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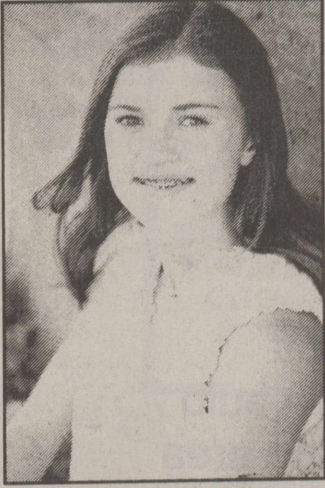


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Lavake Named Valedictorian

The Stratford Junior High School Valedictorian is Ashton Marie Lavake, daughter of Marcus and Ashly Lavake, the granddaughter of John and Nina Lavake and Charlie and Kathy Taylor. Ashton has a numerical grade point average of 98.5 for two years of work. She has participated in Dictionary Skills, Oral Reading, Spelling and Editorial Writing at UIL academic competitions. Throughout junior high, Ashton has been a cheerleader, played basketball and run cross country and track. She has been on the honor roll and received the President's Education Award. Ashton attends the First Christian Church and is very active in the youth group. In her spare time, Ashton enjoys reading, playing the piano and sports.



Skiles Names Salutatorian

The Salutatorian is Stewart Skiles, son of Jeb & Krista Skiles. Stewart has a numerical grade point average of 98.2 for two years of work. He has participated in editorial writing, mathematics, science and maps graphs and charts in UIL. Stewart is also involved in football, basketball, track and FFA. He was on the A honor roll and received the President's Education Award. Stewart is a member of the First Christian youth group. He enjoys working with his steers and heifers and participating in livestock shows across the country.



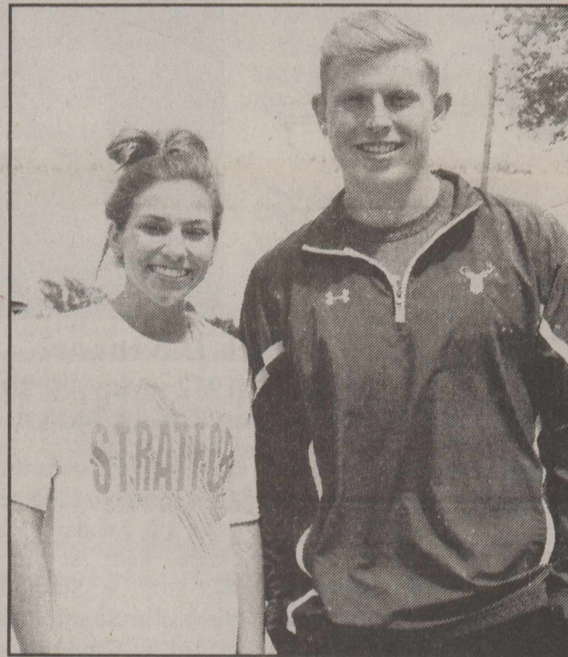
Burr takes Silver Medal

Lady Elk Laynee Burr, a junior at Stratford HS won the silver medal in the 100 M Hurdles at the State track meet in Austin this past weekend. Laynee ran a time of 15.0. Congratulations Laynee!!!

The Stratford Star Special Senior Edition will be in next week's issue Thursday, May 25th, 2017

Burr & Hanna Compete at State

Lady Elk Laynee Burr and Stratford Elk Parker Hanna competed at the State Track Meet held in Austin this past weekend. Laynee won the silver medal in hurdles and Parker placed 5th in Discus. Congratulations on a great season!!!



Memorial/Decoration Day Program

Stratford Cemetery

Monday, May 29, 10:00 a.m.

Honoring Families of WW1 Veterans

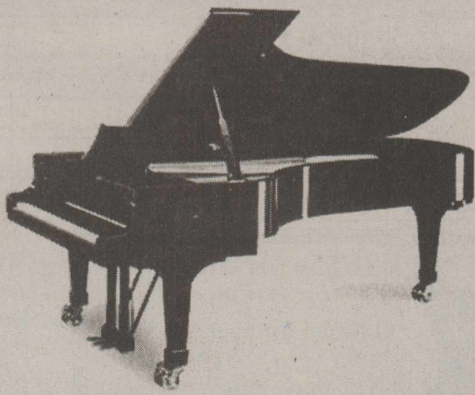
Buried in the Stratford Cemetery

Host: American Legion Post 262

Sherman County Historical Committee

(Bring a Chair)

You are cordially invited to the Spring Piano Recital Presented by the students of Marihoward Engelbrecht



Sunday, May 21st
1:30 p.m.

First Christian Church

The Board of Trustees of Stratford Independent School District

Cordially invite you to attend a Retirement reception honoring

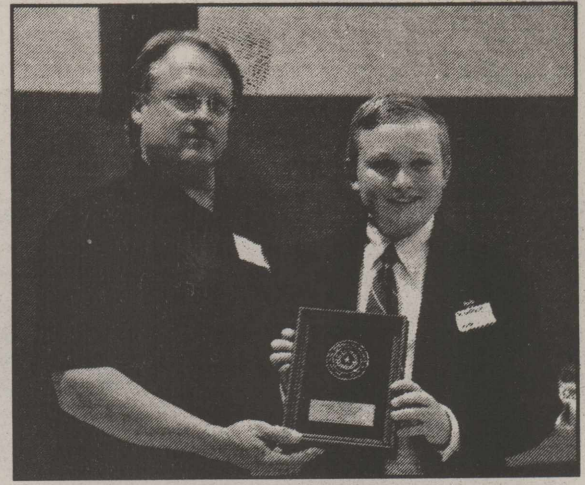
Jerry Birdsong
Mike Brownlee
Harletta Carthel
Tamra Elms
Kenny Rutherford
Elida Sertuche

Sunday, May 21, 2017
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Stratford High School Library
Refreshments Served



Gage Brooks signs letter of intent

Senior Gage Brooks signed a letter of intent on Thursday, May 11, 2017 to play football for Bethany College in the fall at Lindsborg, Kansas. Pictured with Gage at his signing from left Head Football coach and Athletic Director Matt Lovorn, his father Lance Brooks, grandparents Becky and Ronnie Brooks, brother Tyson Brooks, and his mother Kelly Brooks. Congratulations and good luck Gage!



Third place area winner

"The Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts held their annual Area I Conservation Awards Banquet on May 2, 2017. Pictured are Scott Buckles (Chairman TSSWCB) and Max Engelbrecht (3rd place Area winner in the Jr Essay Contest) Max is the son of Jon and Sharon Engelbrecht.

Get Instant Savings on LED Bulbs Xcel Energy announces new LED bulb discount program in Texas service area

AMARILLO, Texas (May 12, 2017) – Xcel Energy today announced discounts on energy efficient LED light bulbs through partnerships with retailers in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains regions. The program hopes to encourage residents to choose energy efficient LED bulbs to lower their energy bills and save money over time.

The program offers savings of up to \$3 per bulb at participating Walmart, Sam's Club, Lowes, Home Depot, and Ace Hardware stores. More than 30 models of bulbs will be discounted in 2017, including major brands such as GE, Philips, Cree, Ledvance and Greenlite.

"By partnering with major retailers, we can offer customers discounted bulbs in the wide variety of colors and light level choices they've come to expect in energy efficient lighting for their home," said Sherryl Volkert, Xcel Energy program manager. "LEDs cost less to operate, which means lower bills and money saved over the life of each bulb."

The U.S. Department of Energy reports that LEDs use up to 80 percent less energy, than traditional bulbs, and last up to 15 years.

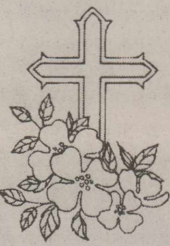
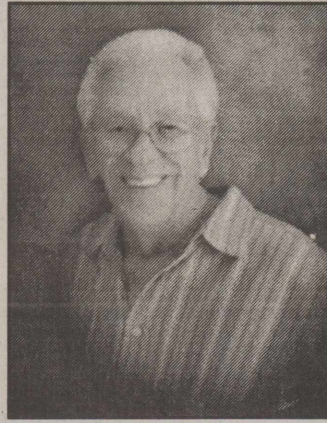
The program will continue while supplies last. Visit www.xcelenergy.com/lightingdeals to find the most updated information on participating stores and eligible models.

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About Xcel Energy

Xcel Energy (NYSE: XEL) provides the energy that powers millions of homes and businesses across eight Western and Midwestern states. Headquartered in Minneapolis, the company is an industry leader in responsibly reducing carbon emissions and producing and delivering clean energy solutions from a variety of renewable sources at competitive prices. For more information, visit xcelenergy.com or follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

Obituaries



Dick Davenport

June 24, 1932 - May 14, 2017
Maj. (Ret. USAF) Richard (Dick) Davenport
6/24/32 - 5/14/17

Dick Davenport, 84, of Stratford died peacefully with his family by his side on Sunday, May 14, 2017. Funeral Services were held at 10 o'clock on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at Stratford Church of Christ. Interment followed at Stratford Cemetery with Military Honors provided by Cannon Air Force Base. Family received friends on Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Dick was born in Monaca, Pennsylvania. Dick was career Air Force trainer and fighter pilot, serving both Korea and Vietnam with assignments that included bases in Japan and Alaska. He retired in 1976 and moved to Stratford where he was an active community member. He served on the Stratford City Council, was named the Citizen of the Year and Stratford High School Fan of the Year. He served 12 years as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents and a sister. He leaves behind his wife, Betty Jo Davenport; four children, Jeannie (Thom) Sikora of Stratford, Carol Jetton of Schertz, Texas, Mark (Joyce) Marshall of Stratford, and Rick (Dayna) Davenport of College Station, Texas, 9 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren and two sisters; Sydney Slagle of Enon Valley, Pennsylvania and Patti Staats of Columbia, Ohio.

The family suggest with gratitude memorials be made to CASA, 112 SW 8th Ave #101, Amarillo, TX 79101 or to the American Cancer Society, 3915 Bell St, Amarillo, TX 79109.

A medical fund has been set up at First State Bank of Stratford for Jorge Ramirez. Jorge is a 2016 graduate of Stratford. He was involved in a vehicle accident on his way to work. He is facing a lengthy recovery & surgery.

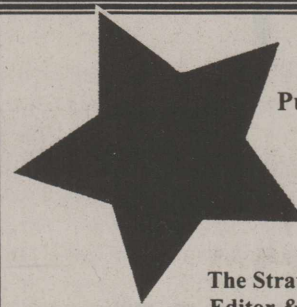
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Ace Hardware	900 23rd St	Canyon
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Ace Hardware	406 E 7th St	Hereford
Ace Hardware	602 Clubview Dr	Levelland
Ace Hardware	1212 Hall Ave	Littlefield
Ace Hardware	1516 W American Blvd	Muleshoe
Ace Hardware	119 E Avenue A	Seminole
Dollar Tree	3300 E I-40, Unit B	Amarillo
Dollar Tree	5752 W Amarillo Blvd, Ste 104	Amarillo
Dollar Tree	3405 S Georgia St	Amarillo
Dollar Tree	5807 SW 45th Ave, Ste 400	Amarillo
Dollar Tree	2704 S Soncy Rd	Amarillo
Dollar Tree	1329 W Wilson St	Borger
Dollar Tree	300 E 19th St, Ste 123	Dumas
Dollar Tree	304 N 25 Mile Ave	Hereford
Dollar Tree	501 E St Rd 114, Ste 108	Levelland
Dollar Tree	311 W 30th Ave	Pampa
Dollar Tree	3433 Olton Rd	Plainview
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Home Depot	2500 S Soncy Rd	Amarillo
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Walmart	4215 Canyon Dr	Amarillo
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Walmart	4610 S Coulter	Amarillo
Walmart	1501 Roosevelt	Borger
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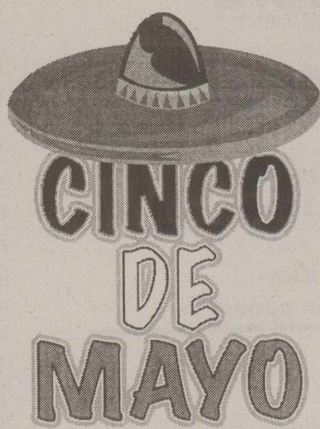
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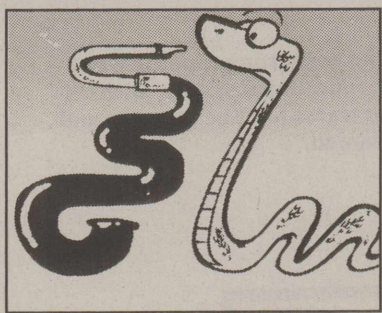
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Cinco De Mayo celebration at Coldwater Manor

Cinco De Mayo was celebrated at Coldwater Manor with residents and staff with a traditional Mexican meal and Fiesta Celebration. We were entertained by Raul Cortez from Pampa, TX. The music was festive and enjoyed by all the residents, his band is called Trio Cortez. Coldwater Manor, residents and staff would like to extend our appreciation to Raul for coming to Stratford and entertaining us with his wonderful voice and music.



The precursor of the tuba was an instrument called the serpent. First made in the late 16th century, it was often painted to look like a fat snake. It was used as the bass line in European church music.

Card of Thanks

THE STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANKS TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, EMS, DISPATCHERS AND CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS THAT CAME OUT TO HELP US LOCATE ONE OF OUR CITIZENS THAT GOT LOST. THE PERSON WAS LOCATED AND REUNITED WITH FAMILY MEMBERS AND IS SAFE.

AGAIN THANKS

RANDY HOOKS, CHIEF OF POLICE

STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Attention Stratford Residents

Please be mindful of the upkeep of your properties. Landowners are responsible for the lot upkeep from the curb to the alley. It is not permitted to dump tires, tree limbs, trash and other debris in the alleys. I have seen an increase of such items being piled up next to the dumpsters. Not only is this a violation of the City Ordinance but also a violation of the State law. State litter fines range from \$200 to \$2,000.

Sec. 8.05.010 Depositing offensive refuse

If any person in this city shall deposit or cause to be deposited offensive rubbish or refuse matter from any premises whatever in any street, alley, sidewalk, gutter, creek, branch, square, lot, or other place, private or public, within the limits of the city, he shall be deemed guilty of a nuisance. (1977 Code, sec. 10-19)

Since we are now into mowing season please place your grass clippings in the green dumpsters. It is not permitted to put your grass clippings in the brown trash dumpsters.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Jessica Thompson, Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer

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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Domingo (Sunday)
Escuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.
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Pastor: Juan M. Valenzuela
806-366-3071
205 N. Poplar-Hwy 287 268-2188
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m. - 12 noon
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

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

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

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Mother's Day Tea at Legacy

By Paula Nusz

Legacy Assisted Living Community hosted a Mother's Day Tea on Thursday, May 11, 2017. Fourteen residents and two guests enjoyed the delicious refreshments of Mandarin Chicken Pasta Salad, Cinnamon Bun Balls and Mint Tea Punch. Decorations were brightly colored table ware, red table runners, and spring flower assortments in white milk-glass containers.

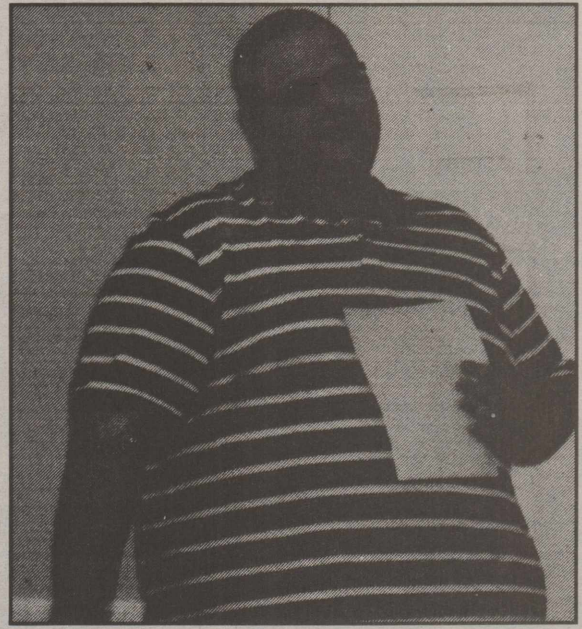
The program, "Grandmother Wore a Sunbonnet" was presented by Jody Risley representing Cimarron Heritage Center from Boise City, Oklahoma. She brought a large variety of actual bonnets and discussed the various types and purposes. She even had one selection that was a bonnet that could convert into an apron with pockets! Jody also had an assortment of photographs about other styles, even ones for dogs and horses. Mrs. Risley made a hat using 2 egg cartons filled with plastic eggs and stuffed baby chicks. It was so outrageous, and an excellent example of an Easter bonnet for an Easter parade.

National Weather Service Delivers Program

By Paula Nusz

The National Weather Service, Amarillo branch, delivered a severe weather program to Legacy Assisted Living on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Mr. Lougie Neccariello, a meteorologist, provided the residents with valuable information about severe weather and the safety precautions to observe. Mr. Neccariello had a video of several area tornados and other weather issues (hail, wind and lightening) to emphasize his program. Mr. Neccariello is a native of New York State and has lived in Amarillo for the last 10 months. He transferred to Amarillo to fulfill his desire to be a severe weather forecaster. He finds these educational programs are a favorite portion of his work; to educate the average person and to provide information that could save a life. Mr. Neccariello told everyone that severe weather is expected this night after bedtime. He emphasized the need to be aware and prepared.

Legacy provided each resident with an Emergency Preparedness Procedures Sheet with specific instructions for each type of weather threat from severe



thunderstorms to tornado warnings. Legacy has 'safe places' in each apartment; and a protocol for residents who cannot or will not stay alone during a storm. Each resident's safety is the most important aspect of severe storm season.

Legacy is very fortunate to already have several residents who participate in weather awareness. One lady is the severe weather monitor; she watches the local TV channels and alerts staff to severe weather warnings. One gentleman is the 'official' rain reporter. Thank you to Bobby Gordon, who installed a rain gauge on the west patio. The observer can now report rain totals.

Legacy has several employees who are trained Sky Warn Spotters and they receive warnings from the National Weather Service. Also, the Dallam/Hartley County Sheriff offices and local emergency management office have direct contact with Legacy during severe weather. With all of these warning methods, Legacy residents can feel confident about their safety during severe weather episodes. Legacy Assisted Living Community is located in Dalhart, Texas. Fifteen residents attended this conference. Shown above is Lougie Neccariello, National Weather Service Meteorologist at Legacy

What's Happening- In Stratford

2017 Graduation
Friday, May 26, 2017

Storm Siren testing on
Wednesdays at 12 noon

Scot Hall Activities-
(Listed elsewhere in paper)

Everyone shared their stories of bonnets and the women who wore them. This was a special time to remember mothers and grandmothers who have graced one's life. A discussion of the once popular Sunbonnet Sue quilts that many of the ladies have/or made themselves was a natural thought progression of the program topic. Door prizes, crystal bowls, were won by Margaret Harbert and Elizabeth White. Legacy Assisted Living is located in Dalhart, Texas.

Jody Risley wears her Easter Bonnet
made from Egg Cartons

Thomas Jefferson proposed a two-track educational system, with different tracks for "the laboring and the learned."

Business Directory

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Help Wanted

Coldwater Manor in Stratford Texas is looking for experienced RN's LVNs and CNA's. If interested please come by 1111 Beaver Road for an application or send your resume to dgross@shdistrict.com
EOE

Coldwater Manor in Stratford, Texas is now accepting application for a person to work in the Dietary Department and Housekeeping. If interested come by 1111 Beaver Road in Stratford, TX for an application.
EOE

Help Wanted, Apply in person to Sherman County Clerk's Office, applications now being accepted through May 19, 2017.

FOR SALE

Rowing Machine for Sale less than 1 yr. old, and in excellent condition. \$150.00 Call 806-753-7201 leave a message

Legal Notice

Notice of Public Hearing

Please be advised that the City of Stratford has received an application for a zoning change from applicant and property location:

*Corey Naugle, S. Maple and S. 2nd

Please be advised that the City of Stratford is requesting a zoning change for city-owned property located at:

*1104 N. 5th Street

The public hearing for the zoning changes will be conducted on May 23, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the City Hall council chambers located at 518 N. 3rd Street. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, May 11, 2017 and Thursday, May 18, 2017

All Nursing Homes Are Required by Law, to have a Non-discrimination Policy At Coldwater Manor We Live & Love it

It is the policy of Coldwater Manor, a nursing facility, to admit and to treat all residents without regard to age, race, color, national origin, sex, handicapped condition, religious preference or political beliefs. The same requirements for admission are applied to all, and residents are assigned within the nursing facility without regard to age, race, color, national origin, sex, handicapped condition, religion or political beliefs. There is no distinction in eligibility for, or in the manner of providing, any resident service provided by or through the nursing facility. All facilities of Coldwater Manor are available without distinction to residents and visitors, regardless of age, race, color, national origin, sex, handicapped condition, religion or political beliefs. All persons and organizations that have occasion either to refer resident for admission or recommend Coldwater Manor are advised to do so without regard to the resident's age, race, color, national origin, sex, handicapped condition, religion or political beliefs. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, May 18, 2017 and Thursday, May 25, 2017.

Have You Visited Coldwater Manor Lately? Equal Opportunity Employer

Weekly Funny

"Our three-year-old daughter, Martha, was asking questions while my husband Dean and I were busily loading the car for a trip to the cemetery on Memorial Day to care for the family plot. "What's a cemetery?" "What's a Grave?" "Why do we bury people? etc.

"I carefully explained as gently as I could. She became quite solemn, however, as she studied the flats of flowers, buckets, shovels, and spades we had put in the trunk and asked, "Are we going to dig those people up?"

By-Jane Knuth-Portage, MI



SLE BASKETBALL CAMP

Who: incoming 2nd- incoming 9th grade girls

What: basketball skill development drills, competition drills, 3 on 3 tournament, 5 on 5 tournament

When: June 5 - 8 9:00am - 12:00

Where: Stratford High School gym/Activity Gym

Why: To improve skills and continue a strong SLE tradition

Cost: \$30 - campers will receive a camp T-shirt, increased knowledge of the game, and ways to personally develop their game

REGISTER: Registration is open, please return form and money to Coach MARTIN

Name:

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 still exists.

I, THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, AND CHILD KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, WITHIN THE NEARNESS OF THE RELEASES TO OTHERS, AND assume full responsibility for my child's participation.

I hereby agree to comply with the program's rules and regulations and to participate in the program. I understand my child's participation in the program is voluntary and that I will be responsible for my child's transportation to and from the program.

I hereby release, defend, hold harmless, and agree to indemnify the organizers, staff, and other participants from any and all claims, damages, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising from my child's participation in the program.

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Stratford Family Medical Clinic

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396-5583 Tommy Brian, ANP & Krista Brown ANP

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366-5505 Shelly Worley, PharmD,RPH

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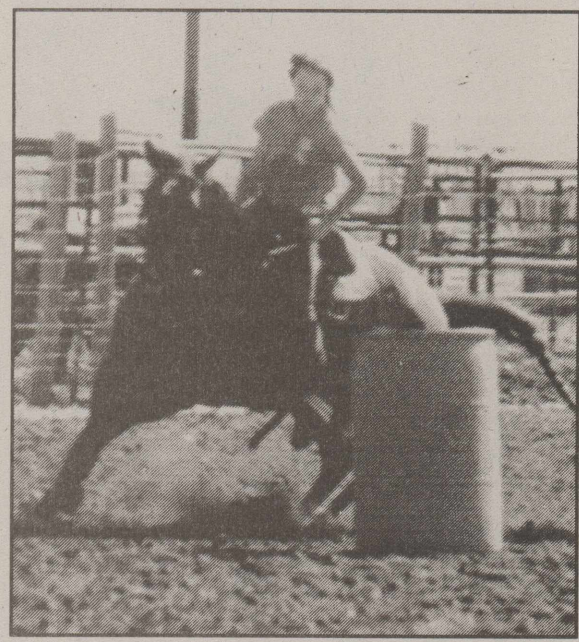
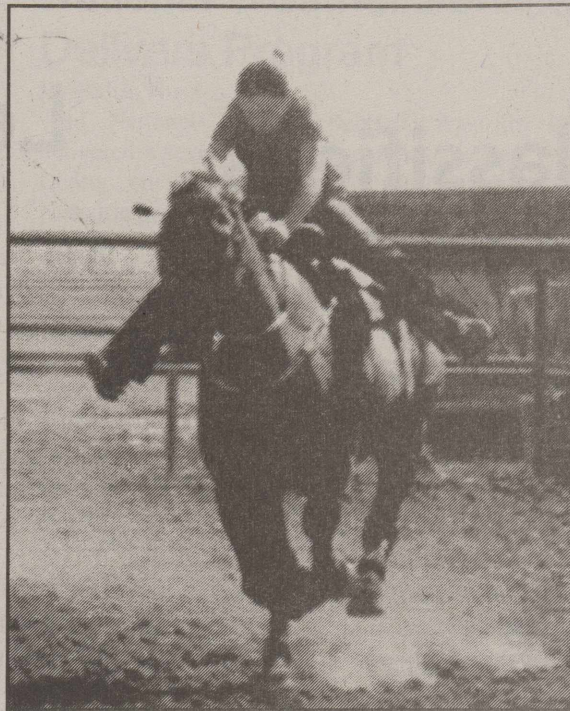
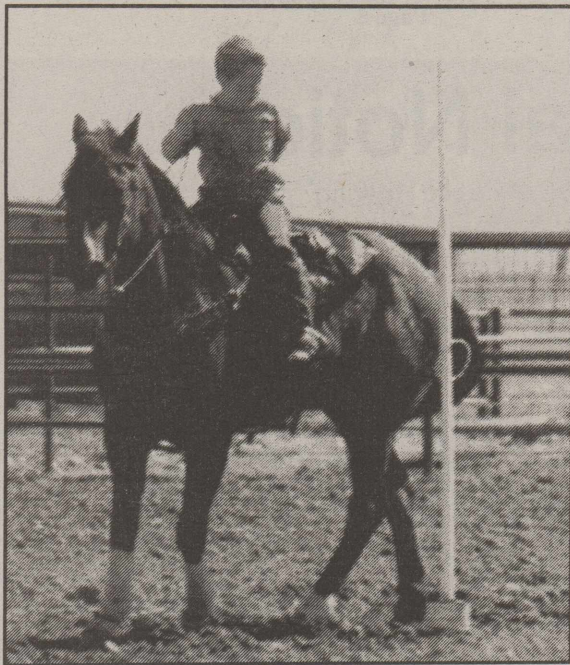
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Silver Spurs

On Saturday May 6th Sherman County Silver Spurs held their first play day of the season. Due to the wet conditions of the county facility, the event was held at Steve McAdam's arena located about 10 miles east of Stratford. We started off with a 5 and under stick horse race. In our Pee Wee Division, Blayze McFarlen of Texhoma, OK earned 1st in Barrels, Flags, Poles, and Wild Card. In our Jr. Division, Morgan Clift earned 1st in Barrels, Poles, and Wild Card. Ellie Clift also competed in the Junior division and earned 2nd in Barrels, Poles, and Wild Card. In our Intermediate division Taylor McFarlen of Texhoma, OK earned 1st in Flags, and Wild Card. She also placed 2nd in Barrels. Kaytly Clift also competed in the intermediate division and placed 1st in Barrels and Poles. She placed 2nd in Flags and Wild Card. The turnout was light due to scheduling conflicts with Pioneer Days in Guymon. But the Silver Spurs had another Play Day on May 13th. You can also get details about each play day by following our Facebook page Silver Spurs.



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Goodwell, Okla. - Oklahoma Panhandle State University is excited to offer a summer resident's program from June 19, 2017 - July 31, 2017. The program offers free housing in a double room in Holter Hall for students enrolled in six or more hours of credit for the summer.

During the summer academy face to face on campus classes are featured. If you want a taste of "real college" experience - come to the Panhandle Summer Class Academy starting June 19. Courses offered include choices in Art, Speech, Health and Physical Education, Humanities, Mathematics, Political Science, Psychology, Basic English, and Pre-Algebra. For a detailed list of Summer Academy courses, go to <http://www.opsu.edu/dwn/CATS-Summer-2017---2nd-6-Weeks.pdf>.

For those who prefer online course choices, there are many options starting June 1, 2017. To see the complete course lists for both first and second six weeks as well as the eight-week summer sessions, please go to <http://opsu.edu/Offices/Admissions/Enrollment/?page=Schedule>.

Students wishing to stay in the apartments or annexes must pay the regular summer rates. The apartments are \$720 for the summer. Please contact the Panhandle State Student Housing Office at 800-664-6778 extension 1360 to discuss summer housing options.

Meal plans are available in the summer at \$427 for ten meals a week and \$595 for 14 meals a week.

Horticulture series planned for next four months in Canyon

CANYON - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Randall County will offer a four-part Summer Horticulture Series to provide tips and expertise on summer gardening and landscape issues.

"Our hope for this series is to provide a concentrated time each month to focus on horticulture topics valuable to homeowners," said Liz Moore, AgriLife Extension horticulture agent in Randall County.

Registration is \$12 for an individual program or \$40 for all four programs, Moore said. The meetings are set for the fourth Tuesday of the month at the AgriLife Extension office at 200 N. Brown Road, Canyon.

Each month, local experts will impart some of their wisdom and knowledge, she said. The same program will be offered both at noon and 6:30 p.m. each month. Lunch will be provided for the noon programs and dessert and coffee at the evening programs.

The schedule for the series, including topics, speakers and advance registration date, is:

- May 23 - Vegetables and Vegetable Health, Dr. Ron French, AgriLife Extension plant pathologist, Amarillo. Sign up by May 16.

- June 27 - Turfgrass Issues, Dr. Joey Young, Texas Tech University turfgrass professor, Lubbock. Sign up by June 20. - July 25 - Landscape Design, Moore. Sign up by July 18.

- Aug. 22 - Trees and Tree Issues, Brian Scott, Texas A&M Forest Service staff forester, Canyon. Sign up by Aug. 15.

Those planning to attend should sign up for the programs by contacting the AgriLife Extension office

for Randall County at 806-468-5543 or email Moore at [liz.moore\(dag.tamu.edu\)](mailto:liz.moore(dag.tamu.edu)).

Sponsors for the series include Canyon Chiropractic, Lady Bug Termite and Pest Services, and Irwin Greenhouses.

Management key to recovering from lost equity, wildfires

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CANADIAN - Whether it was the loss of equity in the ranching business during 2016 or ranchland conditions after recent wildfires, national experts at the third annual Beef Cattle Conference and Ag Tour discussed how ranchers might work to "right the ship."

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Hemphill County hosted the event, which attracted 277 people representing 11 states and 19 Texas counties, said Andy Holloway, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Hemphill County.

"Those attending left with a lot of take-home messages from our speakers, and the timeliness of the tour was so appropriate with all the forbs and weeds coming back on this burned-out country," Holloway said, referencing the thousands of acres burned in March wildfires.

Their first message, he said, came from Dr. Doug Steele, AgriLife Extension director from College Station, who said producers must get engaged to provide more literacy to the public about agricultural production.

"We as producers are going to be the necessary step to make consumers aware of the value of our products to their health," Holloway said. "We have to realize and utilize the power of the 'pasture to the plate' message."

Troy Applehans, with CattleFax, Denver, Colorado, reviewed statistical facts from 2015 to the lows of 2016 cattle market and where markets are now, as well as glanced into the crystal ball, estimating what future markets might look like.

"It was very sobering," Holloway said. "A 550-pound weaned calf lost 46 percent of his value from April 2016 to mid-October. People need to pay attention to those figures - it was not very encouraging."

"Our markets had gotten too high over a period of a couple years prior to that based on the depletion of the cow herd during the drought in 2011," he said. "Producers were aggressively buying cattle nationwide and the price just got too high. Some people bought \$3,000 replacement cows and now they are worth \$1,500, and the calves off those cows are worth about \$750."

Salem Abraham, with Abraham Trading in Canadian, explained the price drop was almost a 50-year event. Not since 1973 has there been that much drain on equity in the cattle industry, and it resulted in bankruptcies and cattle losses back then.

"The take-home message was that these younger ranchers have time to recover; that's in their favor," Holloway said. "But unfortunately for some of the older ranchers who are upside-down now, they may not have enough time to recover."

However, all was not doom and gloom, Holloway said.

Stan Bevers, KPI System owner and former AgriLife Extension economist, Vernon, outlined key producer indicators that can help a rancher find solid footing once again.

"We're under water with what we are getting for our calves versus what it is costing to produce that calf," Holloway said. "Stan said the only way we can get back into the black is to lower our input costs. There are some you can't change, but there are some you can do something with."

Bevers said depreciation is something many ranchers don't consider, but they should, because a cow does depreciate and that needs to be factored into the management plan.

Ranchers also have to develop an efficient, low-cost program, Bevers said, adding that's the only way to make it in this volatile business.

"With the average cost higher than the market value, if you are not cognizant of that, you are going to lose money fast," Holloway said.

Another message from Bevers was to make sure fertility is enhanced. Fertility is the No. 1 input cost. If the analysis doesn't include the number of Cows exposed to the number bred to the calves weaned, it is not an accurate picture.

Other suggestions from Bevers include controlling spending - don't buy a \$50,000 feed wagon, when a 10,000 pickup that can be bounced around the pasture will get the job done; and make sure the cattle are utilizing the pasture efficiently - make them eat all the forage instead of just the plants they like.

The second day tour focused on weed and brush control, and grass grazing and animal management, Holloway said.

"The weed and brush control information will factor into the burnt-out country that is now regrowing with lots of weeds and forbs and brushy plants on these Sandhill's," he said.

"There's some grass, but it will have a lot of competition and grass development can be enhanced with good weed and brush control methods."

Dr. Tim Steffens, AgriLife Extension and West Texas A&M University range specialist in Canyon, said well-managed ranches could be ready for some grazing after the first frost if timely rains continue through the summer. But on ranches not as well managed, the grass may not be ready for grazing for several years.

Holloway said anyone who would like to hear more of the speakers' messages can go to the Hemphill County Texas A&M Agri Life Beef Cattle conference YouTube channel. <http://bit.ly/2r4r1Oc>.