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The Year-1978

Stratford Area Foundation 1978 First public information and organization meeting. Standing B.A. Donelson, Oline Caraway, Joe Flores, Betty Lou O'Brien, Judge Bill Frizzell. Seated Martha Mitts, R.J. Hill.

Depot Museum Spaghetti Dinner

Will you be hungry after church on Sunday, April 17? Good, then come to the County Barn and enjoy the Depot Museum's Spaghetti Dinner from 11:30 til 1:30.

The free will donations will help keep our museum open and free to the public.

Fred Comes Tuesday

FRED, Fathers Reading Every Day will begin in Stratford on Tuesday, April 19th. All interested parents of the community are invited to learn about FRED at Lollipop Junction beginning at 5:30 p.m.

FRED is a four week program for dads (and mothers, too) encouraging fathers to read to their children for at least 15 minutes a day.

On Tuesday, dads (and mothers) will meet other dads (and mothers) and learn about the program. The importance of reading to children everyday, tips for reading to children, the great impact of reading on the social and mental development of children, and a list of recommended age appropriate books for reading will be shared with those in attendance.

The information program will be 30 minutes in length and members of Sherman County 4-H Council will be assisting with supervised child care for parents.

For more information about FRED and how you can participate, contact Susie Spurlock at the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122.

Programs offered by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

Animals are reliable, many full of love, true in their affections, predictable in their actions, grateful and loyal. Difficult standards for people to live up to.
—Alfred A. Montapert

PRAISE SERVICE
7:30 P.M.
Each Wednesday
County Barn



Stratford Area Foundation-1979

Stratford Area Foundation 1979 first elected Board of Directors. Standing Martha Mitts, B.A. Donelson, R.J. Hill, Joe Flores, Howard Etheridge. Seated Oline Caraway, E.R. Bell, Judge Bill Frizzell.

Don't Forget- Stratford Area Foundations 25th Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday, April 19th at SCOT Hall at 7:00 p.m.

See you there!!



Sherman County Child Welfare Board Meeting Held

Child Welfare Board members are Back row: Belinda Hamilton, Kathie Altman, Children's Protective Services Supervisor Danny Jackson, Brent Farney. Front row: Jesse Resendes, County Judge Terri Carter, Patsy Harland. Not pictured: Ken Forthman.

Report Child Abuse

Children should have a safe and secure childhood. Unfortunately, some parents cannot or do not provide this for their children.

In fiscal year 2003, 184 Texas children died from abuse or neglect. During that year, children's Protective Services of Texas investigated 131,130 cases of child and abuse and neglect and 50, 208 were confirmed cases.

Become an advocate for our children and work to make Sherman County safe for all children.

If you suspect child abuse or neglect: Don't believe the child. Don't try to investigate: it's your job.

Do report reasonable suspicions by calling the 24-hour Abuse Hotline 1-800-252-5400, or call our local law enforcement. All calls are confidential.

When you make the report, be specific. Tell exactly what happened and when, including dates and the time of day. Information should include the child's name, age and address. It should include the parents' names and names of siblings in the home. The report should include current injuries, medical problems, or behavioral problems.

If you feel that the situation is a life-threatening emergency, call 911.

You may also file a report using a secure website: www.txabusehotline.org

Child abuse and neglect are against the law in Texas, and so is failure to report them.

It's up to you.

25th Anniversary Celebration Stratford Area Foundation April 19th, 2005

For 25 years STRATFORD AREA FOUNDATION has been contributing to the betterment of Stratford and the surrounding area. Typically a sponsoring organization has selected a project, created a plan of action and submitted a grant request for financial assistance. To date the foundation has received donations totaling \$416,002.70 and has distributed from investment earnings \$370,635.87 in matching fund grants. Coupled with the monies raised by the sponsoring organizations, \$741,271.74 has been invested in the community.

Shortly after the establishment of the foundation, J.B. and Esther Riffe of Texhoma created two component funds with Stratford Area Foundation of \$50,000.00 each. Earnings from one fund are designated to benefit Texas County area, and earnings from the other are designated to benefit Sherman County, including Texhoma. The Sherman County (Texhoma) fund has received total donations of \$55,239.57 and distributed \$67,598.69 in matching funds grants. The Texas County fund has received total donations of \$79,191.45 and distributed \$72,030.97 in matching funds grants.

WOW!!!! THAT IS CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION!!!

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. a silver anniversary celebration will be held at SCOT HALL, 515 E. 3rd Street. Heavy hors d'oeuvre and dessert will be served. Program will include a pictorial review prepared by SHS students, highlighting projects funded throughout the 25 years. Representatives of sponsoring organizations will be present as special guests.

To top off the evening, a surprise new opportunity for foundation growth will be announced. BE A PART OF THIS CELEBRATION. Come to SCOT HALL April 19th and bring a few friends.

"Cooking Up a Cure"

Prospectus Study Club is "Cooking Up A Cure" to raise funds for our Relay for Life team. As you know, this event will benefit the American Cancer Society. We will gladly cook up you a cake, pie, or batch of cookies. All items are \$10.00. You just tell us what you want and we will deliver! We will be taking orders through April 13th for April 15th delivery and then again through April 27th for April 29th delivery. Contact Laurie Spurlock (366-2772) or Ashley Lavake (366-3648) to place your order. We appreciate your support.

Medical Fund for Mandy Helmuth @ 1st State Bank

There has been a medical fund set up at First State Bank for Mandy Helmuth, daughter of Jimmy and Tammie Helmuth. After the birth of her baby daughter she was diagnosed with Peripartum Cardiomyopathy (heart failure). If you would like to help with medical expenses please contact the 1st State Bank.

Ports-to-Plains Update Tuesday, April 19th

Michael Reeves, president of Ports-to-Plains will hold a public meeting coffee in Stratford, Tuesday, April 19th at 10:00 a.m. at the Imagination Station, 202 N. Main. Mr. Reeves will give an update on the progress of the Ports-to-Plains corridor as well as connecting corridors through Colorado, Nebraska, the Dakota's to Canada. This is a public meeting and all Stratford and area communities are encouraged to come. Hopefully a report will be made on the new transportation bill.

April 19th - A Busy Day for Stratford

7:00 a.m. Main Street Breakfast Meeting at the Imagination Station
10:00 a.m. Ports-to-Plains Coffee at the Imagination Station
5:30 p.m. Lollipop parents
7:00 p.m. Silver Anniversary Celebration Stratford Area Foundation SCOT HALL

Pinewood Derby To be Held- Friday April 15th

Boy Scout Pack 38 wants to invite everyone to their Pinewood Derby on Friday, April 15th at 6 p.m. at the Old Gym at Stratford High School.

"Miss Beyond Imagination" Pageant April 30

The "Miss Beyond Imagination" Pageant is announcing it's already entered contestants. 1999 Pageants runner-up Stormy McCloud (Greg Wright) will compete against Miss Pineapple (Tim Gilliland), a title he/she won from another pageant. But will newcomers Waltina Oakley (Walt Berry) or Lil' Bren (Brent Spurlock) take home the coveted prize? Do you or someone you know want to compete with this guys (girls) in this hilarious spoof of a beauty contest. If so-it's not too late to enter the contest. The Pageant will be held April 30th at the Imagination Station. Miss 1999, Georgina Hardbody (George Harding), will be there as a celebrity judge. Come enjoy the fun!! We want everyone to join us in this fundraising event. This will help keep our doors open so that we may continue to serve the community of Stratford. Any questions please call Gaynelle-396-5303 or Laurie-366-2772.

Obits

Mary Elizabeth Lovett

Stratford-Mary Elizabeth Lovett, 81, died Saturday, April 9, 2005 in Dumas.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, 2005 in First Baptist church with Brent Farney, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Lovett was born April 16, 1923 in Shreveport, LA. She had been a Stratford resident for 63 years. She married George Thomas Lovett Sr. on January 30, 1942, in Amarillo.

Her husband preceded her in death in July 2004.

Survivors include two sons, Tommy Lovett Jr. of Stratford and Michael Lovett of China; two daughters, Stephanie Folley and Michelle Lovett, both of Amarillo; a brother, Tommy Walker of Belen, NM; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Memorial Hospice, 224 E. Second, Dumas, TX 79029.

Health

(NU) - According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is responsible for almost 1 million deaths annually in the United States, half of which are women. Minute Maid has partnered with WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease to help educate women about heart disease. As part of this awareness campaign, people are invited to take the Minute Maid Premium Heart Wise 8-Week Challenge for Health and Wellness, a program that encourages them to commit to a healthier lifestyle, including drinking two 8-fluid-ounce servings of Minute Maid Premium Heart Wise orange juice daily with meals. For more information, visit www.minutemaids.com.



Johnnye Maurine (Simmons) Henderson

Dimmitt, TX- Johnnye Maurine (Simmons) Henderson of Dimmitt, Texas, age 99 died on April 5, 2005 in Stratford, Texas.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, April 9, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with Reverend Howard Rhodes, Pastor officiating. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt, Texas.

Maurine was born August 10, 1905 in Blum, Texas, Hill County to John A. and Maude (Dishman) Simmons. They moved to Hedley in 1917. She married Frank M. Henderson on February 17, 1924 in Clarendon, Texas. She moved to Castro County with her husband and three children in 1935. After her husband's death in 1957 she bought and operated the Dimmitt Dry Cleaners for many years. She was an active member of the First Baptist church in Dimmitt. She has lived in Coldwater Manor in Stratford since April 1998.

She was preceded in death by her Parents, Husband, brothers- Vernon, Carl, Ralph, Clack, Othell, George and Ben; and a sister Nettie Mae.

She is survived by two daughters: Edna Earle Smith of Arlington, Texas, Lorraine Oetken of Burlington, Iowa, One son: John C. Henderson of Stratford, Texas. 11 Grandchildren, 25 Great

Grandchildren and 6 Great-Great Grandchildren. One sister: Mildred Kyle of Albuquerque, NM. She also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Elaine Gurley

Stratford-Elaine Gurley, 74 of Stratford, died Saturday, April 9, 2005 in Lubbock. Services were held on Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. in the First Christian Church with Walter Reed, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Stratford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Mrs. Gurley was born January 2, 1931 in Shattuck, OK to George and Mary Barlow Dietrich. On September 18, 1948, she married Donald Lee Gurley in Perryton. She had served on the Sherman County Hospital Board for three terms and as a county election judge for many years. She was a member of the First Christian Church.

She is survived by her husband, Don; one daughter, Cathy Rapp of Granbury, TX; one son, Randy Gurley of Amarillo; and three grandchildren.

Stratford Hospital Board to Hold An Election to Hire Two Directors

Stratford Hospital District will hold a Directors election on May 7, 2005 to fill two positions.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin Wednesday, April 20, 2005 and will end Tuesday, May 3, 2005. Early voting will be conducted in the Business office of Coldwater Manor during regular business hours each day.

Board members whose terms will expire are Wayne Smith and Betty Brown.

Candidates for the two positions to be filled are Wayne Smith, Kathleen Altman, Dwayne Plunk and Patty Tims.

2005 Annuals On Sale

Order your 2005 annual today \$50.00. \$5.00 Addition charge if you wish to personalize your yearbook (i.e. Name, Graduation Year, etc.) Order by April 29. Late orders: \$55.00. Contact Ms. Wells or any Annual Staff Member. (806) 366-3335. Staff member- Haley Buckles, Jayme Wilhelm, Cheyenne Ziemann, Kayla Robertson, Lindsay Stein.

Stratford Youth Baseball Association Fundraiser Cookout

The Stratford Youth Baseball Association will be holding its annual fundraiser cookout on Friday, April 13th at Pendleton Park. Players come meet your team and coaches as the rosters for the summer 2005 season will be posted for the first time. We will be serving hamburgers, chips, cokes and ice cream from 5:30 to 7:30. Please come out and support the baseball association!

Tornado Plan to Survive!

*PLAN AHEAD! Designate a spot in your home and make sure the entire family knows where to go and what to bring. Have an emergency kit on hand, be sure to include batteries, a flashlight, battery-operated radio, medications and bottled water. Make sure these things are in your designated area.

*STAY INFORMED by following updates on radio or television. Our local stations do an excellent job of relaying weather-related information on a timely basis.

*LEARN THE DIFFERENCE between a tornado watch and a tornado warning. A tornado watch means "watch the sky". A tornado warning means a tornado is likely to develop or a tornado has been indicated on radar.

THE SIRENS DO NOT SOUND WHEN A TORNADO WARNING IS ISSUED...THEY ARE ONLY SOUNDED WHEN A TORNADO HAS BEEN SPOTTED ON THE GROUND IN OR AROUND THE STRATFORD AREA.

Sirens Sound-Now What!

*LISTEN: If you hear the sirens, take cover immediately in strong shelter. If you do not have a basement or storm cellar, move to an interior room in your home such as a closet, bathroom or a room without windows.

*TAKE ACTION: Exit your mobile home and take shelter in a nearby building. If no building is nearby, lie flat in a ditch or ravine.

*GET OUT! Never stay inside your car. Leave the car and lie flat in a ditch or ravine. Never get in your car to seek shelter elsewhere (Note: the courthouse is not a tornado shelter).

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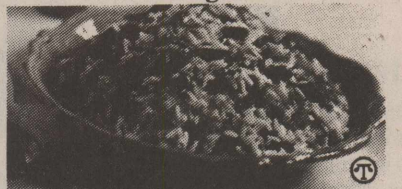
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1 (16-ounce) can red kidney beans, drained
½ cup sour cream
½ cup grated Asiago cheese
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Melt butter in large skillet over medium heat. Add onions; cook until onions begin to brown (about 8 minutes). Add rice, beans, sour cream, cheese and black pepper. Stir until well blended and cheese is melted.

Makes 6 servings. Each serving provides 291 calories, 11 grams protein, 11 grams fat, 37 grams carbohydrate, 6 grams dietary fiber, 26 milligrams cholesterol and 701 milligrams sodium.

For additional rice recipes or nutrition information, visit www.usarice.com.



Engagement Announced

Mrs. Leah Oakley along with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oakley of Stratford, Texas are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter and granddaughter Jennifer Oakley to Dale Bettes III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bettes Jr. of Wilburton, Oklahoma. A wedding has been planned for June 25, 2005 at the Edmond Church of Christ in Edmond, Oklahoma. The bride to be is currently a student at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) in Edmond, Oklahoma and will be graduating spring 2005. She is currently studying Early Childhood Education and plans to start teaching in the fall. The future groom also attends UCO in Edmond, Oklahoma and plans to graduate fall 2005. He is presently studying Computer Science and is also working on a minor in business. Jennifer is graduate of Stratford High School.



Baby Shower Given

A baby shower was held on Saturday March 5th for Juana Aguilar. Shown above left to right are Elena Aguilar, Yolanda Aguilar, Angie Aguilar, Juana, Andrea Rodriguez, Rebecca Rodriguez and Crystal Rodriguez.

Robertson To Give Testimony

Shown at left is: Alesha Robertson, Texas Tech Lady Raider, who will be in Stratford on Friday evening, April 29th to present her Christian Testimony and her life as a Lady Raider. Hamburgers will be served at BA and LeRayne Donelson's Park south of town at 7:00 p.m. In case of bad weather the alternate site will be SCOT Hall. There is no charge for the event and is brought to you by the Stratford Education Foundation. Please bring a folding chair or blanket to sit on. Everyone is encouraged to attend with special emphasis on the youth of our community.



Carla Griffin was honored with a baby shower in the home of Harriet Reed on Sunday, April 10, 2005. Shown from left, Cathryn Arisana, Carla Griffin, and Betty Brown.

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- April 7-17 "Cat on A Hot Tin Roof" Drama
Amarillo Little Theatre Adventure Space 806-355-9991
- April 16 "Coppelia" Lone Star Ballet
Amarillo Civic Auditorium
- April 20-23 "A Farewell Salute to the Branding Iron Theatre"
WTA&MU Branding Iron Theatre 806-651-2799
- April 23 "Always A Texas Playboy" 8:00 p.m.
Dalhart Community LaRita Theatre 244-5646
- April 23 "La Boheme" Amarillo Opera
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-7464
- April 24 Amarillo Youth Choir
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-1100
- April 26-27 "42nd Street" Broadway Series
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- April 29,30 "All's Well That Ends Well" Shakespeare 7:30 1-3:00
May 1,5-7 Amarillo College Theatre 806-371-5359

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

The Hands of the Living God

When our middle daughter was born, I was the first one to get to hold her, after the doctor and nurses. There she was, in my hands, totally dependent upon me and her mother for her care and for her food. Her little hands would someday hold her younger sister. But for now, I held her, in my hands. This reminds me that I'm totally dependent upon God for life and health. Oh sure, I need to work to earn a living. And I do have the responsibility to care for my own health and the health of my family. But ultimately, I am in the hands of God. There is no better place to be. As with everything, there is a down side. The Bible reminds us. "It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 12:31). This is true if you are on God's wrong side. It's just like when children rebel against their parents and get on their wrong side. It can be mighty uncomfortable. God's punishments are infinitely worse because rebellion against Him is infinitely more terrible. On the other hand, God's love can be and is infinitely more lovely, satisfying and fulfilling. Those, who are on God's right side through faith in Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ died to pay for the sin and rebellion of people like us. We, who are on God's right side through faith in Jesus Christ, are forever in the hands of this gracious, merciful and loving God. Jesus put it this way, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand" (John 10:27-28). Greater security could not be found.

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First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weinette
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
St. Joseph Catholic
Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master
6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

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N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
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Osborn-Wanner to Wed

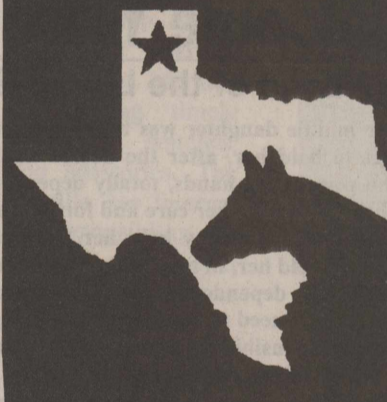
Jennifer Roberta Osborn & Ryan Scott Wanner plan to wed on April 30, 2005 in Ft. Collins, CO. Jennifer is the daughter of the late Ursula Osborn of Wiesbaden, Germany. Ryan is the son of Mark & Joyce Marshall of Stratford, TX and Rick & Lori Wanner of Littleton, CO. Jennifer graduated from Karlsruhe High School in Karlsruhe Germany in 1991, and received her Bachelors in Nursing from Cameron University, Lawton, OK in 1996. She is employed as a supervisory RN of Oncology at the Cancer Center of the Rockies in Ft. Collins, CO. Ryan graduated from Stratford High School in 1995 and received his Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering from Colorado State University in 2001. He is employed at Calpine Corp in Ft. Collins, CO. The couple will honeymoon in Mexico and reside in Ft. Collins, CO.

Keep your faith in all beautiful things; in the sun when it is hidden, in the spring when it is gone.

—Roy R. Gilson

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Simplify Your Chores

(NU) - It's springtime. The birds are chirping; the flowers are blooming; the dust is collecting.

If you'd rather be out flying kites, follow these tips from the experts at Merry Maids to make spring-cleaning a breeze.

- **Develop a task list.** Prioritize the list and tackle the most difficult jobs first. Your sense of accomplishment will empower you to finish off the rest more quickly and easily.

- **Be methodical.** Work from the top of a room down. Dust fan blades, cornices and tops of taller furniture first and vacuum last. Carry everything you need with you in a cleaner's apron or bucket.

- **Use effective tools.** Having the right tools cuts down on cleaning time immensely. If you don't have those fancy cleaning tools

that you see on infomercials, get creative and improvise. Use a paintbrush for hard-to-reach crevices or put a dryer sheet on the end of a broom to clean ceilings and the tops of furniture.

- **Clean your cleaners.** They collect the most dirt, and if you're not cleaning them regularly, you're spreading around more dust, dirt and bacteria. Change HVAC and vacuum filters and clean sponges, mops, brooms and vacuum extensions.

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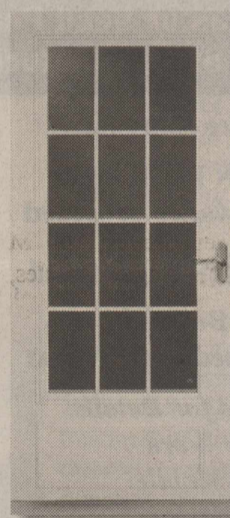
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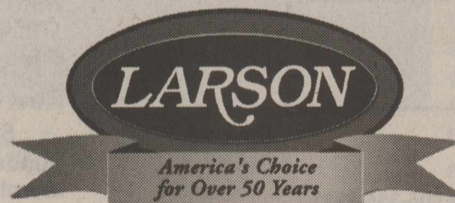
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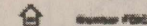
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Yadira Ortega, far left and Kristen Crabtree, right.



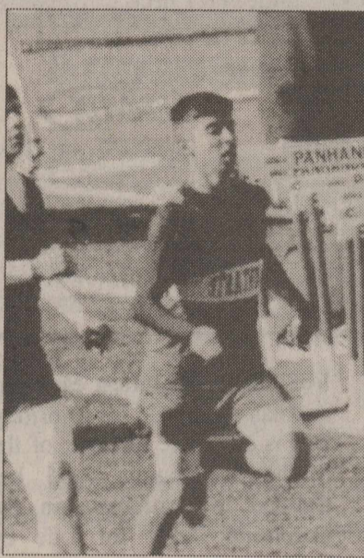
Allison Baskin

Human Interest
(NU) - Although Pallepalem, India, escaped extensive human casualties during the tsunami on Dec. 26, 2004, the seaside village sustained massive damages that have tested the resolve of its 2,000 families that depend on the fishing and agricultural trades. Compassion International has helped provide emergency relief of food, clean water and clothes to help ease the pain of the disaster. Also, according to Sumana Mani, the communications specialist in India for Compassion, its staff are developing a plan to rebuild homes, replace fishing nets and, in some cases, repair or replace damaged boats.

Track

A work of real merit finds favor at last.
—Amos Bronson Alcott

If we would have anything of benefit, we must earn it, and earning it become shrewd, inventive, ingenious, active, enterprising.
—Henry Ward Beecher



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Whitney Garza

The Jr. High District Track meet was hosted by Stratford on Saturday, April 2, 2004. Results from girls were as follows.

7th Grade Girls placed 3rd with 77 points. Individual results: 400 M Relay: 1st, 57:43, Mabel Gardea, Chelbye Ellis, Alma Marquez, Janeth Reyes; 100 M Hurdles: 2nd, Angie Rosales, 20:22; 800 M Relay: 2nd, 2:08:92, (same girls 400 relay); 200 M Hurdles: 3rd, Angie Rosales, 37:82; 200 M Dash: Channing Ziemann, 5th 32:82; Kambra Swim, 6th, 33:11; 1600 M Relay: 2nd, 4:54:88, Channing Ziemann, Janeth Reyes, Alma Marquez, Mabel Gardea; Discus: 3rd, Channing Ziemann, 57'7", 4th, Sunny Russell, 56'6"; Shot Put: 6th, Sunny Russell, 23'6 1/4"; Triple Jump: 6th, Angie Rosales, 25' 31/4".

The 8th grade girls placed 2nd with 123 points. Individual results: 400 M Relay: 1st, 56:59, Marylou Maldonado, Perla Rueda, Margarita Rocha, Becky Rosales; 800 M Run: Perla Rueda, 2nd, 2:46:67, Siarra Valenzuela, 3rd, 2:48:41, Rachel Martinez, 4th, 2:59:29; 110 M Hurdles: 3rd, Becky Rosales, 20:63, Margarita Rocha 5th, 20:88; 100 M Dash: 3rd, Marylou Maldonado, 6th, Stephanie Bell, 15:36; 800 M Relay: 3rd, 2:02:78, Stephanie Bell, Siarra Valenzuela, Marylou Maldonado, Deborah

Molina; 200 M Dash: 2nd, Deborah Molina, 29:73; 1600 M Relay: 2nd, 4:38:52, Perla Rueda, Siarra Valenzuela, Becky Rosales, Deborah Molina; Discus: 2nd, Stephanie Bell, 68'11", Chandra Hawkins, 4th, 60'; Long Jump: Perla Rueda, 13'11", Becky Rosales, 3rd 13'4"; Shot Put: 2nd Jessica Meroney, 28'9".

The Varsity Lady Elks placed 2nd at the District meet held in Panhandle on April 4th & 6th. Top four finishers advance to area track meet in Panhandle on Wednesday, April 13, 2005. Individual Results: Discus: Deidre Tarver, 1st 119-8.75; Katelyn Reed, 5th 98-2.75; Shot Put: Katelyn Reed, 3rd 35-6; April Peregrino, 5th, 32-5; 400 M Relay: 6th, 55:21, Kelsey Stein, Rhia Everett, Whitney Garza, Cassi Garza; 800 M Run: 1st Kristen Crabtree, 2:32.44, 2nd Yadira Ortega, 2:34.82; 100 M Hurdles: Lindsay Stein, 2nd, 16.26; 800 M Relay: 5th, 1:55.26, Kelsey Stein, Cassi Garza, Allison Baskin, Lindsay Stein; 400 M Dash: Allison Baskin, 2nd, 1:02.93; 1600 M Run: Kristen Crabtree, 1st, 5:46.20, Yadira Ortega, 2nd, 5:50.57; 1600 M Relay: 3rd, 4:20.04, Kristen Crabtree, Lindsay Stein, Yadira Ortega, Allison Baskin.

Boys' results not turned in at press time.

Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter ("no kill" facility) currently has over 100 dogs and puppies available for adoption. These dogs are all sizes & range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed and/or neutered & have their shots. These dogs need a good home.

We are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide thee food. All of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

Stratford Junior High School 5th Six Weeks "A" Honor Roll

5th grade
Rhyann Burton, Marcos Garza, Mark Hand, Braden Hudson, Ransom Lermon, Justin Mungia, Braiden Palmer, Perla Reta, Gabriel Tarango, Chance Walker, Julie York
7th grade
Eric Burton, Kelsi Dennis, Janeth Reyes, Luke Haile, Sunny Russell, Channing Ziemann
6th grade
Cathryn Arisano, Heidi Brooks, Krystal Brown, Matthew Chaffee, Brianda Chavoya, Lindsy Confer, Matt Correll, Chris Hart, Kyle Horsford, Tiffany Hughes, Tyler Wright

8th grade
Rut Avalos, Brooke Barnard, Stephanie Bell, Manuel Chavoya, Sinead Everett, Chandra Hawkins, Deborah Molina, Margarita Rocha, Becky Rosales, Jon Seawright, Jennie Spurlock

Mary Allen Elementary Honor Roll 5th Six weeks Third Grade

Boston Hudson, Brooklynn Palmer, Delila Rosales, Laura Torres, Preston Burr, Alexa Peregrino, Omar Duran, Marisol Zamudio, Elena Rueda, Victor Manuel Castro, Daniel Acosta, Carlos Trejo, Ricky Garay, Suzzette Palma, Aurelio Lozano, Sterling Audrain, Mazie Vincent, Erin Huggins, Tiffany Jimenez-Torres, Janette Daniels, Ben Gilliland, Nathan Bennett-Farris, Hunter Everett, Ellie Daniels, Britney Garza, Emily York, Mary Ann Spurlock.

4th grade

Stephanie Jacquez, Christian Confer, Myrka Tobias, Tera Imler-Harris, Alex Asher, Ethan Shields, Reed Schoonover, Itzel Salcido, Grayson Gonzalez, Elizabeth Reyes, Haydee Rojas, Zachary Farney, Meghan Brooks, M'Lynn Wells.

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CASA 69, Inc. Marks National Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month by Lighting Candles of Hope

CASA 69, Inc. hosted their Sixth Annual Light Vigil on Thursday, April 7 at the Sherman County Courthouse. Shown above and at left are some of the folks that were involved in the event to support national efforts to fight child abuse throughout the month of April, which is National Child Abuse Prevention, and Awareness Month (NCPAM). This year's light vigil kicks off the first of several awareness and education activities across the country in April to recognize this month.



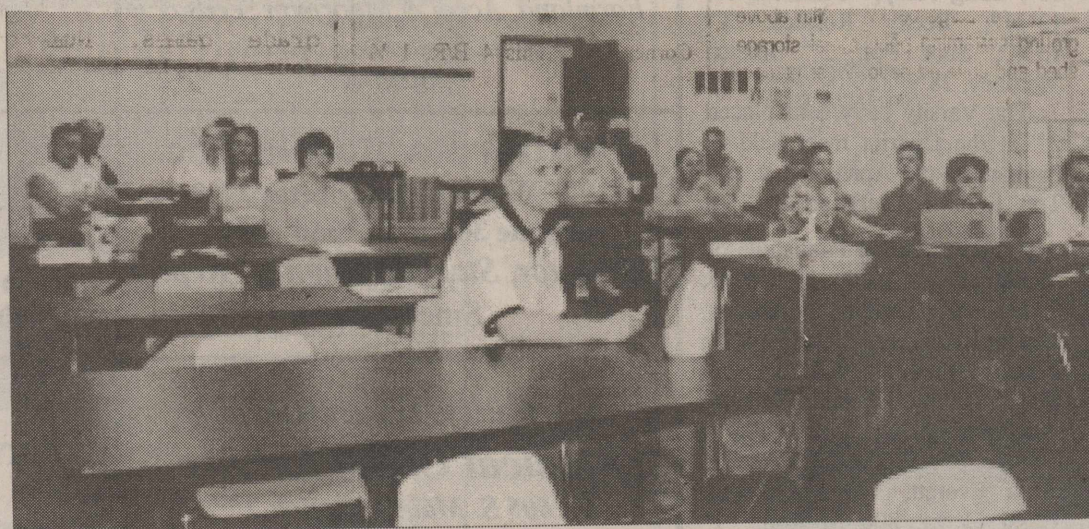
Skywarn Spotters

The primary mission of the National Weather Service (NWS) is to protect life and property by issuing timely severe weather watches, warnings and advisories. The NWS in Amarillo has forecast and warning responsibility for the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles, which is known as their "County Warning Area".

The biggest severe weather treat across the panhandles occurs during the spring and early summer when severe thunderstorms and tornadoes frequent the area, which results in millions of dollars in damage each year. Storm related injuries and deaths also occur on occasion.

Skywarn Spotters relay critical weather information to the Amarillo NWS during episodes of severe weather. These "spotters" serve as the "eyes and ears" of the NWS, providing real-time ground truth severe weather reports directly to the NWS. This is vital to the warning forecaster, who use this information, along with doppler radar, satellite, model data, and surface analysis to provide the best severe weather warning service to the public.

Each year, from February through April, the NWS in Amarillo conducts numerous severe weather storm spotter-training courses called "Skywarn Training" all across the Amarillo County Warning Area. Each county or community has a group of volunteers who serve as NWS Skywarn spotters. These volunteers are often composed



Weather Spotters Class Training Held

Sherman County Emergency Management hosted weather spotter training April 7, 2005 at the Stratford EMS Training Facility. The training was attended by citizens and first responders. Texhoma Fire Department: Brenda Holson, James Caffey, Phillip Kittle, Stephanie Kittle
Stratford Fire Department: Eddie Williams, Ernest Maiwald, Jack Gore
Storm Chaser: Greg Wright
Stratford EMS: J.D. Swart, Michele Swart
City of Stratford: Mayor David Brown
Citizens: Davy Brown, Greg and Amanda Koen, Paul Nusz
Sherman County Emergency Management: Sandy Williams

of individuals involved in local government, such as emergency managers, law enforcement officials, and fire departments. In some communities, members of the general public also serve as spotters. To be certified as a NWS Skywarn Spotter, the individual must attend a Skywarn Training session at least once within the last two years.

"The Amarillo NWS appreciates the dedication and commitment of these volunteers," said NWS Warning Coordination Meteorologist Steve Drillette. "Despite the advanced radars and technology, the Skywarn spotters continue to play a vital role in the warning process".

Ex-Student Missing Persons:

'51 Roberta Bird Burdick, '52 Joy Faye Garringer Currin, '53 Jean Garoutte Moore, Janet Garoutte Beason, Frankie Hamilton, James Lowe, Joe Gaona, Marion Sears Brown; '55 Denny Sherrod '56 Carl Oquin; '57 Johnny Seaman; '58 Bill Gamble, Park Hammons; Wilma Jean Sneed Boggs; '59 Butch Cates, Ann Brown Lentz, Jimmy Aduddell, Sharon Davis Floyd; '60 Sammie Beall Huggins, Glenda Smith, Bill Casey, Homer Casey, Shirley Settles Smith; '61 Shirley Robbins Houston, Sandy Deihl, Jerry Davis, Cecilia Cleavinger Ford, Sharon Mullican Keenan Robbie Burkham Smith, Joe Ray Leal; '62 Beverly Baker Walker, Sue Davis; '66 Ronnie Ford, Judy Kirk, Julie Henderson Cook, Orland D. Lasley, Teddy Pool, Diana & Gayle Porth, Don Parvin, Cleo Ray Ethridge; '67 Murphy Allen, Terry Malone, Sherry Murphy Calquit, Sharon Martenson Powell, Judy Gregory Adams, Cathy Porth; '68 Barbara DeBord Hudson, Shirley Buske Merrill, Roy Dowdy, Roger Schooley, Greg Ward, Dana Ward Mason, Nancy Bateman Dunlap; '69 Harry Clements, Joe Garner, Mark Lamb, Peggy Hodge, Dale Schriber, Jr., Steve Sanders, Alan Stephens, Andrea Zimmer, Sue Blades West, John Upchurch.

Lifestyle

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Cancer Survivor Spotlight

This week's cancer survivor is Billy Joe Cox. Out of the blue one day, Mr. Cox decided it was time to go to his physician to be screened for prostate cancer. He explained that a simple blood test called a PSA test could be administered in a doctor's office. It was at this time that Bill was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Upon hearing the news that he had cancer, Bill said that he was in a state of shock. He remembered thinking at the time, "This is not supposed to happen to me." He began radiation treatments in June of 2003 and finished his last treatment in August 2003. Bill's therapy consisted of 41 radiation treatments that were administered in Amarillo. In the process, Bill recalled that he put 8,000 miles on their car, driving back and forth to Amarillo. One of the most supportive people throughout this difficult process was his wonderful wife, Mary Jo who stood by him during his fight with cancer providing much needed emotional support.

Bill would like to stress the importance of early detection. With modern advancements in medicine, men are able to determine if they have early stage prostate cancer by a simple blood test.

Mr. Cox has been cancer free for two years. He chooses to

live life to the fullest each day and has readjusted his priorities. Bill is an active member of the Methodist Church and has decided to participate in the upcoming Relay for Life by being a member on the

Methodist Church Team and by walking the survivor's lap. If you are a cancer survivor and you are interested in being a part of the survivor celebration, call Michelle Lutes at 396-2065.

Banana And Ricotta Toast Makes 4 toasts

- 3/4 cup low-fat fresh ricotta
- 1 tablespoon pure honey
- pinch of ground cinnamon
- 4 slices whole-grain bread
- 2 small bananas, diagonally sliced
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- extra cinnamon, to serve

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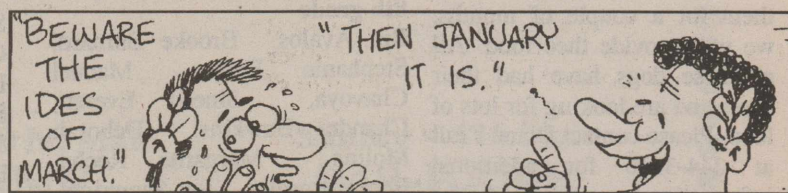
On April 5 the younger Texans held their monthly meeting. At 6:00 pm, Kyle Horsford called the meeting to order. Danton Pendergrace led the pledge for the American flag and Kyle Horsford lead the 4-H motto and pledge. Shiloh Dickenson called the roll, read the minutes of last meeting. Kyle gave the 4-H Council report. Kyle then introduced Allen Gwynn and Greg Wright from Storm Track 10; they showed a video on tornadoes and weather safety. Then Leslie Neve gave the new business and stock show results. She also told us about the upcoming events, camps, election of officers for next year and the trash pick up on Hwy. 54 on the way to Texhoma. Sunny Russell brought refreshments and Kyle adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Younger Texans Host Storm Track 10

Allan Gwyn (far left) and Greg Wright (far right) from Storm Track 10, showed a video on tornadoes and weather safety to the Younger Texans on April 5th.



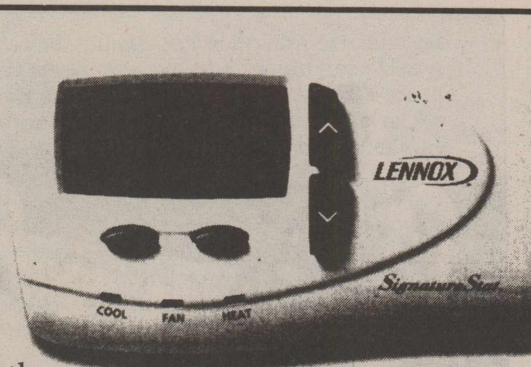
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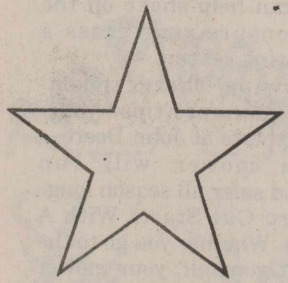
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—Edna O'Brien

Houses For Sale

For Sale: 305 N. 3rd, 2 bdrm, laundry room, CHA, detached garage, storage building, nice location \$20,000. Call 930-0734 or 930-5613. 3-31-tfn

For Sale by Owner: 4/2/3 home on corner lot. Custom built in 1995. New carpet, 20 x 20 finished basement, fireplace, ceramic tile in entry, utility, dining and kitchen, sprinkler system, open floor plan, approx. 3200 total sq. ft. Call 806-366-2303 evenings or leave a message. 1-4-tfn

FOR SALE BY OWNER...Beautiful 4 bedroom home, large sized rooms, 3 full baths, office, large utility room, basement, covered patio, beautifully landscaped backyard. W/deck. This house is located in a GREAT neighborhood!! 202 Kay Ave. Approx. 3800 sq. ft. Call 806-366-2482. 4-22-tfn

For Sale: Our home at 619 S. Pearl. 2572 sq. ft. living area, 3 b, 2 b, fireplace, heated tile floor in den & kitchen, 2 car garage, separate storage garage extra lg. Lot 366-5829 or 753-775. 72-tfn

3 Bdrm Brick, 2 baths on large corner lot. 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Located in Casa Bonita Addition. Call 366-2153 for appointment. 10-21-tfn

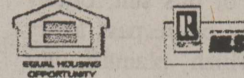
For Sale: 3BR, 1.75 bath home at 603 S. Fulton. 2 living areas, dining room, master bedroom with 2 walk in closets. Lots of closets and storage throughout the house. Large backyard with above ground swimming pool, metal storage shed and covered patio. 2 car garage. Brick and vinyl exterior for maintenance free up keep. Contact Rhonda Browne after 6:30 at 366-7597 or leave message. 12-9-tfn

For Sale: House and furnishings as a package. 1320 sq. ft. living; detached garage; sprinkler system. \$49500.00. Shown by appointment only. Trust Dept. 396-5521. 9-25-tfn

For Sale: Nice 3 br. 1.75 bath brick home at 408 N. Fulton. Ready to move into. Updated kitchen and bathrooms. CHA, attached garage, new attic insulation, large fenced in backyard. Stove, washer, dryer and new built in dishwasher stay. Great neighborhood \$55,000. Call 366-3111. 3-24-tfn

For Sale-Nice 3 br. 1.75 bath brick home at 408 N. Fulton. Ready to move into. Updated kitchen and bathrooms. CHA, attached garage, new attic insulation, large fenced in backyard. Stove, washer, dryer and new built in dishwasher stay. Great neighborhood. \$55,000. Call 366-3111. 3-31-tfn

Ad Rem Land Co.
803 S Bliss
Dumas, TX 79029
806-935-7364



Very Motivated Seller! 3 B/R, 1 1/2 baths, large master suite, walk in shower. Double garage with workshop and C/H&A. Reduced to \$85,000

Move Up to this Beautiful Home! 3 B/R, 1 1/2 baths, 2 living areas, and a large adjacent lot for parking, on the east side. \$89,000

Home with Style! 2 B/R, 1 1/2 baths, with large living and dining areas. Hardwood floors, and updated baths. \$78,900

Very Cute! 1 B/R, 3/4 bath home, would make a great rental property. \$15,000

Great Starter Home, or Possible Investment Property! 2 B/R, 1 bath. \$25,000

Shop in Backyard! Nice 3 B/R, 2 bath with 1 car detached garage. Reduced to \$45,000

Prime Location! This 3 B/R, 2 bath home is located in a quiet neighborhood and close to schools. \$125,000

Corner Lot! This 4 B/R, 1 1/2 bath home has had C/H&A, sewer lines, and gas line has all been recently replaced. \$60,000

Health

(NU) - For years, Olympic gold medal-winning gymnast Mary Lou Retton suffered with a serious health condition known as overactive bladder (OAB). She would run to the bathroom up to 25 times a day and constantly worry that she wouldn't make it in time. Like other sufferers, she found ways to cope. Then her doctor prescribed Detrol LA, which has helped her get back to her everyday activities. As part of "Life Beyond the Bathroom," a nationwide initiative, Retton will travel across the country to share her story and educate others about OAB. Visit www.lifebeyondthebathroom.com or call (888) 968-2424 for more information.

Autumn arrives in the early morning, but spring at the close of a winter day.
—Elizabeth Bowen



(NAPS)—One of the latest trends in novels involves people reading books about books. For instance, "Secrets of Angels & Demons: The Unauthorized Guide to the Bestselling Novel" (CDS Books/Squibnocket Partners, \$23.95) takes a close and informed look at the bestselling "Angels and Demons" by Dan Brown. The book examines the truth behind many of the historical scenarios posed in the novel. These books are available everywhere books are sold. For more information, visit www.secretsofangelandsdemons.com and www.secretsofthecode.com.

Critics report that a remarkable new book, "The Tao of the Defiant Woman," shows that women are most at ease with themselves when they have a passion for life and are able to glide from one phase of their life to another. The book is available at www.taogirl.com.

Fire Safety

(NU) - Every 20 seconds in the United States, a fire department responds to a fire somewhere. The National Concrete Masonry Association says the loss of life and property from these fires could be reduced if more buildings were constructed with a comprehensive, "balanced design" approach to fire safety. Most buildings use "active" fire protection, such as smoke detectors and sprinklers. But the balanced approach includes "passive" fire protection as well, like walls and floors made of noncombustible material such as concrete masonry. Concrete masonry helps contain a fire and limit damages. For more information, visit www.ncma.org or call (703) 713-1900.

Cards of Thanks

I would like to personally and as an organization thank everyone that volunteered to help the Stratford Youth Basketball Program. It takes many volunteers to make this program successful. We had a total of 115 kids that participated in the program. There were a total of 56 games played. The people that made this possible were our coaches: Brent Spurlock, Johnny Mungia, Rachele Long, Jolie Asher, Connie Biddy, Brent Farney, Tim Gilliland, Trisha Schoonover, Mike Franklin, Shelley Ricketson, Paula Everett, Harrison Walden, Daniel Hays, Colby Galla, Blake Confer, Desine Garza, Ernie Maiwald, Lance Horsford, Rex Sladek, Brett Cummings and Kendra Mungia. A huge thank you goes to Lance Horsford for taking care of getting officials each day for the 2nd-4th grade games. Thanks to Chris Bell, Adam Bell for officiating the 5th-6th grade games and all of the high school athletes that helped officiate the 2nd-4th grade games. Numerous young people and adults helped run the clock and keep the books. Everyone in the community should realize that if it weren't for these volunteers, your children and grandchildren would not have the opportunity to better themselves in basketball and have some quality time with friends. I hope I have not left anyone out, but if I did, you are appreciated also. When you see these people pat them on the back and thank them for what they've done for our youth.

Dinah Horsford
Stratford Youth
Basketball

I feel that just saying "Thank You" cannot begin to express my feelings for those who worked so hard to make my 90th birthday a day to always remember. To all those who sent cards and attended my party, a great big "Thank You". The last fifty plus years of my life spent in Stratford are some of my happiest.

Bess Stone

Home

(NU) - What could be more relaxing than having a waterfall right in your own backyard? Adding a waterfall to your outdoor space is easy with the new Beckett Waterfall Kit. This simple, do-it-yourself kit provides all of the water gardening components you need to create a 16-inch-wide waterfall all in one weekend. With the kit, you can add a waterfall to an existing in-ground or above-ground pond. Or, if you have a patio, transform it into a peaceful outdoor "room" by adding a rectangular patio pond with a waterfall. Step-by-step instructions can be found on www.888beckett.com. For more information, call (888) BECKETT (232-5388).

Health

(NU) - Eighteen million Americans are diagnosed with depression each year, and more experience low mood. Of that group, fewer than 50 percent will respond to traditional treatments or they will discontinue use due to side effects. Fortunately, a new pilot study conducted at Boston's Massachusetts General Hospital may offer hope. The study combined the dietary supplement S-adenosylmethionine, better known as SAM-e, with the patients' current medications. The results suggest the combination may be as effective as two antidepressants, with fewer side effects. To learn more, visit www.SAM-e.com.

Wag the world how it will/Leaves must be green in Spring.
—Herman Melville

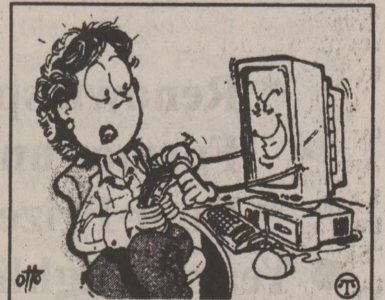
Crime Watch

Avoiding Money Order Fraud

(NAPS)—A new counterfeiting scheme has allowed scam artists to cash in thousands of phony money orders—and Americans are footing the bill. Fortunately, there are ways to protect yourself.

According to U.S. Postal Inspectors, the scam begins when a victim is contacted by someone through an Internet chat room or online auction site. The con man claims to have financial problems and to need help cashing money orders. The person "in need" often claims to be living in a foreign country (usually Nigeria), but the scam artist can cook up the scheme from any location.

Victims are lured into the scam when they are told they can keep some cash from the money order as payment for cashing it and wiring the difference to the con man. The scammer then mails the victim a counterfeit money order with instructions for the victim to deposit it in his bank account and wire the money back to the fraudster. Victims usually learn the money order is counterfeit only when they attempt to cash it or when their bank account takes the hit for the full amount of the money order.



A new scam involves passing counterfeit money orders on to consumers.

ment on the bogus deposit. The good news is that legitimate money orders have security features that help distinguish them from counterfeit notes. For a full list, visit the Web site www.usps.com/missingmoneyorders/security.htm. Knowing the signs of an authentic money order helps, but according to Postal Inspectors, so does using your head. They warn that most lures promising quick and easy money are cast by fraudsters—and if an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is. For more information, visit www.usps.com/postalinspectors.

Legal Notices

**ESTATE OF SHIRLEY
MAXINE PLUNK,
DECEASED IN THE
COUNTY COURT IN AND
FOR SHERMAN COUNTY,
TEXAS**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that original
Letters of Independent
Administration for the Estate of
Shirley Maxine Plunk,
Deceased, were issued on
March 30, 2005, under Docket
No. 2093, pending in the
County Court of Sherman
County, Texas, to Kenneth C.
Plunk.

Claims for this estate may be
addressed as follows:

Estate of Shirley Maxine Plunk,
Deceased
C/o Kenneth C. Plunk,
Independent Administrator
14115 Buffalo Airport Rd.
Amarillo, TX 79118

All persons having claims
against this estate which is
currently being administered
are required to present them
within the time prescribed by
laws.

Sell and Griffin, P.C.
504 South Polk, Suite 101
Amarillo, TX 79101-2318
Telephone No. (806) 374-3765
Facsimile No. (806) 374-4269
Attorneys for the Estate
Published in The Stratford Star,
Thursday, April 14, 2005

On the 7th day of April, 2005,
I impounded the following
estrays:
Kind, Bovine
Breed, Mixed
Color, White faced red neck
Sex, Heifer
Age, Long yearling
Size, 800 lbs.
Brand, earmark or other
identifiers, Branded High
on the left hip, with a red ear
tag with white letters 4

and on the 8th Day of April,
2005, I filed a Notice of Estray
in the Estray Book of Sherman
County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search
of the register of recorded
brands in Sherman County,
Texas for the owner of said
estrays, but the search did not
reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if
the ownership of said estray is
not determined by the day 27th
of April, 2005, said estray will
be sold at public auction at
Dalhart, Texas.

Witness my hand this 8th day
of April, 2005.

Jack Haile
Sheriff of Sherman County,
Texas.
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Thursday, April 21, 2005.

LEGAL NOTICE

Sherman Co. will be taking
sealed bids for a wrecked 2002
Ford Crown Victory patrol car,
salvage only. Bids must be
sealed and received by the
Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office
before 5:00 p.m. on May 6,
2005. Bids may be delivered in
person at the Sheriff's office,
701 N. 3rd St., or mailed to P.O.
Box 526, Stratford, TX 79084.
Sherman Co. reserves the right
to refuse any and all bids.
Sheriff Jack Haile, Sherman Co.
Texas.

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Thursday, April 14, 2005 and
Thursday, April 21, 2005 and
Thursday, April 28, 2005.

The State of Texas
To Tommie Lee Elliott, his
unknown heirs, persons,
successors and assigns,
defendant in the cause
numbered and entitled below.

You are hereby commanded
to appear before the Honorable
69th Judicial District Court of
Sherman County, at the
courthouse in Stratford, Texas
at or before 10:00 a.m. of the
first Monday next after the
expiration of 42 days from 4-5,
2005, the date of issuance of
this citation, by filing a written
answer to plaintiffs' petition that
was filed in the court on 4-
5,2005, numbered 4612 on the
docket of the court, and entitled
Steve Flynt and Jan Flynt,
plaintiffs, v. Tommie Lee
Elliott, his unknown heirs,
persons, successors and
assigns, defendant.

The nature of this suit, briefly
stated is one of trespass to try
title, in which plaintiff, for
cause of action, would
respectfully show the court that:

On or about October 9, 1980,
Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's
predecessor's in interest, were
in actual possession of the
above-described premises. On
that date, defendants unlawfully
entered upon the subject
property and now continues to
withhold possession from
Plaintiff. Defendants claim
some right, title, estate, or
interest in these premises,
which is adverse to plaintiff's
ownership interest. This claim
constitutes a cloud on plaintiff's
title. Plaintiffs request judgment
for title and possession of the
land, and for such other and
further relief to which he is
entitled, as more full shown by
plaintiff's petition on file in this
suit.

If this citation is not served
within 90 days after the date of
its issuance, it shall be returned
unserved.

The officer executing this writ
shall promptly serve it and
make due return according to
the requirement of law, and the
mandates of this citation.

M. L. Albert
Clerk of the 69th Judicial
District Court
Sherman County, Texas
Published in The Stratford Star,
Thursday, April 14, 2005,
Thursday, April 21, 2005,
Thursday, April 28, 2005 and
Thursday, May 5, 2005.

**NOTICE OF GENERAL
ELECTION**

To the Registered Voters of
Stratford, Texas: Notice is
hereby given that the polling
places listed below will be open
from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on
May 7, 2005, for voting in a
General election, to elect (3)
positions of Alderman, two year
terms.

Locations of Polling Places-
All precincts will vote at City
Hall.

Early voting by personal
appearance will be conducted
each weekday at 518 N. 3rd,
City Hall between the hours of
8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
beginning on April 20, 2005
and ending on May 3, 2005.

Applications for ballot by
mail shall be mailed to: Kathy
Rendon, P.O. Box 188,
Stratford, Texas 79084.

Applications for ballots by mail
must be received no later than
the close of business on April
29, 2005.

Issued this the 15th day of
March, 2005.

Signed David A. Brown,
Signature of Presiding Officer.
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Thursday, April 21, 2005.



In the city of Washington,
D.C., no building may be built
taller than the Capitol.

A los votantes registrados del
Stratford Texas
Notifiquese, por las presente,
que las casillas electorales
sitadas abajo se abiran desde
las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m.
el 7th de Mayo de 2005 para
votar en la Eleccion para Tres
funcionarios pr un periodo de
dos anos.

Direccion(es) De Las Casillas
Electtorales- All precincts will
vote at City Hall

La votacion en adelantada en
persona se llevara a cabo de
lunes a viernes en 518 N. 3rd,
City Hall entre las 8:00 de la
manana y las 5:00 de la tarde
empezando el Abril 20, 2005 y
terminando el May 3, 2005

Las solicitudes para boletas
que se votaran en ausencia por
correo deberan enviarse a:
Kathy Rendon, P.O. Box 188,
Stratford, Tx 79084.

Las solicitudes para boletas
que se votaran en ausencia por
correo deberan recibirse para el
fin de las horas de negocio el
Abril 29, 2005.

Emitada este dia 15th de
march, 2005.

Firma del Oficial que Preside-
David A. Brown.

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Thursday, April 21, 2005

Food

(NU) - In today's hurried
world of food shopping, many
people take the claims on the
fronts of food packages as the
final word on nutrition. But by
failing to read the "Nutrition
Facts" panel and the ingredi-
ents list, consumers may not be
aware of what they are getting,
namely added sugars and trans
fats. Reading labels, particu-
larly if you are following a con-
trolled-carbohydrate lifestyle,
is one of the best ways to take
control of what you buy and eat.
A controlled-carb approach
requires strict monitoring of the
total carbohydrate content of
any product. Atkins products
do the work for the consumer,
omitting added sugars and trans
fats and providing a Net Atkins
Count that displays only the
number of carbs that will have
an impact on blood sugar.

(NAPS)—Gentlemen and ladies,
start your engines—your lawn
mower engines, that is.

Getting prepared for the mow-
ing season can help shake off the
blues and ensure your grass a
healthy growing season.

By following these recom-
mended maintenance tips—cour-
tesy of the experts at John Deere—
your lawn mower will run
smoother and safer all season long.

• A Sharp Cut Starts With A
Sharp Blade. Whether you go to the
pros or do it yourself, your mower
blades need to be sharpened and
balanced at the beginning of every
mowing season. A sharp blade pro-
vides an even, consistent cut. A dull
blade can shred the grass, creating
entryways for disease.

But be careful not to sharpen the
blade too much—a razor's edge will
cause the metal edge to crack, peel
and weaken. A blade should be kept
at 1/64 of an inch for strength. After
the blade is nice and sharp, make
sure it is balanced. An unbalanced
blade can cause engine damage.

• Change The Oil. Just like a
car, your mower's oil needs to be
changed regularly to ensure maxi-
mum lifespan. The lawn care
experts at John Deere recommend
changing the oil after every 25
hours of mowing. An easy way to
remember is to use the holiday
schedule. Change your mower's oil
every Memorial Day, Fourth of

July and Labor Day.
• Keep A Stash of Spark Plugs.
To make sure your mower starts
each and every time you want to
mow, the spark plugs need to be
cleaned or replaced regularly.

It's a good habit to change
spark plugs at the beginning of
every mowing season and contin-
ue to check them for signs of
wear or cracking. Keep a stash on
hand too for a quick change.

• Keep It Clean. A clean mower
is a safe mower. Brush grass clip-
pings away from the cooling fans
and keep air intake screens clear
so air can move through. Also,
make sure all safety shields and
switches are working properly to
protect both you and your family.

To learn more, visit the Web
site at www.johndeere.com.

Marsh Mallow is a plant that
grows in meadows and marshes
of eastern Europe. It is now
grown in the U.S. During famines,
people have eaten its roots. The
root was once used as an ingre-
dient in the candy called marsh-
mallow.

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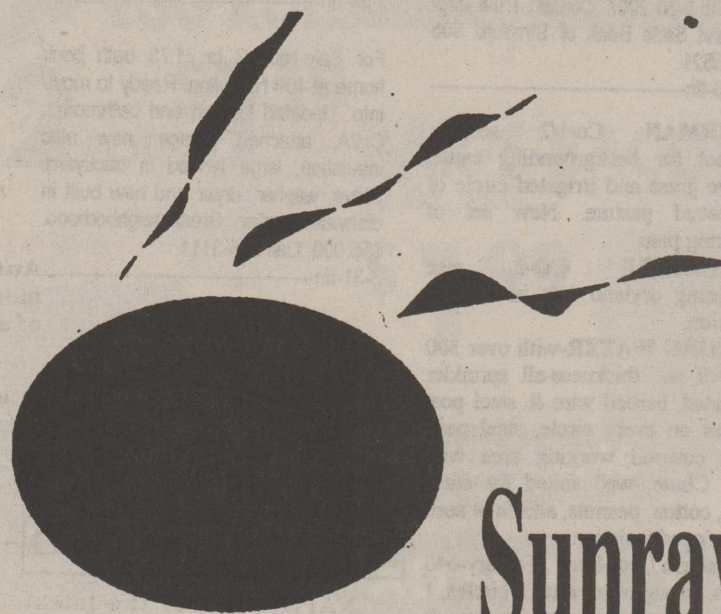
Official Notice 66th Annual Meeting

- Friday, May 6, 2005
- Sunray High School
- Meal Served 6:00 PM—7:00 PM
- Dividend Checks
- Business Meeting Begins 7:00 PM Sharp
 - * Report to Members

- * Renown speaker & Author Jim Olson
Former undercover agent for the CIA
- * Door Prizes

● Yearly Highlights

* Sales	\$93,802,417
* Net Savings	\$1,604,205
* Old Equity Revolvement	\$250,000
* Current Years Portion	\$242,730
* Settled Estates	\$87,471
* Market Plus Cash Rebate	\$460,000
* Total Fiscal Year CASH Revolvement to Members	\$1,040,201



Sunray Co-op

*"Members Come Join The
Celebration"*