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SCOT HALL ACTIVITIES

Men's Pool-daily 1 p.m. M-F

Ladies Mexican Train Dominoes-
Mondays 1:30 p.m.

Ladies Chair Exercises-M-W-F
10:00 -10:30 a.m.

Ladies Yoga-Tuesdays 9:15-10:00 a.m.

Bingo-Second Tuesday 7 p.m.
4th Thursday Immediately following
noon luncheon

Monthly Luncheon-4th Thursday-12 noon
(covered dish luncheon)

Cimarron Heritage Center
1300 N Main, Boise City, OK

Grand Opening Celebration Of the Dust Bowl House!

April 14th, 2016 - 6 pm
81st Anniversary of Black Sunday

Depression Supper, Entertainment
By "V" The Gypsy Cowbelle
Speakers

Dr. Jess Porter of The Weather Channel's
When Weather Changed History and Co-Curator
Of Dust, Drought and Dreams Gone By

And
Brian Birchler, Adaptation of
Drought and Grasslands of the American West.

And
Special viewing of
When Weather Changed History, The Dust Bowl,
Beginning at 5 pm

Tickets Adult \$10.00, Children 5-12 \$5.00 Under 5 Free
at the Museum of
From any employee or board member
For information call 580-544-3479

8 Million To Participate in Blue Sunday Day of Prayer for Abused Children, April 24th

A stranger called saying she thought she had our grandchildren. Their drug addicted mother left the toddlers with the caller to run an errand and never returned. It had been two days.

We knew the caller's address was in an area known for high crime, terrible poverty, and a hotbed for drug activity but that didn't prepare us for what we found. Literally trash filled the yard, and on it sat a mobile home with broken and missing windows. That run down mobile home contained the most important things in the world to us, our grandchildren who stood at the door wearing nothing but their two day old diapers.

This was not the first time our grandchildren had been left with strangers, nor would it be the last.

At our wits end with child protective agencies, family court, and failed rehabs we realized all we had going for us was prayer. So we prayed. Next we asked our church to pray for us. Eventually we asked other churches to pray, not for us, but for the local foster children we met during our journey of finally rescuing our grandchildren.

That was 22 years ago. What started with 20 churches praying for abused children has grown into an international program called Blue Sunday Day of Prayer for Abused Children (Blue Sunday) with over 8 million people participating. We have two goals: To meet the needs of local abused children and to ask the Faith Community to do the same in their own cities, and it starts by asking them to pray. This year Blue Sunday is on April 24th. It's free. Nothing to join. Just prayers.

Our motto is: Let's pray, educate ourselves, and volunteer for the children of our nation until black and blue are just colors in their crayon box.

Are you a grandmother, friend or neighbor who is concerned about a child? Do you know a child who is in harm's way because of addicted parents? We know it is hard but you must be brave.

Tell the parents it's dangerous for their health and the safety of their children. Tell them good parenting and drugs/alcohol will never mix.

Tell them according to the Department of Health and Human Services drugs and alcohol is the number one reason parents lose their children.

Tell them according to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, alcohol and drug abuse are involved in 7 out of 10 child abuse and child neglect cases.

The parents may not listen. They may not change. They may choose their addiction over their children.

So now what does a grandmother, friend or neighbor do? You do what is right. Call 1-800-4 A CHILD. It's the law. We know it hurts but take comfort in knowing that on Blue Sunday over 8 million people will be praying for the victims of child abuse and for those that rescue them. That includes you, grandmother, friend, or neighbor and it includes the children you rescue. Janet Magee is the co-founder of Blue Sunday Day of Prayer for Abused Children. To register for Blue Sunday visit www.bluesunday.org. You'll also find free resources and ideas to help abused and neglected children in your community.

Dear Readers: At press time, we had some problems with our printer that does our photos. If we did not get it correct for this week's issue, and the photos do not come out, we will reprint them in next week's issue. Sorry, sometimes we are not in control, and boy was this one of those weeks. Again our apologies.

Cimarron Country Music Theater
4th Saturday Night of Each Month
Cimarron Country Music Theater in
Boise City, OK, USA

Show Date, Saturday night, April 23, 2016
Show starts 8:00 pm - doors open 7:00 pm
Country & Gospel Music at its best
For more info call
Sandy Hawkins-806 674 5147

XIT Rodeo and Reunion Directors are now accepting applications for XIT Rodeo Queen

To qualify you must be a High School Sophomore, Junior or Senior girl for the upcoming 2016/2017 school year, live within a 50-mile radius of Dalhart, be unmarried, able to ride a horse and be willing to devote their time and effort promoting XIT Rodeo & Reunion during their reign. The winner of this contest will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship and approximately \$1,500 in awards and prizes. The XIT Rodeo & Reunion Board of Directors recently mailed out an announcement along with entry packets to all area schools. Those interested in competing for XIT Rodeo Queen are encouraged to contact Steven Yeager @ 806-333-4409 or your school office. Applications need to be mailed with a postmark on or before April 15, 2016.

Stratford Country Club Membership Drive

The Stratford Country Club is having a membership drive from February 1-June 15. New members will be accessed only \$100.00 membership fee and \$65.00 monthly dues during this time instead of \$150.00 membership fee. Please contact Suzanne Ashley at First State Bank 396-5521 for more information or to enroll.

Stratford "Fine Arts Extravaganza" Information, 4/26/16

The Stratford Education Foundation is excited to sponsor the Stratford Fine Arts Extravaganza at the Amarillo Globe News Center on Tuesday, April 26th. The event will showcase the Stratford H.S. Big Blue Band and also the Junior High Band. Art work by students in SHS art classes and the industrial arts classes will also be showcased in the foyer and during the reception. The Extravaganza will begin at 6:30 pm, and a reception will follow in the Gilliland Education Center.

The Foundation shall also honor all past Big Blue Band directors and their families at the concert and also the reception. Directors who plan to attend the event include Joe Mack Hill (1958/1966), Noel Maxwell (1966-1970), Jeff Doughten (1971-1973), Gary Laramore (1975/1978), Randy Hunsaker (1979-2007), Dr. Jim Taliaferro (1986-1987), John Strother (1977-1978), Betty Ingham (1987-1991), Jeff Witcher (1997-1999), and current directors Katherine Willey Nusz and Jim Parham. The Foundation is still waiting on confirmation from several other directors.

The current band students shall be rehearsing and recording on the stage of the concert hall during the day. They will also have master classes and a recital from music faculty at WIAMU and the Amarillo Symphony. The rehearsals and concert shall be professionally recorded to allow the SHS band to submit quality recordings for the TMEA 2A Honor Band competition this spring.

The concert and reception are free to the public. Any former band members or band directors who still play are invited to perform with the band on their final numbers. If you are interested in playing with the band, please call the Band Office at 806.366.3339 and leave a message.

Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP to either shsbigblueband@gmail.com or by leaving a message at 405.737.0599 by April 15th. The caterers need an estimate so there is enough food for the reception. Donations may also be made at the reception to help defray costs.

CASA 69, Inc.
Celebrating 30 Years

SAVE THE DATE!

April 29, 2016 -

6:00 p.m.

Stratford High School

Speaker: David Marin

"This is Us; The New

All American Family"

Reception Following the Event

Dear Stratford Residents and General Contractors:

Please be advised that per Section 13.01.038(b) of the City of Stratford's Code of Ordinances, only regular household waste is to be disposed of in the dumpsters provided by the City.

Section 13.01.038(b) - Materials prohibited in containers. The following shall not be disposed of in city containers: hazardous waste, liquid waste, used motor oil, used oil filters, lead acid batteries, yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, yard/garden debris, brush), construction/demolition/remodeling debris, lumber, shingles/roofing material, chairs/furniture, mattresses/box springs, waste tires (automotive/implement/truck/tractor), major appliances/fixtures, and dead animals.

Section 13.04.041 - Dirt, concrete and rocks prohibited in containers.

The disposal of dirt, concrete, and rocks in city trash containers is hereby prohibited. (Ordinance 970519, sec. 9, adopted 5/19/97)

Grass dumpsters are for grass only.

A fine or penalty for the violation of a rule, ordinance or police regulation that governs fire safety, zoning or public health and sanitation, including the dumping of refuse, may not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

Copies of the City Ordinances and/or sections of the City Ordinances may be obtained by contacting the Code Enforcement Officer at 806-268-4158.

For a list of items accepted at the Recycle Center, please call the Recycling Center Manager at 806-338-0536.

Obituaries

Mary Lou Walden

November 12, 1934 - April 9, 2016

Mary Lou Walden, 81 of Stratford passed away on Saturday, April 9, 2016. A Memorial Service was held at 11 o'clock in the morning on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Billy Ramage, officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mary Lou was born on November 12, 1934 in Stratford to John and Mary (Beauchamp) Lavake. She was a lifelong resident of Stratford and was a faithful member of First Baptist Church. Mary Lou loved church and church activities. Mary Lou always spoke her mind, there was never any doubt how she felt. She also enjoyed having her hair done once a week. Mary Lou's greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and great-grandson: Jackson Walden.

Mary Lou is survived by her sons: John Walden and wife Sharon of Mineral Wells and Philip Walden and wife Kristi of Stratford; daughter: Laura Brown and husband Ross of Borger; grandchildren: John Robert Walden, Will Walden, Nathaniel Walden and wife Ken, Skyler Walden and wife Alisha, Harrison Walden and wife Alison, Meredith Kautz and husband Josh, and Jordan Evans; and great-grandchildren: Klaire and Kooper Walden.

The family request memorials be made to Stratford Education Foundation, P O Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, or Memorial Hospice, 224 E 2nd, Dumas, TX 79029, or a favorite charity. The family would like to express their gratitude to Dumas Memorial Hospital, Memorial Hospice, and Dr. Opara.

Stan Folsom

March 3, 1936 - April 8, 2016

Stan Folsom, 80 of Dumas, passed away on Friday, April 8, 2016. Services were held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at Cornerstone City Church with Rev. Frank Gordo, pastor of the church, officiating. Family burial was in Stratford Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

Stan was born March 3, 1936 in Amarillo TX to Herbert and Alfa (Altringer) Folsom. He grew up in Stratford, graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute and later went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Texas Tech. He moved to Dumas in 1969 and farmed in Sherman County. He married Linda Hubbard in 1978 in Wichita Falls, TX; she preceded him in death in 2013.

Stan had many hobbies. He loved to repair old clocks and loved to birdwatch. He was a member of Gideon's International and of Cornerstone City Church. Above all Stan loved his God, church, children and grandchildren. He will be missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his wife, Stan is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his daughters: Lane Folsom and wife Ann Kearney of Dallas, Leisel Kroah and husband Ted Whitmore of Denver, and Leigh Folsom-Boyd and husband Robbie of Los Angeles; son Jonathan Folsom and wife Melba of Plainview; step-daughter Pamela Root and husband Mike of San Jose; sister Carolyn Brierty of Gulf Shores, AL; grandchildren: Adam Root, Noah Root, both of San Jose, Zander Folsom and Rylee Folsom both of Plainview.

The family suggests memorials be made to Gideon's International, P O Box 432, Dumas TX, 79029.

Louise Everett

January 8, 1925-April 8, 2016

Louise Everett, 91, of Amarillo died Friday, April 8, 2016.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Cox Funeral Home Benton Chapel. Burial followed in Stratford Cemetery. Arrangements were by Cox Funeral Home, 4180 Canyon Drive.

Louise was born Jan. 8, 1925, in Denair, Calif., to Pedro and Maria Vasquez. On March 8, 1949, she married R.K. Everett Jr. in Oakland, Calif.

Louise was a gentle soul with a fire in her. When they came to Texas, she helped R.K. start farming and feed lot operation in Sherman County. She and her sister took care of her parents and brother until their deaths. She loved collecting nutcrackers, spoons, and owls. Her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren brought Louise such joy and pleasure.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, R.K.; two brothers, Manuel and Phil Vasquez; and two sisters, Vicenta Branson and Tobi Gattoni.

Survivors include a daughter, Lou Holt and husband Charles Yelton of Amarillo; two grandchildren, Shane and wife Kristen Holt of Oklahoma City and Shawna and husband James Milligan of Amarillo; eight great-grandchildren, Cameron, Shayla, Ashley, Keanan, Jayda, Braylon, Brandon and Amber; four great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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Film Screening on National Parks of Texas Hutchinson County Historical Museum in Borger to host free event in partnership with Panhandle PBS

A new 60-minute documentary film, The National Parks of Texas: In Contact With Beauty, tells the story of National Park sites in Texas and will air on Panhandle PBS at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26th.

Borger will be the site of an exclusive early screening of the film for the Texas Panhandle. The Hutchinson County Historical Museum, 618 N. Main St. in Borger, will host a free viewing of the entire documentary on Saturday, April 23rd at 2 p.m.

Museum Director Clay Renick will introduce the film and provide insight from Panhandle PBS.

The film celebrates the parks as a resource for all of us – with stories of their history, an opportunity to see what each park contains, and a look at what the future might hold for our parks.

In 2016, the National Park Service celebrates its 100th anniversary. Texas is home to 16 National Park sites – a rich and diverse collection of treasured places that draw 5.5 million visitors each year.

"The national parks of Texas are a gift, a diverse mix of sites where visitors can climb rugged peaks, kayak beautiful waterways, discover our state's rich history and experience an endless choice of adventures," said Lynn Boswell, writer and producer of the film. "In many ways, the story of our state's parks is the story of Texas itself. These special places preserve our natural resources and they speak of our history, beginning with a reef that dates back more than 260 million years and ending with an intimate look at 20th century politics."

The National Parks of Texas: In Contact with Beauty is produced by Villita Media and KLRN, with many Texas PBS stations, including Panhandle PBS, contributing content to the production. Funding for the documentary was made possible by the National Parks Conservation Association and Big Bend Conservancy along with the Brown Foundation, the Trull Foundation and a number of individual contributors.

For more information on the film screening event at Hutchinson County Historical Museum in Borger, please contact Lynn Hopkins at 806-273-0130 or visit hutchinsoncountymuseum.org or panhandlePBS.org

BLUE SUNDAY DAY OF PRAYER

April 24, 2016

The day when churches take time in their service to pray for the victims of child abuse and for those who rescue them.

We pray because they shouldn't have to pray alone.

Won't you ask your church to join in this life-changing effort?



WHOEVER RECEIVES ONE LITTLE CHILD LIKE THIS IN MY NAME RECEIVES ME. MATTHEW 18:5

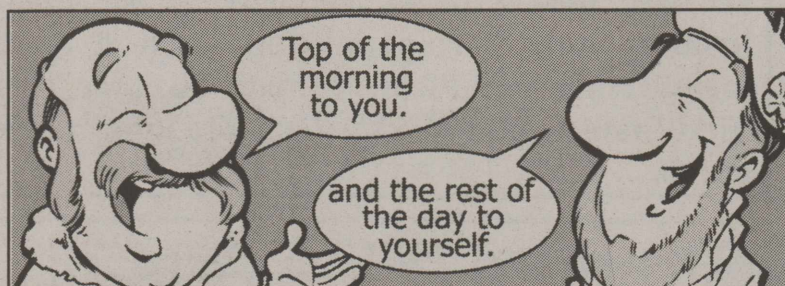
Did you know there are over 3 million confirmed cases of child abuse in our nation annually?

Did you know that of the 1640 child deaths from child abuse that most were under the age of 3?

Did you know your church can make a difference? It can and it starts by praying.

Blue Sunday

Register your church at: WWW.BLUESUNDAY.ORG



The correct response to the Irish greeting "Top of the morning to you" is "And the rest of the day to yourself."

Deadline for The Stratford Star

Deadline for Stratford Star items. Photos by Sundays at 4 p.m. Letters to Editor 9 a.m. on Mondays (typed) and all other articles and ads at 10 a.m. on Mondays. (PLEASE) Thank you


Attention to all subscribers!! Rate change

The Stratford Star is no longer sending out notices when your paper is due. Check the label on the paper and see what month your subscription expires. I will be putting "Stars" on the current month. If you have a Star on your label it means that your sub expires that month. If you are not sure the amount you owe if you live out of the area call 753-7373 and double check. Locally is \$33.00 and out of the area \$40.00. If you are paying for someone else's sub, you will be billed for that person. The Stratford Star, PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084

Thanks-Marty

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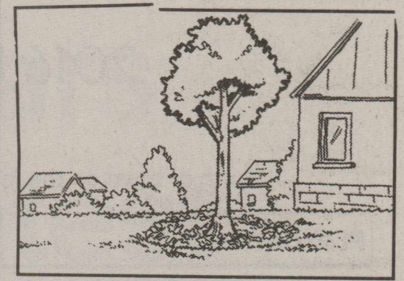
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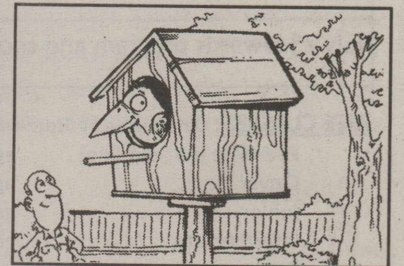
*In loving memory of Wayland E. Brown
In remembrance of the passing of Wayland E. Brown on April 07, 2012,
his family Wishes to honor him 'with the following poem. It reflects the
character and integrity of this godly man who was truly respected and
loved by his family and friends. Wayland and his wife Betty were long-
time residents of Stratford.*

WE KNEW A MAN THAT SEEMS TO US TO BE REALLY TEN FEET TALL
HE TREATED US LIKE HIS OWN KIDS AND WOULDN'T LET US FALL
HE SCARED US SO WHEN WE FIRST MET, WE COULDN'T HARDLY SPEAK
BUT WHEN WE GOT TO KNOW HIM, HIS WISDOM WE WOULD SEEK
HE AND OUR SIS HAD HAPPY TIMES AND WE COULD SEE THE LOVE
THE MANY YEARS TOGETHER WAS BLESSED BY GOD ABOVE, WE THANK
THE LORD FOR YEARS THEY HAD TO LIVE AS MAN AND WIFE. AND KNOW
ONE DAY THEY'LL BE AS ONE TO START A BRAND NEW LIFE

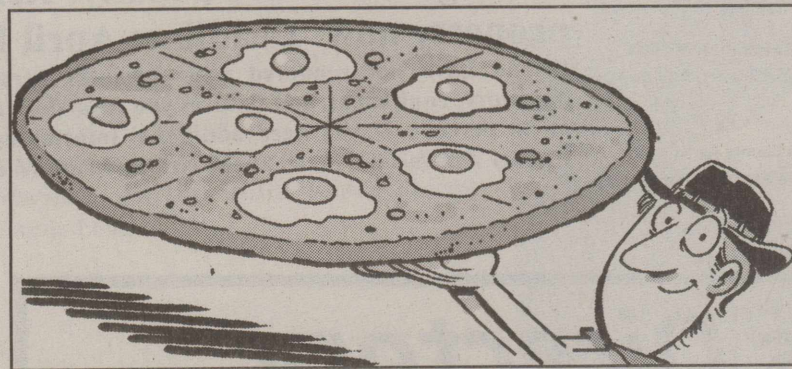
WE ALL LOVED THIS SPECIAL MAN WHO CAME INTO OUR LIVES
HE MET OUR SISTER YEARS AGO AND TOOK HER FOR HIS BRIDE
WHEN HE SPOKE YOU LISTENED TO WHAT HE HAD TO SAY, AND
IF YOU TALKED BACK TO HIM, HE'D SEND YOU ON YOUR WA
HE LIVED HIS LIFE AS PEOPLE SHOULD AND NEVER DID BACK DOWN.
AND WAS RESPECTED BY EVERYONE IN TOWN.
HE KEPT HIS WORD WHEN GIVEN AND EXPECTED THE SAME BACK.
AND WHEN SOMEONE BETRAYED HIM, HIS FRIENDSHIP YOU WOULD
LACK.
HE'S TURIN MISSED BY ALL OF US, IT WAS HIS TIME TO GO. GOD TOOK
HIM UP TO HEAVEN, HIS WORK WAS DONE BELOW



A tree planted in the middle of a flower bed will add height and interest to the plantings below it.



Birds consume hundreds of insects each day. You can encourage them to take up residence in orchards and gardens by installing birdhouses, feeders and water sources.



In Australia, the No.1 topping for pizza is eggs.

Stratford Hospital District

"Proudly serving the medical needs of Stratford and Sherman County"
Stratford Family Medical Clinic

Stratford Family Medical Clinic

Mon. - Thurs 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
396-5583 Tommy Brian, ANP & Krista Brown ANP

Elk Pharmacy

Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. - 5:30 PM
"Check our Competitive pricing"
"Compounding Available"

366-5505 Shelly Worley, PharmD, RPH

Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility

396-5568 Mark Moore, LNFA

Stratford EMS

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

The Stratford Hospital District operates on a non-discriminatory basis, giving equal treatment and access to services without regard to sex, race, religion, age or ethnicity.

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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 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

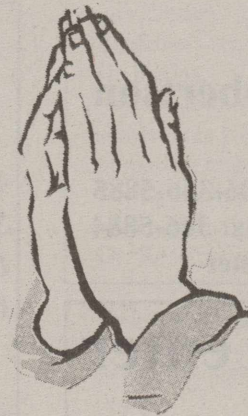
First Christian Church
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist
Rev. Steve Ulrey 396-2178
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Heritage Bible Baptist
Pastor Mark Looney
302 S. Main
For more info-call 396-2212
Morning worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Thurs. Service 7:00 p.m.



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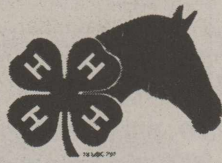
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Estuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.
Miercoles (Wednesday)
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Biblico & Servicio De Oracion 6 p.m.
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806-366-3071
205 N. Poplar-Hwy 287 268-2188
Escuela Dominical 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

Church of Christ
Raymond Glendinning
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.

Sherman County Silver Spurs 2016 Playdays



Stratford Arena

South of town on the intersection of HWY 15 and HWY 287 | (806)390-9030

PLAYDAY	BOOKS OPEN	STARTING TIME
June 4	1:00	2:00
June 18	1:00	2:00
July 9	1:00	2:00
July 23 (awards program and cookout to follow)	1:00	2:00

AGE CLASSES: Determined by State 4-H Age rules; summer events based off of previous grade.

Pee-Wee (no lead-line)	ages 3 & 4
Clover	ages 5 - 7
Junior	grades 3 rd - 5 th
Intermediate	grades 6 th - 8 th
Senior	grades 9 th - 12 th

Rider must be a 4-H member in any county and must show proof

****Riders in the Intermediate and Senior age class will be required to work one (1) event at every playday from set-up to tear-down or no points will be awarded for that day.**

EVENTS:

Cloverleaf Barrel Race	Flag Race	Fun Run (changes every race)
Pole Bending Race	Goat Tie	

Entry Fee is \$8.00 for speed events and \$12.00 for livestock events.
****\$2.00 late fee applies to each event entered if books are closed.**

AWARDS:

To be eligible to win the Awards, you must compete in three (3) of the four (4) playdays which will be determined at the end of the playday season. Awards are based on riders completing required number of events worked, and total points earned at each playday.

Each playday, riders get points for their placing in each event and a 70% payback. Awards at the end of the year will be given through 3rd place in each class and each event, if a rider meets all other eligibility requirements.

A Top Hand Award will be awarded to the one (1) standout individual who participates in practices, playdays, fundraisers, parades, and other 4-H Horse project related activities. The Top Hand Award will go to a Sherman County 4-H member only.

For more information and to receive a copy of the rules and membership form, come into the Sherman County AgriLife office, email alexa.reed@ag.tamu.edu, or call during business hours to (806)366-2081. Also, text @shermhorse to 81010 for Remind101

ATTN: FARMERS & LANDOWNERS

If you have land that came out of CRP in 2015 you need to contact the Appraisal District now.

The land classification may need to be corrected and could reduce your taxes. You will need to complete a new ag form prior to June 30, 2016 for any land reclassifications to take effect for the 2016 tax roll. Sherman County Appraisal District, 402 N 3rd Stratford TX or call 806-366-5566.

Multi-use exemption applies to some self-employed taxpayers.

The passage of Proposition 6, which amended the state constitution under House Bill 1022, provides for an individual to exempt one passenger car or light truck from personal property taxes if the vehicle is used for both business and personal purposes.

To qualify for the exemption individuals need to fill out an application form available from the appraisal office at 402 N. Third Street in Stratford. The exemption form must be filed prior to April 30 each year.

A vehicle is not eligible:

1. If you work for someone else.
2. If you use your vehicle to commute to and from work.
3. If you are a retired person with no production of income.
4. If it is registered in a business name.

Income producing vehicles are and continue to be taxable. The law allows the local taxing jurisdictions to choose to tax personal vehicles. The legislature did not exclude the multi-use exemption in jurisdictions that tax vehicles for personal use.

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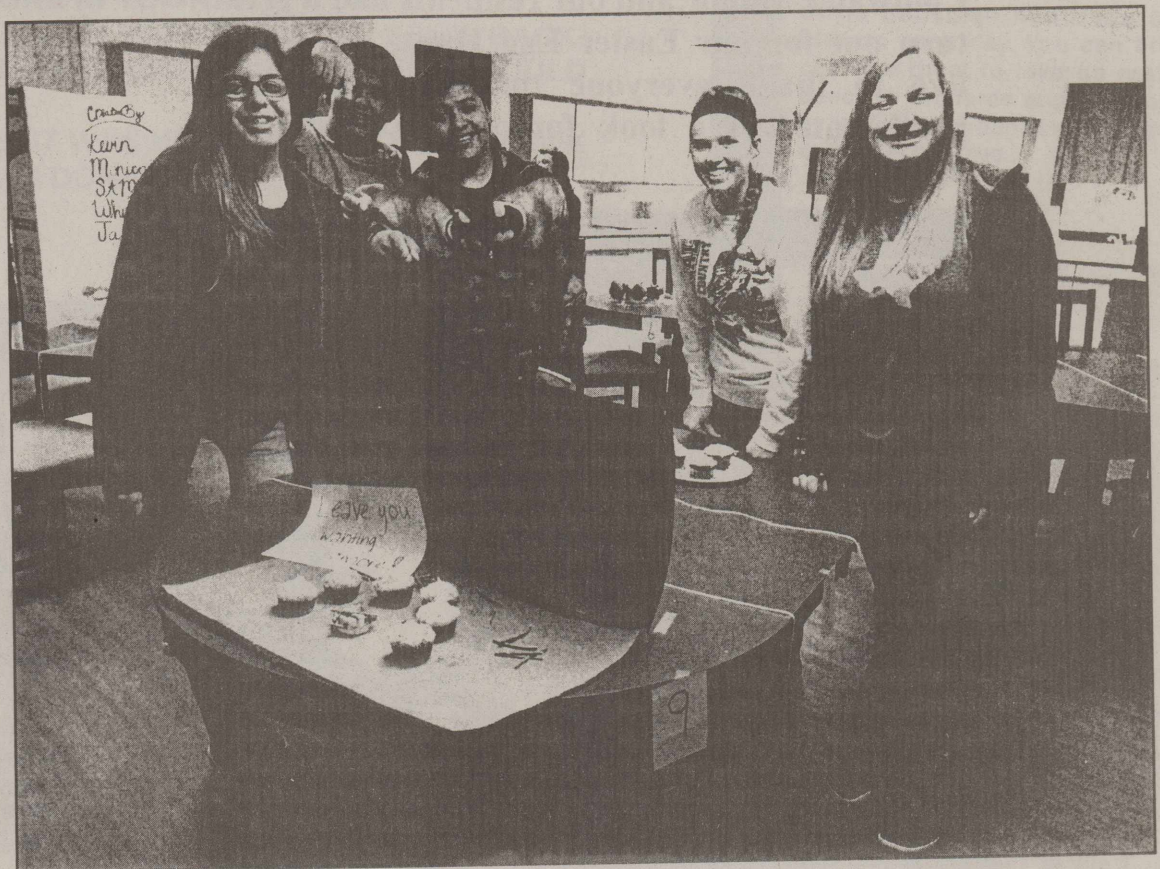
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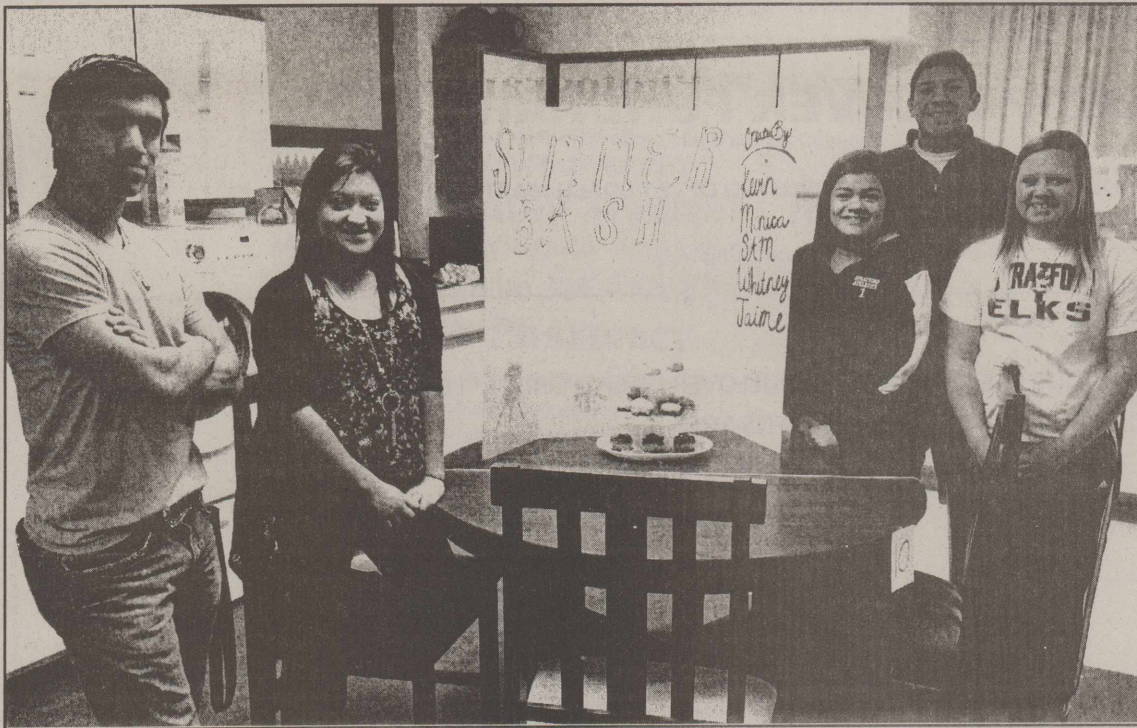
Cupcake Wars Contest

Stratford High School students enjoyed participating in their own Cupcake War contest held in Mrs. Reed's Family and Consumer class. Judges were Superintendent Jerry Birdsong, High School principal P.J. Hanna and Jr. High Principal Clint Seward. Shown above is Best All Around Cupcake made by L/R: Tanner Stone, Chesney Rendon, Fernando Jacquez and Agustina Eizmendi.

Best Flavor went to L/R: Kimberly Loya, Juan Machado, Adrian Acosta, Kelsey Pickens and Tommie Long.



Best Presentation and Display winners were L/R: Kevin Hernandez, Monica Reys, Samantha Gonzalez, Jaime Jacquez and Whitney Stone.



First Texas War of Secession Part IV By Rocky Jim Sprott, Member Sherman Co. Historical Commission

Following Santa Anna's victory at the Alamo in San Antonio, the self-proclaimed, Napoleon of the West, put his army in motion to search and destroy the remaining pockets of opposition now in retreat somewhere to the east.

The Mexican dictator had devised a plan to sweep the territory of Texas all the way to the Sabine River by dividing his force into four columns commanded

by his generals, Ramirez y Sesma, Filisola, Amat and Urrea. By fanning out to the north and south in a giant pincer movement which would converge hopefully

east of the retreating Texas army, the representatives of the Republic of Texas, its army, and the fleeing Anglo population would be trapped allowing Santa Anna to carry out his real design, the total subjugation and Annihilation of all opposition to his rule.

The Mexican army had orders, to burn every town, plantation, farm, and dwelling in their path. This was total warfare. The same strategy was used to reduce the political and military opposition in other Mexican states also in revolt. One instance was so brutal it will be forever known as the "Rape of Zacatecas".

Combatants in the service of the Texas army officially were not to be granted the rights normally accorded to prisoners of war. This policy was spelled out in an order issued by the Mexico War and Navy Department issued Dec. 30th

1835 called the "Tornell Decree". Based on this decree, Santa Anna's rule of "No Quarter" obtained official sanction.

The decree read in part,

Foreigners landing on the coast of the republic or invading its territory by land, armed with the intention of attacking our country, will be deemed pirates and dwelt with as such.

As news spread of the fall of the Alamo combined with the withdrawal of the Texas army under Houston exposing the western fringe of the settlements to the Mexican advance, a mass panic precipitated the wholesale abandonment of the Guadalupe, Colorado and Brazos River valleys. The former colonist left their

farms and towns with what meager possessions they could carry and fled east toward the safety of the east bank of the Sabine River. This tragic story would be known in the annals of Texas history as the, "Runaway Scrape".

It is estimated that as many as a thousand families along the Colorado and Brazos River bottoms joined in this flight to safety. One refugee, Dr Pleasant W. Rose, recorded in his journal the heartbreaking scenes that attended this exodus.

Dr Rose's record shows how desperate he and his neighbors were at this time. He begins,

By the 20th of February [1836] the people of San Patricio and other western settlements were fleeing for their lives. Every family in our neighborhood was preparing to go the United States. Wagons and other vehicles were scarce. Mr. Stafford, cripple, with the help of small boys and Negroes, began gathering cattle. All the large boys had gone to the army....

Dr. Rose's journal describes the passage east over swollen rivers, prairies that had become lakes, and roads of bottomless mud. Cold rainy winter weather Plagued the homeless hords.

Dr Rose's daughter, Dulce, briefly records the pitiful sight which greeted her family when they reached Lynch's Ferry on the San Jacinto River on. April:

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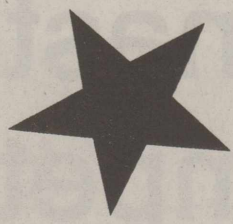
She writes, "Five thousand people were swarming. at that point".

The Rose's journals shows the fight 'of the refugees was attended; by extreme misery, -inhuman tragedy, and terror. In some instances they could see over their shoulders to the west plumes of smoke rising from burning homes and, farms as they were fired by the advancing columns of the Mexican army. Dulce Rose goes on to site the effect of the prolonged march on the weak 'arid young, Soon there was hunger; fever and sickness 'spread, babies began to die.

My fellow Texans, this' was the real face of the war for Texas independence.

and the men who struggled alongside them on that miserable march in February, -March, and April' of 1836 kept alive the hope that when the fighting stopped they would have a, home to return to. Let us all say a prayer of thanksgiving for the brave- women of 1836.

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THANK YOU Stratford/Sherman County residents for supporting Lollipop Junction's recently held Tamale Sales. Your support assisted the center in meeting the matching donation from Modern Woodmen. The board expresses appreciation to those who purchased tamales, staff members who prepared the delicious tamales, parents who promoted the sales and individuals who donated toward this fundraiser. Each of you was a key to the fundraisers success!!! In addition, Thank You is extended to Stratford Thrift Store for their generous donation to the child care center. Support of these activities allows Lollipop Junction to provide families with quality child care services. Thanks Again, Stratford!!

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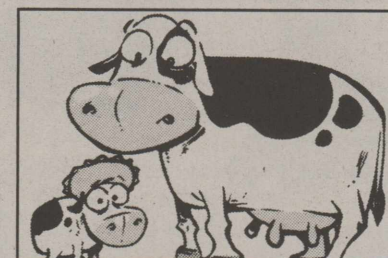
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Kelly's Gymnastics Compete

Kelly's Gymnastics competed at the State Meet in Amarillo April 2-3, 2016. 18 teams consisting of 470 athletes from New Mexico and Texas competed at the meet. Shown above are gymnasts from Kelly's Gymnastics that placed in the top 3 at State. B/F-L/R: Bob Purcell, Kelly Brooks- coach, Dylan Moore, Allie beth Coleman, Madison Braden, Rese Jenkins, Hannah Hernandez, Gabbiella Edge, Carly Neely, Bria Flores, and Drew Garcia.

These gymnasts from Kelly's Gymnastics competed at the State meet held in Amarillo April 2-3, 2016. Back Row L/R: Madison Braden, Presley Evans, Dylan Moore, Allie beth Coleman, Kamryn Cox, Bob Purcell. Middle Row L/R: Haley Montgomery, Drew Garcia, Hannah Hernandez, Carly Neely. Front Row L/R: Bria Flores, Bonnie Thrasher, Rese Jenkins, and Gabbiella Edge,



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