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Student Council Receives Award

Pictured are members of the Stratford High School Student Council. The council received an award at the Texas Association of Student Councils state convention in April for their Outstanding Community Service. The council participated in Snack Pack for Kids by collecting over 450 jars of peanut butter as well as donating pop tarts. They have also participated in packing boxes for the Snack Pack. The council collected socks for "Socktober." The donated socks were given to the Faith City Mission in Amarillo. Students also donated \$250 to the cheerleaders for their "Pink Out" pep rally by selling thunder sticks. Stuco also raised money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in their "Pennies for Patients" program. They collected \$600 in spare change and other fundraising efforts. Members of the 2014-15 Student Council are (back row L-R) Juan Carlos Camberos, Bret Barnard, Kade McBryde, Russell Spurlock, Laynee Burr (front row L-R) Colten Lanning, Alexie Wright, Jacie Seward, Desinya Garza, Vanessa Mendoza, Nicolle Law and Chesney Rendon. Mrs. Garza, advisor, is very proud of the efforts of this group and how they have worked diligently to promote pride not only in their school but also their community.

The Board of Trustees Of Stratford Independent School District

Cordially invite you to
attend a
Retirement reception
honoring

**Eddie Metcalf
Dan Hembree
Marian Hembree**

**Sunday, May 17, 2015
2:00 PM- 3:00 PM
Stratford High School
Library**



State Bound

Three Stratford High school students are headed to Austin for the 2015 UIL Track & Field State Meet May 14-16. Tanner Stone, shown at far right was the Regional Champion in Shot Put. He is advancing to State in Discus. Also advancing in Discus is Trevor Melton. Jack McBryde in center is going in the 110 High Hurdles. Congrats to these young gentlemen and GOOD LUCK. Stratford is proud and you.

Stratford 7th and 8th Grade Band Participates in UIL Concert Band Contest Stratford 6th Grade Band Participates Dalhart Music Festival 5th-8th Grade Band Spring Concert Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, April 15, the Stratford combined 7th and 8th Grade Band traveled to Canyon High School to participate in the UIL Regional Concert and Sightreading Contest. The band played three prepared pieces on stage in the Concert portion of the contest receiving all Division I (Superior) Ratings from the three judges. Following their Concert performance the band students moved to the Canyon High School Band room for the Sightreading portion of the contest. Students were handed a piece of music they had never seen before and had 7 minutes of explanation before playing the selection for the three judges. Again, as on stage, all three judges rated Stratford Division I (Superior). By receiving Division I ratings in both Concert and Sightreading Stratford earned the UIL Sweepstakes Award for Junior High Bands.

Some comments from the judges were "Lots of nice, full sounds coming from all sections. You play with a lot of confidence." and "Very good note accuracy". The band then sightread a piece of music they had never seen before and all three judges gave them a Division I rating. Comments from the Sightreading judges were "Band plays with a big full sound. Overall the band plays with very good intonation and balance." "Band plays with a strong rhythmic pulse and style." "Very well done band." "Good focus and concentration by the students." "Nice job overall. Congratulations!"

Of the 8 Conference C Varsity Junior High bands performing at the UIL Contest only 3 bands (Stratford, West Texas, and de Zavala Middle School/ Amarillo) received Division I ratings from all six judges. Obviously the judges had a very high performance standard that day. Of the 7 conference C Junior High bands that feed Class 2A high schools only Stratford and West Texas received Division I ratings from all six judges.

What's Happening- In Stratford

Junior High Band 5th-6th-7th & 8th will be Thursday May 14 at 6 p.m.

Stratford Education Foundation Distinguished Lecturer Series will have US Congressman Bill Flores, Class of '72 on Friday, May 22nd at 10 a.m.

Schedule of all 2015 4-H & Clover Meetings
Clover Kid Meetings- May 18

GOOD LUCK TANNER- JACK AND TREVOR AT STATE!!!!!!

Retirement Reception on Sunday, May 17- 3 p.m. at SHS Library
Eddie Metcalf, Dan and Marian Hembree

Elks & Lady Elks Shootout Golf Tournament May 23rd

CHET EVERETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP SET UP AT FIRST STATE BANK

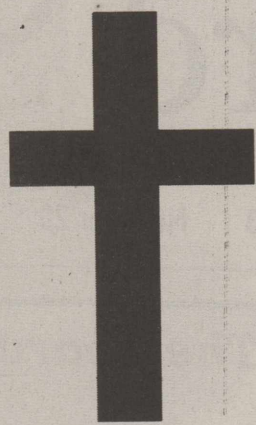
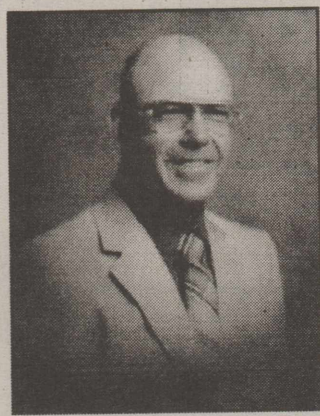
The Chet Everett Memorial Scholarship has been set up at the First State Bank in Stratford. If you would like to contribute, please see Cindy Larence at FSB or mail your check to:

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Paula, Hunter and Bethany Everett want all proceeds of this account to go to a deserving graduating senior.

Good Luck Tanner, Jack & Trevor

Obituaries



Jack Calvin Gilley
July 25, 1924 - May 9, 2015

Jack Calvin Gilley, 90, of Stratford passed away Saturday, May 9, 2015. A Memorial Service was held at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church in Stratford with Rev. Steve Ulrey officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Jack was born July 25, 1924 in Dawson County near Lamesa, TX to James and Josie Burnett Gilley. He proudly served his country in the Navy during World War II as a torpedo man on the USS Stockdale. He attended Panhandle A&M College on basketball and baseball scholarships. He received his Master's in Education from West Texas State University in 1965.

Jack was united in marriage on August 25, 1951 in Raton, NM to Donna Mal Oldaker. She preceded him in death in April 2010.

Jack was involved in the teaching profession from 1951 until his retirement in 1985. He taught in Foss OK, Manchester OK, Reed OK, Channing TX, Goodwell OK, Texhoma TX, Stratford TX, and Plainview Schools in Cimarron County, OK. Following his retirement, he began a second profession of painting houses, refinishing furniture, and carpentry.

He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Stratford as well as the American Legion Post. He loved hunting pheasant and quail, eating breakfast with friends at the local cafe, drinking coffee with his buddies at Gophers, all things rodeo, and all sports (especially Duke Basketball).

Survivors include four daughters: Jann Blackerby and husband Larry of Chester, TX; Jackie Gilley of Midwest City, OK; Jeree Hendley and husband Terry of Sweetwater, TX; and Jill Gilley of Midwest City, OK; his granddaughter Donna Jean Blackerby of Naples, TX; one brother, numerous nieces and nephews, as well as the "Fifth Gilley Girl," Lisa Crabtree.

The family would like to thank Dr. Carmen Purl, Jami McGaughy, and Joanna Hernandez of the Sunray Medical Clinic, the staff of Accolade Home Health Care, Dr. J. Taylor Carlisle, Dr. Heidi Sticksel Hawkins, Dr. Daniel West and staff, Sherri Sladek of Coon Memorial Hospice, Gena Rae Whatley, and Maria Zavala for their excellent care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be to the Stratford Education Foundation, P.O. Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, The First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1289, Stratford, TX 79084, MD Anderson, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210, or Coon Memorial Hospice, 1422 Denver, Dalhart, TX 79022.

Her children arise and call her blessed...(Proverbs 31:28)

MOTHER

Inside of you
From the tiniest miracle microorganism--almost nothing--
I became a human--nothing--turned into something.
Cozily coiled tightly in curve, I felt your heart pumping:
thump-thump, thump-thump: a duet with mine--
With this slow methodical throbbing our souls intertwined.

I suckled at your breast--an intimacy unrivaled--
You were mine. You loved me. A love for all time.
Then came upheaval: a new baby arrival.
I resisted my displacement right from the start
This--My first rejection--slashing my heart.
I refused the milk from that stiff rubber nipple.
Warm oatmeal soothed my sadness, I let go a sniffle.

First grade came not one moment too soon--
I found new loves Dick, Jane, Sally and Sue.
Years whizzed by--you at work and me at school.
Until one day I flew from the coup,
Like "Icarus" with wings made of wax,
I didn't get far before my first head banging crash.

Looking back over the years I see: you were a real great friend to me:
-when the clothes I wore revealed my poverty
-when unkind classmate said: "You can't come to my party."
-when the third grade girl grabbed my sash causing a fall and cutting a gash
-when seventh grade tears were never ceasing from endless touching, taunting, and teasing
-when a mischievous pair, while pushing me down, snatched out a fistful of hair
-when daily survival meant racing around from multiple bullies all over town
-when Auntie died--heart wrenching sorry: my tears kept falling, just flowing down
--when evil entered a man in a hood: stealing all vestiges of my fading childhood.
--when significant others revealed black hearts: my sadness, depression flew off the charts

-when I wanted to run, but "oh no," I clearly had no place I could go
-when the pain of life's ugliness ate at my soul, simply finding peace became my goal
Mother, let me inside of your warm place. Save me from a depraved human race.

Just to see your Mona Lisa smile...I remember it--
I now recognize the wisdom hidden deep within it
--and you, just slightly amused by my insolence
Only a fool would shun wisdom to freely choose ignorance.
From your patience I ran with very few tools: spending my time consulting with fools
With no time to lose and nothing to gain--rushing right into the path of pain
Boyfriends, husbands, women and men with hidden black hearts: no alarm was sounded
You sadly watching me plummeting: pelted and pounded--
Like a lamb to the slaughter: wolves in clothing of sheep.
Did your heart break to see your jewel trampled and beat?
I weep for you like you weeped for me.
Forgive that child, Who never knew
You were Friend One and she was Thing Two.

You would smile now to see, my little teens: they're just like me
--they snarl and snicker and suffer the indignity
--being raised by a fool they are sorely taxed
One day soon they will fly on their own wings of wax.

If I could do it all over again, there's just one thing I would amend.
I'd never let go of the hand--of my one, only, real, true, friend.
But Oh Wise One, All is not lost. You talked to the one who paid the cost.
You knew all along there would be a cure. You held on, you had to endure.
An amazing thing happened--I don't know how: But there is a very clear picture now--
There is no misgivings--Our places are traded and you are now living--
Inside of me.

Feedback welcome. joniahhyssop@gmail.com

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---Congolese proverb

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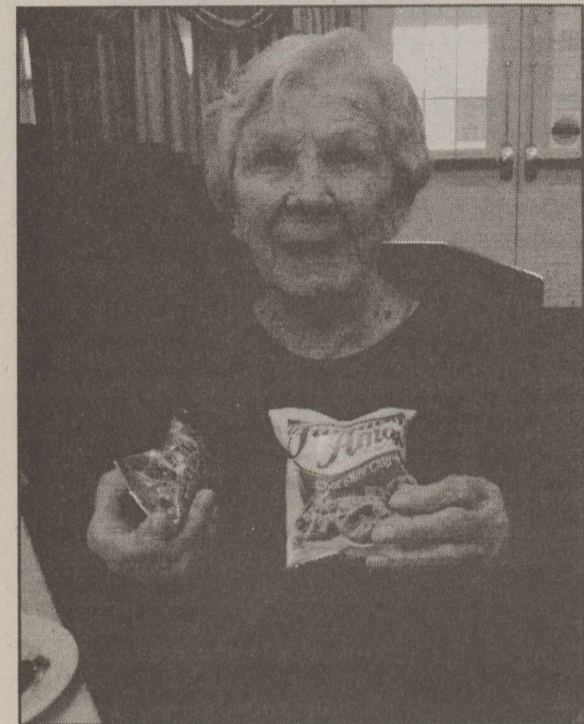
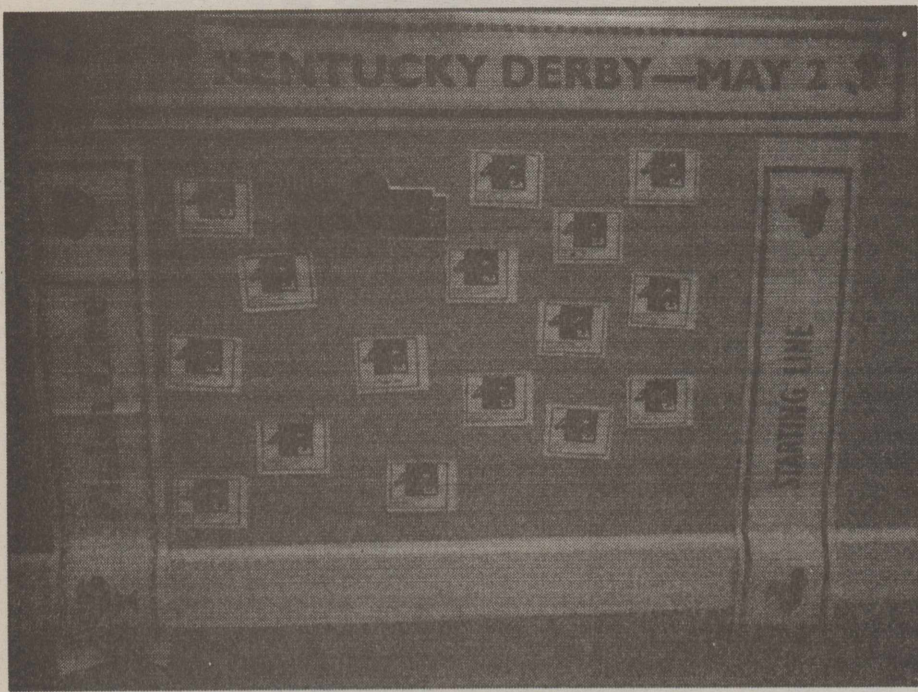
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Shown above display of wall for Kentucky Derby. Shown at left is Edna Wieck



Marriage Announced

Cristalina Alvarado and Layne Sims were united in marriage on April 26, 2015, by the Justice of the Peace in Amarillo, Texas. The bride's family hosted a cookout following the ceremony. Parents of the bride are Rodolfo and Elva Alvarado of Spearman. Parents of the groom are Larry and Amanda Sims and Jamie Hopkins of Stratford. The couple will reside in Amarillo, Texas. The parents of the groom will be hosting a reception honoring Layne and Cristalina on Saturday, June 20, 2015

Legacy Contests Concluded

By Paula Nusz

May 2 was an important day at Legacy Assisted Living. This day happened to conclude 2 of our contest, Guess the Birth Date of the New Royal Baby and the Kentucky Derby. The purpose of these contests is to help keep residents informed about current news events; plus it is plain FUN!

Our longest running contest - Guess the Birth Date had been running since the end of March. No one correctly chose May 2 as the date the new princess would be born. The guesses for the gender of the baby were 17 for a girl and 10 for a boy. Each participant at the celebration party held on Monday, May 4, 2015, received a candy pacifier. Also on Monday, during the Challenge time, a discussion of the royal titles, history of some of the royal princesses and a review of the names of princesses since 1687 was discussed. Some princesses have just one name like Anne (1709-1759); and the one with the most names was: Frederica Louisa Thyra Victoria Margareta Olga Cecilie Isabella Christa (1917-1981). The new baby's name is Charlotte Elizabeth Diana. Her royal name is Princess Charlotte of Cambridge.

The other contest was the Kentucky Derby. Each resident had the opportunity to draw a horse from the official lineup listing. Each person also guessed the time it would take for the 1.25 mile Derby to run (generally around 2 minutes). The winning horse (American Pharoah) was not chosen. The second place horse, Firing Line, was chosen by Edna Wieck. The third place horse, Dortman, was selected by JoAnn Bell and Wade Estes. The fourth horse, Frosted, was selected by Helen Summerour. At the party, everyone was served Kentucky Derby Pie (a type of pecan pie but with chocolate chips added) and Banana Punch.

The next contest at Legacy will be a Container Garden contest. Each resident will select a staff member to form a team. Each team will choose a theme for their garden such as salad garden, butterfly garden, or salsa garden. Plants will be selected, and then the gardens will be judged in late June by the Garden Club. This activity gives the residents something to care for, gets everyone outside, and helps to build strong bonds between residents and staff.

Miracle Flights for Kids® Offers Free Medical Air Travel to Texas Panhandle Residents

GREEN VALLEY, NV (MAY 6) - Residents from Amarillo, Borger, Dalhart, Dumas, Hereford, Pampa and other Texas Panhandle cities have free access to doctors through Miracle Flights for Kids. The nation's leading nonprofit medical flight organization is dedicated to ensuring children are able to get to the medical care they need, by providing free commercial airline tickets anywhere in the U.S.

"Distance should never be a factor when a child's health is in question," said Ann McGee, Founder and National President of Miracle Flights. "One out of every 10 children is born with a rare medical condition. Many others are battling life-threatening cancers. Getting the proper diagnosis and treatment is key to these kids' futures."

"With more than 7,000 known rare diseases, specialists are often the only option these kids have. Most of these doctors work in major metropolitan areas, presenting challenges for people living in smaller cities or rural areas." McGee added, "We believe a healthy life is the birthright of every child, and Miracle Flights is doing everything it can to help families give their kids a brighter future."

Miracle Flights provides qualified applicants with as many flights as needed for consultations, treatment and second opinions that may be unavailable nearby. In addition to providing airline tickets to patients under age 18, the organization provides travel assistance to parents or legal guardians. Miracle Flights also assists adult patients when funding is sufficient, as well as their medically-necessary caregivers.

About Miracle Flights

Miracle Flights for Kids is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization providing free medical air transportation via commercial airlines throughout the United States. For nearly 30 years, Miracle Flights has closed the distance gap between children and needed medical care, coordinating more than 90,000 flights covering 50 million miles. For more information about Miracle Flights, to request assistance, or to make a donation, call (800) FLY-711

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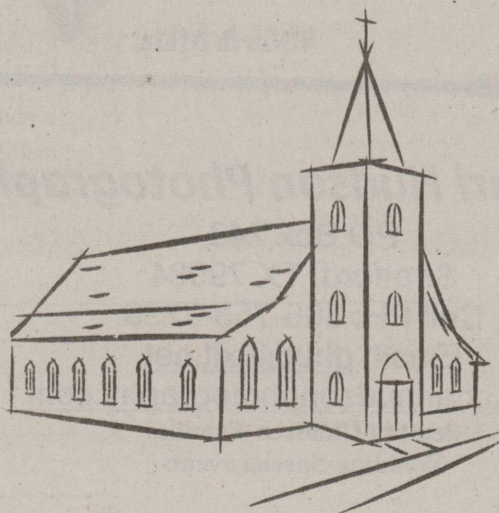
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From the Desk of Sheriff Powell

Just a reminder:
Stratford Days will be here again soon and you need to start training your Turtle's for the races!!

I'd like to apologize for being out of pocket for the last week or so. Last Monday, I attended the FBILEEDA Conference in Austin where I received an award for completing their Law Enforcement Development Program. This week, as promised to many of you, I'm finishing up my Concealed Handgun License Instructor class. I am a huge supporter of our 2nd Amendment Rights and as YOUR Sheriff, I believe that it is my duty to help protect those rights for all of our citizens.

As always, I truly thank you for your continued support of me and the Office of the Sheriff Have a Great Week!!

Sheriff Joe Powell



Moczygemba Donates to Stratford Girl Scout Troop

Edwin Moczygemba was selected by R-Way Farms from The Monsanto Fund to receive \$2,500 donation that Mr. Moczygemba donated to the Stratford Girl Scout Troop. Thank you Mr. Moczygemba for thinking of Stratford Girl Scouts.



Dalhart Troop 5246 Gives Back

The Easter Bunny was a little late for CASA 69 Kids. He stopped and recruited 11 little bunnies from Brownie Troop 5246 of Dalhart to help him. These little bunnies worked hard to put together 38 wash cloth bunnies for the children being served by CASA. CASA 69 would like to give a big Thank You to Troop 5246 for their sincere kind donation!

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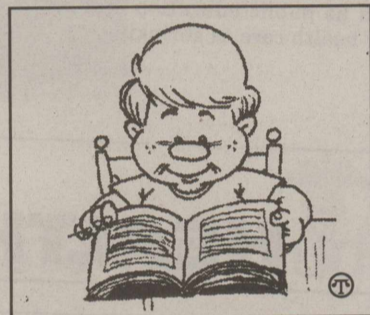
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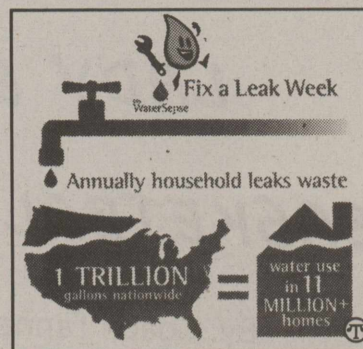
(NAPS)—Over 1 trillion gallons of water are wasted in the United States every year from easy-to-fix household leaks. That is the amount of water used by more than 11 million homes every year!

Leaks can be a real drain on resources and occur in a number of places at home, including faucets, showerheads, toilets, and outdoor spigots and irrigation systems. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) WaterSense® program, common household leaks can also add 10 percent to a family's water bill.

Finding and fixing leaks to save money and water does not have to be difficult. Just follow three simple steps: check, twist and replace.

Check: Look at your water meter (usually outside your house) before and after two or more hours when no water is being used, perhaps while your family is at work or school. If the number has changed, there is likely a leak. To check for silent toilet leaks, add a few drops of food coloring to your toilet tank and wait 10 minutes before flushing. If the color appears in the bowl before you flush, the toilet flapper probably needs to be replaced.

Twist: Remedy dripping pipes, fixtures or hoses by twisting a wrench to tighten the connections. If needed, twist pipe tape around shower fixture or hose connections to seal them. Teach kids to turn faucets and showers all the way off, and check washers and valves for persistent drips. If you're not the "do-it-yourself"

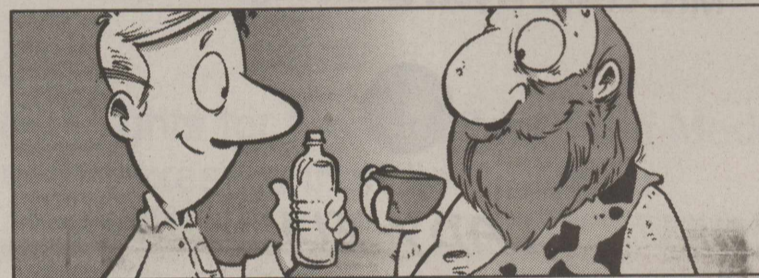


Americans should check, twist and replace their plumbing fixtures to curb household leaks and save water and money.

type or you have a bigger leak on your hands, you can consult a licensed plumber.

Replace: For old or inefficient fixtures that are not easily repaired, replace them with WaterSense-labeled models. Toilets, faucets and showerheads that earn the WaterSense label are independently certified to use at least 20 percent less water and perform as well as or better than standard models. You'll stop those nasty leaks and realize even more water savings in the process. These water- and money-saving products are available in a variety of styles and prices; look for the WaterSense label on boxes or websites of your favorite plumbing brand.

Following these simple steps could save the average family more than 10,000 gallons of water each year, or the amount of water it takes to wash 270 loads of laundry! For ideas and events during Fix a Leak Week, March 16 to 22, visit www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak.



It's believed that there is the same amount of water on Earth as there was when the Earth was formed. Some say the water that came from your faucet could contain molecules that Neanderthals drank.



Giving a Voice to Hungry Kids

We all know that there are children who have free breakfast and lunch provided for them at school Monday through Friday. Have you ever stopped to think what these children do for food on the weekends? Have you ever eaten lunch on Friday and then not had another actual meal until Monday morning? Can you imagine trying to listen to your teacher on Monday morning when all you can do is watch the clock and count the seconds until lunchtime? Unfortunately, there are children in Stratford and the surrounding towns in the Texas panhandle who face this struggle every weekend and during school holidays. Snack Pak 4 Kids is a program that provides food for children in these situations every weekend of the school year. 100% of all money is used for food only.

YES!!! I want to adopt a child for: **Stratford ISD**

___ 1 year- \$133 (number of children ___)
___ 1 month- \$14 (number of children ___)
___ 1 week- \$3.50 (number of children ___)
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Name _____

Address _____

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Organization _____

School you are sponsoring _____

Checks are payable to "Snack Pak 4 Kids." Please designate Stratford in memo line of your check.

Snack Pak 4 Kids
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At 870° Fahrenheit, Venus has the hottest average surface temperature of any planet in the solar system. The coldest average surface temperature is that of the dwarf planet Pluto (-370° Fahrenheit).



Titan, Saturn's largest moon, is the only moon in the solar system known to have an atmosphere of any substance.

Home Ideas

(NAPS)—You could save money heating and cooling your home, protect the environment, and



make your house more comfortable to live in and more attractive to prospective buyers with the help of spray polyurethane foam insulation. Learn more at www.whysprayfoam.org.

LADY ELK BASKETBALL CAMP

By: Coach Tanner Martin

WHEN: JUNE 15-19 12:30-4:30

WHERE: STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

HOW MUCH: \$30 Individual, \$20(per) for family groups

WHO: Incoming 2nd - 9th grade girls

WHAT: COME ENJOY FUN TIMES WHILE BUILDING
FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS, COMPETING IN SKILLS COMPETITIONS,
AND PLAYING IN 3 ON 3 AND 5 ON 5 DAILY GAMES.
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CERTIFICATE AND A GOOD TIME. COMPETITION WINNERS WILL
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REGISTER: Registration is open, please return form and money to
Mrs. Coach Wyatt @ the High School.

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Name:

Shirt Size:

Guardian Name/Phone/Signature:

The risk of injury to my child from the activities involved in these programs is significant, including the potential for permanent disability and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,

1) FOR MYSELF, SPOUSE, AND CHILD, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASES or others, and assume full responsibility for my child's participation; and,

2) I willingly agree to comply with the program's stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any unusual significant concern in my child's readiness for participation and/or in the program itself, I will remove my child from the participation and bring such attention of the nearest official immediately; and,

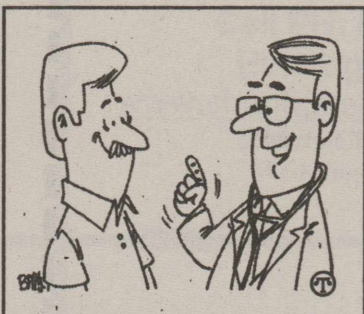
3) I myself, my spouse, my child, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS

HEALTHY IDEAS

(NAPS)—The global healthcare company Abbott developed individually foil-wrapped blood-glucose test strips for use with the FreeStyle Precision Pro Blood Glucose and β -Ketone Monitoring System to help protect the health and safety of patients and healthcare workers. Learn more at abbott.com.

There could be new hope for Americans with emphysema: a clinical trial is under way of the Zephyr Endobronchial Valve, a new, minimally invasive treatment that may help them breathe easier without surgery. Learn more at www.clinicaltrials.gov, www.pulmonx.com or 1-888-248-LUNG (1-888-248-5864).

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EDUCATION NEWS & NOTES

Stretched State Budgets Require More School Choice

(NAPS)—The population of the U.S. is aging in a way that may present some challenges for public education in the near future.

Fortunately, according to a new report published by the Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice and the Foundation for Excellence in Education, school choice offers a way to address those challenges.

The report, "Turn and Face the Strain: Age Demographic Change and the Near Future of American Education," by Dr. Matthew Ladner, contends the aging of the U.S. population between now and 2030—what Ladner refers to as "Hurricane Gray"—will profoundly impact all aspects of the financing and operation of American social welfare functions.

He points to the fact that:
• Every day between now and 2030, 10,000 members of the baby boom generation will reach the retirement age of 65.

• The U.S. Census Bureau's 2012 National Population Projections indicate the country will gain over 4.6 million residents ages 5 to 17 between 2010 and 2030.

• By 2030, 45 out of the 50 states will have a higher percentage of their population aged 65 or older than the oldest state (Florida) did in 2010 and all 50 states' elderly populations will be higher than they were in 2010, also according to the Census Bureau.

All of which means that the percentage of those receiving state benefits is growing while the percentage of those who are working and can be taxed to fund benefits, such as public education and senior health care, is shrinking.



The age-dependency ratio of taxpayers "pushing the carts" of Americans dependent on government services will reach historic proportions over the next 20 years.

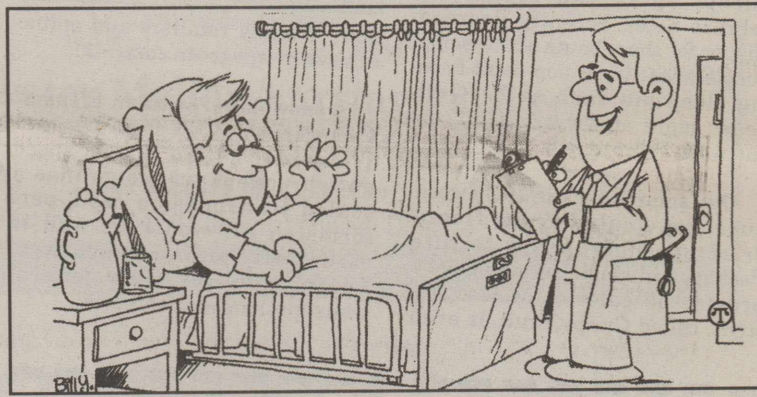
Ladner argues that this reduced funding base will make it difficult for public schools to prepare all students adequately. Private and charter schools of choice, he says, can help at a fraction of the cost.

Ladner contends that expanding school choice for all families would reduce the cost of public education and allow government to increase funding for other services, particularly for seniors.

He further argues in favor of shifting how states fund public education, from sending tax dollars directly to public schools to a system where families receive those tax dollars in government-authorized education savings accounts, or ESAs. In Arizona and Florida, parents can use ESA programs to pay for their children's school tuition, tutors, therapists, online courses, curricula or a combination of each. Because students receive 90 percent of their dedicated public funding, ESA families actually save the state money.

To learn more, visit www.edchoice.org/FaceTheStrain.

HEALTHY IDEAS



(NAPS)—Be The Match is the world's leading nonprofit organization focused on saving lives through marrow and cord blood transplantation. To learn more, including how to sign up as a donor or to contribute in other ways, go to BeTheMatch.org.

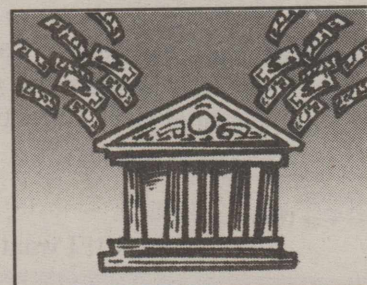
According to a new study, food insecurity and poor health go hand in hand. Chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and depression are more prevalent among the food insecure. The study was sponsored by AARP Foundation. To learn more, visit www.aarpfoundation.org.

There's a new approach to weight management that helps curb overeating and teaches portion control without drugs or stimulants. This groundbreaking tool, called MealEnders, is a tiny, 15-

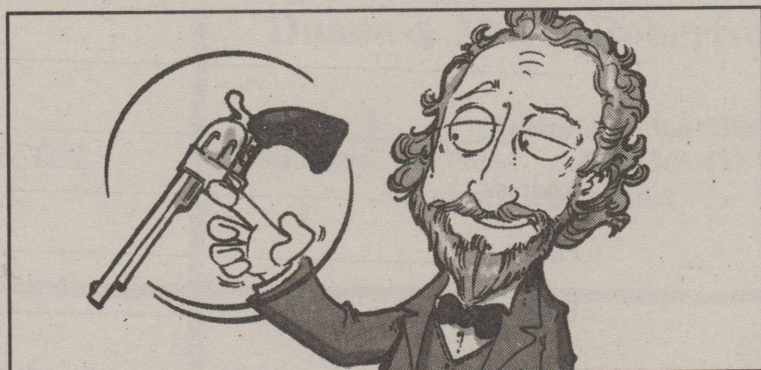
calorie lozenge that clears cravings from the mouth and mind. To learn more, visit www.mealenders.com.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends yearly screening for people at high risk for lung cancer. An independent group of national experts in prevention and evidence-based medicine, it evaluates and identifies critical preventive health services that primary care professionals can perform. Learn more at www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org.

Vaccines help to prevent diseases of the past from making a comeback. That's the word from the experts at the March of Dimes. For more information on childhood vaccines, visit www.marchofdimes.org/baby/your-babys-vaccinations.aspx.



In 1781, the Continental Congress chartered the Bank of North America in Philadelphia as the nation's first bank.



Samuel Colt, inventor of the Colt revolver, "the gun that won the West," worked on the prototype in his father's textile plant. Colt once earned a living touring the country performing laughing gas demonstrations.

Beauty as we feel it is something indescribable; what it is or what it means can never be said.

—George Santayana



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Cimarron Feeders is accepting applications for the following positions:
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Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District is accepting requests for proposals from interested contractors for HVAC units and repairs. The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 PM June 1, 2015. Any requests for proposals after this date will not be accepted. The proposals are for the period of June 12, 2015 through August 31, 2016. The proposals may be mailed to Stratford ISD, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, or Faxed to 806-366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendent office at 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened on June 1, 2015 at 2:00 PM. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals. Stratford ISD does not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. Please include proposal for labor, mileage, and any discount information on parts.
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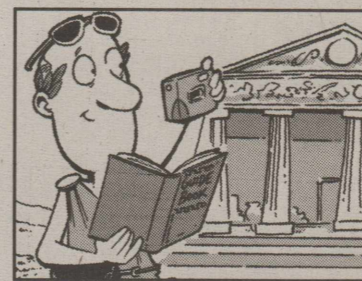
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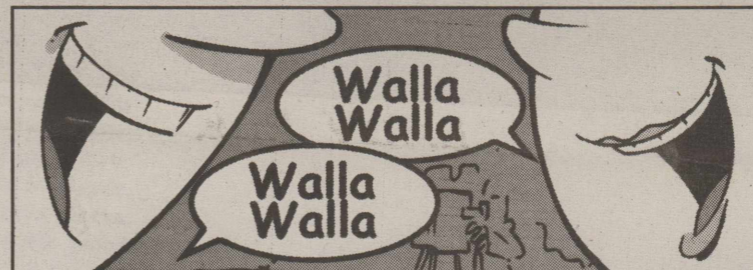
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Guidebooks for travelers in Greece became available as early as the fourth century B.C. They described destinations such as Athens and Sparta.



During the 18th century, books that were considered offensive were sometimes "punished" by being whipped.



A "walla-walla" scene is one in which extras pretend to be talking in the background—when they say "walla-walla," it looks like they are actually having a conversation.

CHEER CAMP 2015

August 10-13

9:00AM - 10:30 AM

PRE-K THRU 6TH GRADE (AS OF FALL 2015)

Forms and money due by May 22

- \$35 Camp Fee
- \$30 Camp Fee for 2nd child in family if pre-registered
- T-shirts are included if registered by May 22
- No shirts for late registration
- Cheerleading memory mate pictures will be taken the last day of camp!

1st Day - Introduction Day

2nd Day - Camp T-Shirt Day

3rd Day - Twin Day

4th Day - Picture Day

Will cheer at the September 25 Pep Rally and Football Game!

For additional information contact: Kendra Mungia 806-717-6505

Please fill out a separate form per child—payment may be made with one check.

Please make checks payable to SHS CHEERLEADERS.

Return this portion with your money to:

Mary Allen Office or Jr. High Office

Name: _____ Camp fee: _____

Grade (FA 2015): _____ Circle T-shirt Size:

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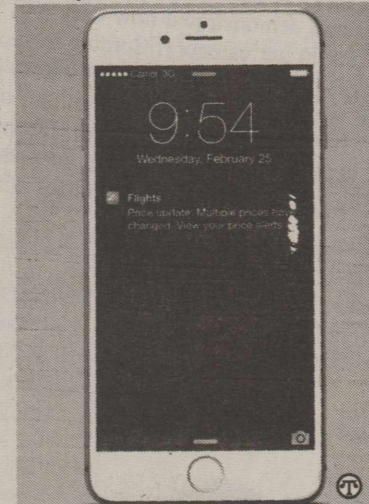
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Travel News And Notes

Make Your Escape With An App For The Adventurous

(NAPS)—Tired of frigid temperatures but don't know where to go? Join Americans fleeing the cold this year and take a quick vacation to a warmer climate.

Northerners are escaping the winter blues with trips to South Florida, Hawaii and Central America, according to data from Skyscanner, a leading travel search engine. In particular, the U.S. has seen an increase in travelers searching for flights to Mexico and El Salvador over the last three years.



A travel-booking app can help you get away from the cold without spending a cool fortune.

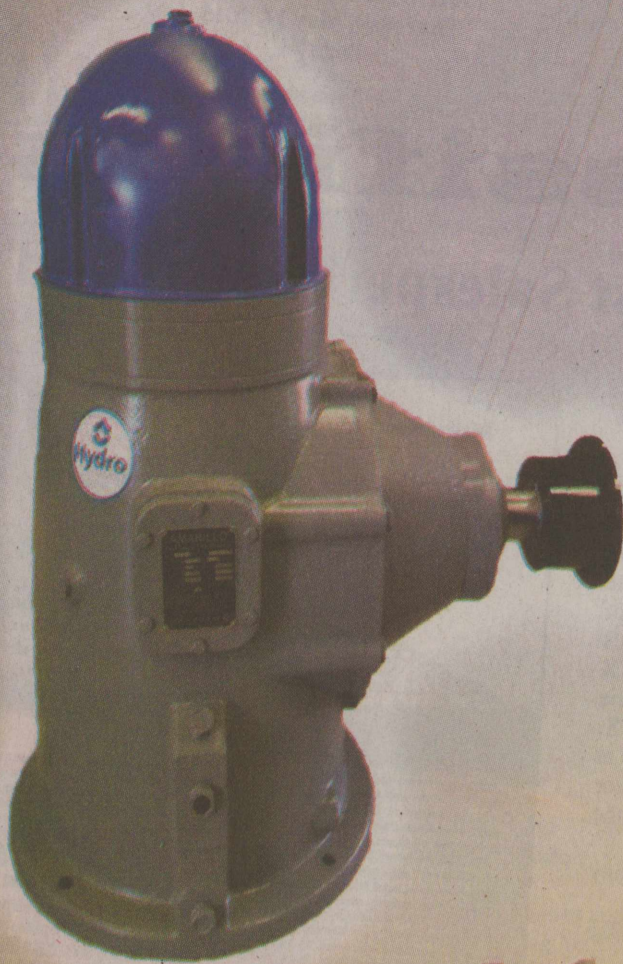
Want to get away but worried about paying too much? Skyscanner also has a tool to help monitor flight prices. Price Alerts keep track of the ticket fares from both your phone and a desktop computer. By "watching" a flight, Skyscanner will let you know if the price changes, whether up or down.

And people with iPhones can watch individual flights through Skyscanner's app, so they can get as specific as monitoring a flight with their ideal times and airline.

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Five Sherman County 4-Hers participate in District 1 Roundup

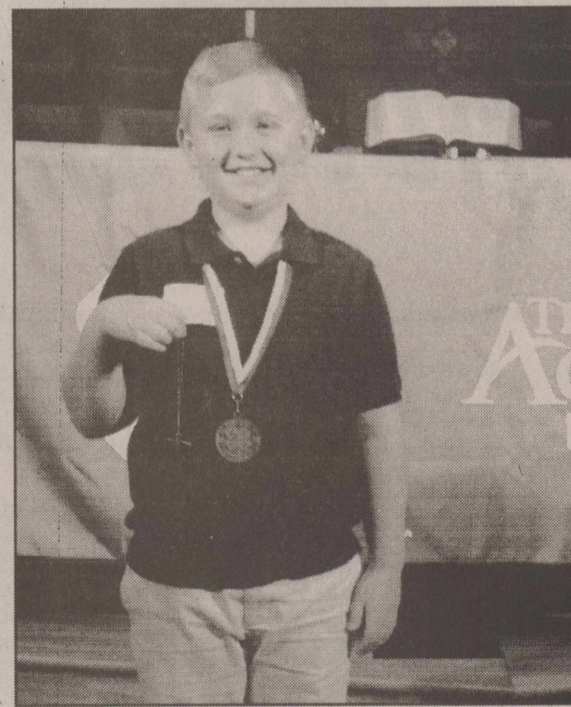
Sherman County was represented at the District 1 4-H Roundup in Canyon on April 24 by Levi Springer, Max Engelbrecht, Bryce Killian, Payton Berry and Katelin Berry.

Competing in the vocal and musical instrumental category, Levi Springer and Max Engelbrecht met at the First United Methodist Church to perform their pieces, which they have been working so hard on. Levi sang San Antonio Rose by Bob Wills. He placed second and because he is Senior level, he qualified for the State 4-H Roundup in June. Max played That's Cool by Robert D. Vandall on the piano and also placed second, but because he is only an Intermediate, he will not advance to the state competition.

Bryce Killian, Payton Berry and Katelin Berry met at West Texas A&M University to compete with their educational presentations and public speaking pieces.

Katelin gave an educational presentation, in the beef category, on Artificial Insemination. El DO She had several props with her and demonstrated how easy it is to breed a cow from semen, which was ordered from across the states. She placed first in her category. Coming in second in the same category was Payton, who presented Picking the Right Bull for Your Herd. She talked about things to look for in a bull and presented a slide show demonstrating her own cows and the bulls which she has bought semen off of. She was able to show off successful artificially inseminated cows and heifer calves which they are now showing at local and major stock shows.

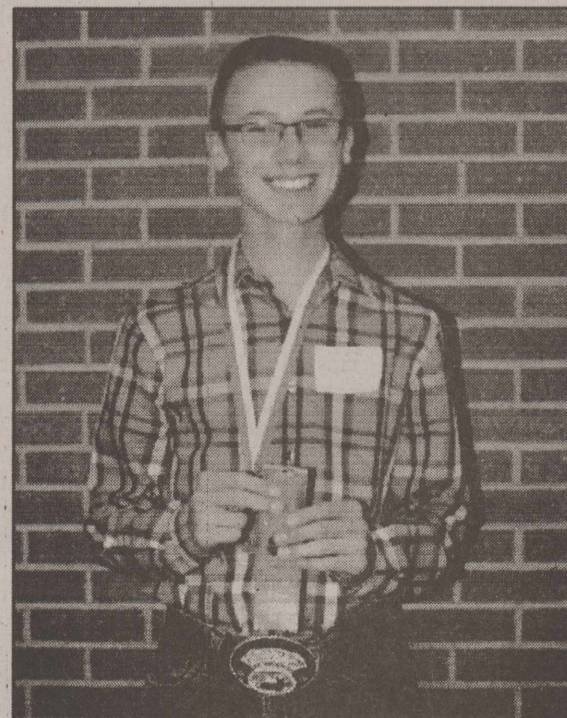
Bryce gave a companion animal's demonstration on pocket pets that included two sugar gliders and a hamster, which he had on stage with him. He talked about raising the small animals and special care they need. He placed second.



Max Engelbrecht



Katelin Berry, Payton Berry and Bryce Killian



Levi Springer