making this possible.

iPad use is also exploding throughout the district. It is probably something that will continue to grow. I am interested in how we can utilize our student smart phones in student learning. There are many districts that have BYOD (Bring your own device) programs. There are things to consider such as bandwidth on T-1 lines, security and unauthorized sites. But many of our students are already experts in the use of smart technology.

Mrs. Garza and I have had several productive meetings with the administration of Frank Phillips College and Amarillo College. Over the past five years, our dual credit services have been provided by Amarillo College. This arrangement will continue, but we are exploring areas that FPC could provide to expand opportunities for our students. Career and Technical Education are receiving political/legislative support and we might be able to see how dual credit Ag or Allied Health might work for our clientele. It will be interesting to watch this relationship develop over the next three years.

I am thrilled that the trustees extended my contract through June 2017 at January's board meeting. Stephanie and I count our blessings daily that we have been given the opportunity to live and serve in this community. We hope to spend many years being a part of this community and sharing our lives with you. I know that everyone doesn't agree with every decision that is made from our administrative offices – I sometimes don't like them either, but the decisions will also be what we believe is in the best interest of our organization, our students, and our staff. I want to thank you for your support and for all the things you do to make Stratford ISD a great place to work – community, central office staff, administrators, teachers, other professional personnel, paraprofessionals and auxiliary – cafeteria, custodial and transportation.



"Auld Lang Syne" is sung at the stroke of midnight to bring in the new year. Early variations of the song were sung prior to 1700 and inspired Robert Burns to produce the version we know. An old Scottish tune, "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days."

Why I Owe My Mother.....

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE:
"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me RELIGION:
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL:
"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My mother taught me LOGIC:
"Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC:
"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT:
"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My mother taught me IRONY:
"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS:
"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTION-ISM:
"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA:
"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
11. My mother taught me about WEATHER:
"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY:
"If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
13. My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE:
"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out..."
14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION:
"Stop acting like your father!"
15. My mother taught me about ENVY:
"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION:
"Just wait until we get home."
17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING:
"You are going to get it when you get home!"
18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE:
"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
19. My mother taught me ESP:
"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
20. My mother taught me HUMOR:
"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT:
"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
22. My mother taught me GENETICS:
"You're just like your father."
23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS:
"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
24. My mother taught me WISDOM:
"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
And my favorite:
25. My mother taught me about JUSTICE:
"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"
Only you folks my age understand these profound statements!!!
But, there is one missing from this list~~My personal all time favorite!!
26. My mother taught me about CHOICE:
"Do you want me to stop this car?"

2014 Sherman County Stock Show Winners



Grand Champion Swine-Kade McBryde. Buyer-Moore County Gin and Wilbur Ellis



Grand Champion Heifer-Payton Berry. Buyer-Cimarron Feeders-Tres Tuttle



Grand Champion Steer-Coulter Reust. Buyer- W&C Land & Cattle and McLaine/Garrett Cattle Co.



Grand Champion Lamb-Abby Law. Buyer-Warren Cat Ag-Glen Stephenson



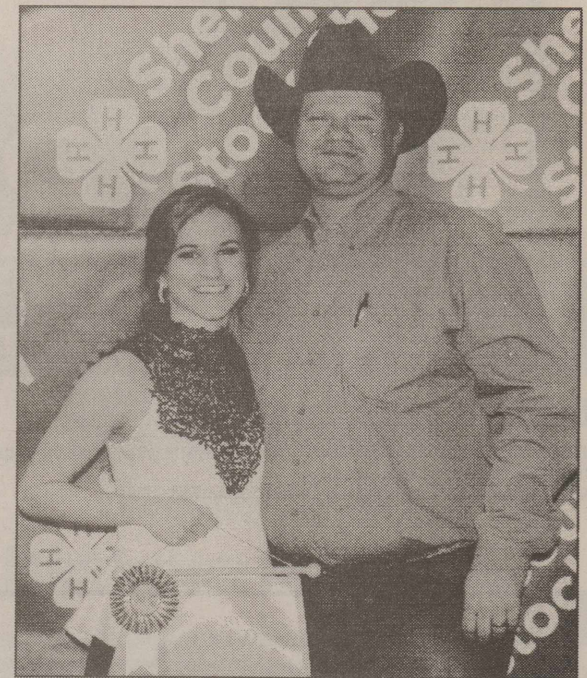
Grand Champion Goat-Trenton Stone. Buyer Bailey Flying Service/Hydro Resources represented by (George Clift)



Reserve Grand Champion Goat-Blakelee Sladek. Buyer-Bailey Flying Service/Nature's Way Compost represented by (George Clift)



Reserve Grand Champion Heifer-Katelin Berry. Buyer-JBS Five Rivers-Coronado Feeders-JD Howell

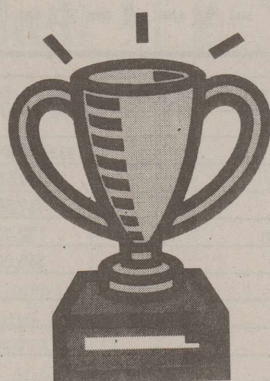


Reserve Grand Champion Steer-Madison Mungia. Buyers-James Show Cattle/Cattleman's Livestock Auction Trew James

**Congratulations
 to all the
 winners**

San Antonio Stock Show Results

Carlee Metcalf— 1st place Chester White
 Raeleigh Willborn 3rd place Berkshire
 Allie James — 4th place cross
 Kenlee McBryde - 5th place Chester White
 Reaghan Audrain - 6th place cross
 Klaire Walden - 6th place cross
 Kade McBryde - 8th place cross
 Non placing exhibitors
 Benjamin James
 Kaytly Clift
 Amanda Sheehan
 Rein Pitti
 Cody-Paige Audrain
 Shaylee Audrain



Reserve Grand Champion Swine-Raeleigh Willborn. Buyer-Amarillo Natural Gas/Duncan Chevrolet represented by (George Clift).