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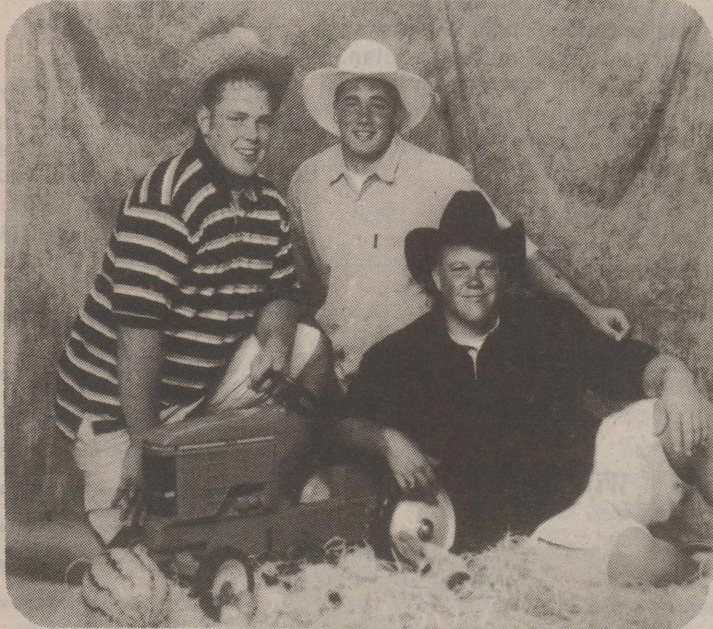
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Stratford Area Foundation Holds Annual Meeting



Mexican Pile On Dinner & Ticket Drawing

Country boys going to the big city! Wes, Skyler and Nick will be taking a bit of their "homegrown country" talent and personalities as they travel this June to Sydney, Australia, to play in the 2002 Down Under Bowl. The community is invited to join them this Sunday, April 21, 2002 after church for a Mexican Pile On Dinner in the County Barn, serving will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The boys are asking for a free will donation for this meal and all funds will be used to pay for traveling and participating in the events this summer in Australia. So give Mom a break from cooking lunch this Sunday and join us for some good food and fellowship!

There will also be a drawing for the *second winner* of a pair of West Texas A&M University 2002 Season Football Tickets. The Buffs season opener will be in Kimbrough Memorial stadium September 7, 2002 and they will play 5 more home games. Don't miss this chance to win a pair of season football tickets! Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and they will be available at the dinner or they can be purchased from Nick, Skyler of Wes. The final fund raising event for the boys will be a 3 Person Golf Scramble on Saturday, May 25, 2002 and the final drawings for the remaining 4 season tickets will take place at the golf tournament.

Imagination Station Meeting April 28th

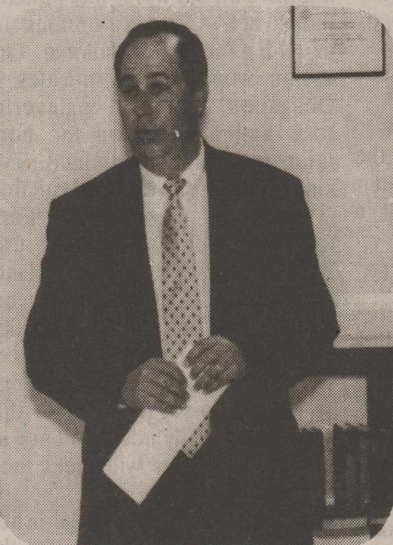
What were the plans and dreams for the Imagination Station? Is there still interest in the wonderful programs that were presented to the area children? Would you be interested in volunteering short term, long term or just for a project? Come to the Imagination Station, Sunday, April 28th at 2:00 p.m. to explore the possibilities. Each person who has served on the Board is asked to come and bring an interested person with them and all interested persons are encouraged to participate. For more information, contact Kim Allen, Martin Dettle, LeRayne Donelson or Gaynelle Riffe.

CITY ELECTION May 4, 2002

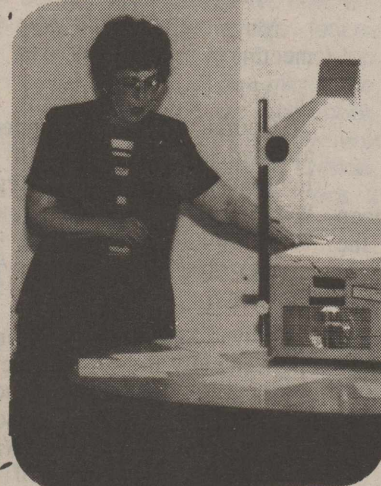
City of Stratford will hold General Election on Saturday, May 4, 2002; polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early voting begins Wednesday April 17, 2002 and ends April 30, 2002. Office hours for Early Voting are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Those terms expiring are Mayor David Brown, Councilman Marches Lavake, and Councilman Craig Bell. Those filing for Mayor are incumbent David Brown and also Harold Poe Keener. Those filing for councilman/woman are Bryan Mungia, Dusky Woods, Carol Zimmer, and BA Donelson. If you have any questions concerning the election please call LaRita Butler or Kathy Rendon at (806) 366-5581.



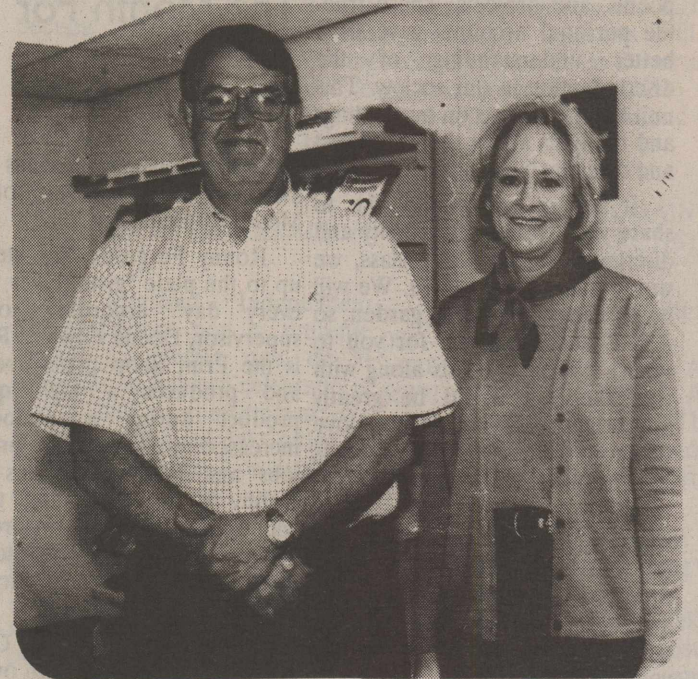
Casa 69, Inc. presented the 3rd Annual Light Vigil "Give the LIGHT of hope to a Child" on Thursday, April 11, 2002, recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month. Welcome was by Duane Pittman CASA Board Member and Recognition of Sponsors was given by Kari Bezner CASA Director, shown above.



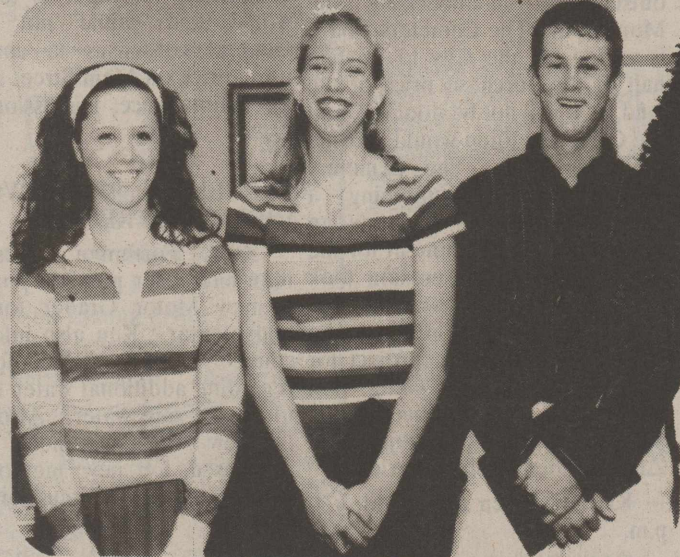
Jim Taliaferro, Vice President of the board was the Emcee for the Stratford Area Foundations Annual Meeting Held April 9th.



Martha Mitts presented the Stratford Area Foundation report and past years activities to the folks who were at the Sherman County Library on Tuesday, April 9 for Stratford Area Foundations Annual Meeting.



Howard Naugle and Vicki Freeman and not pictured LeRayne Donelson were elected as new board members for 3 year terms. Retiring board members were Susie Spurlock, John Lavake and Diane Murphy.



Entertainment was by Speech Class- Tiffany Duke, Trisha Teig, Chance Lowery who each gave Oral Readings that they did in competition.

April is "Keep Stratford Beautiful" Month

We need your help in cleaning up our community. Through the month of April and continuing through the summer months the City of Stratford and The Sherman County Development "committee" are promoting community clean up, but we can't do it by ourselves.

We will haul off all Appliance, Toilets, Sinks, Tree branches, Equipment, Automobiles and anything else that you have been

meaning to get rid of and best of all it won't cost you anything. All you have to do is contact someone at City Hall or stop by City Hall and tell them what you have and presto it is gone.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact the Sherman County Development Committee at 366-2897 or City Hall at 366-5581. Thank you for your help.



A Tricycle Race was held during the evening at the Courthouse parking lot, helping were SHS Cheerleaders & Student council members, Cheerleaders pictured above Mika Wilborn, Erin Ashley, Heather Seiler.



Ground breaking for the City's new Water Loop gets the project moving forward. Pictured above (l to r) Don Nicholson, City Administrator, Mayor David Brown, and Ricky Lawson, Project Superintendent and three Triple L employees

Groundbreaking For City's New Water Loop

Stratford Water Loop Project is underway. The ground breaking took place on Wednesday, April 10, 2002, when Triple L Utilities a Dumas based company, began digging the first trench for this project. The project consists of over 13,000 feet of 8-inch water line. The addition of new Fire

Hydrants and other improvements to the water system.

The new water loop should do away with low water pressure, increased water flow to fire hydrants and a more consistent water flow. Currently Triple L Utilities is digging the trenches for the new water line. The project is expected to be completed by late August 2002. If you have questions please contact City hall.

Summer Baseball Season Kick Off Fundraiser May 10

There will be a summer baseball season Kick off Fundraiser at Pendleton Park on Friday, May 10th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Burgers hot off the grill, chips and ice cold cokes \$5.00. Homemade Ice cream \$1.00

Players come meet your team and coaches!

The entire community is invited! Come out and help us raise money for new uniforms and equipment! We need your support!!!

Cemetery Lot Prices Increase

Stratford City Council voted Thursday night to increase the Cemetery lot prices for the new addition to the Stratford Cemetery, Mary Riffe Addition Unit II, from \$150.00/space to \$300.00/space. The remaining spaces in the old addition will still be sold at \$150.00/space until all spaces are purchased. There are approximately 22 spaces left in this addition. If you would like to purchase your spaces before the increase please stop by City Hall. Please call with any questions at (806) 366-5581.



Duane Pittman, Welcomed everyone to the Courthouse Lawn on Thursday, Mayrene Aduddell, presented the Candle Lighting ceremony.



Wesley Hunsaker, Student Council Member helped time the Tricycle participants during Thursdays CASA Program.



Mayor David Brown read the Proclamation Thursday night at CASA.

Aggie Muster 2002

The XIT A&M Club will be meeting Sunday, April 21, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at Raney's Restaurant (in the old Mr. Burger building) in Dalhart to commemorate Muster. All Texas A&M Former Students and friends are invited to attend for food, fellowship, and support of the activities.

Young & Mathews Named To Team

Named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-Region Team were Region I - Carly Mathews - 1st Team and Jessica Young - 2nd Team. Congratulations to these young ladies.

Letter To
The Editor

Miller Middle School
8B Language Arts
2608 Junction St.
Durango, CO 81301
Stratford Star

Dear Reader:

I am an eighth grade student at Miller Middle School in Durango, Colorado. Our Language Arts class has been studying discrimination and diversity through the *The Diary of Anne Frank* as well as other stories, poems, and projects. These true-life personal accounts gave us a better understanding of the discrimination in our society. This unit has had affects on our feelings and thoughts about the Holocaust and diversity in general.

If any of you would like to share your stories of diversity and discrimination with our class, we would love to have them. We will be planting a memorial garden, so if it is at all possible for you to send a packet of seeds along with your story, it would be greatly appreciated. We would also love to know if those particular seeds have a special meaning for you.

Thank you for taking time to read and respond to this letter. I would also like to thank the Stratford Star for printing this article so that we might have a chance to hear from readers like you.

Sincerely, Melissa Vandiver

To the Editor of the Stratford Star,

I am writing this letter to express my deepest gratitude to our community. I am a program director for CASA 69 here in Stratford. I, along with other board members Bill Riffe, B.A. Donelson, and Debbie Ferguson, oversee volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children in court. On April 11, our community joined together to raise a light of hope for our area's abused and neglected children. An excellent turnout attended our *Light of Hope* ceremony at the Sherman County Court House, showing our unified support for the children in our community who are reported abused and neglected each year.

I have been with CASA for 3 years, and I am continually touched by the generosity of our community. Without you, there would be no light of hope in these children's lives. There would be no hope for a positive future. We should all be so proud of the profound impact we are having on the lives of abused and neglected children. I hope that one day we can successfully say we have won the battle against child abuse. But until then, please keep up the fight.

Sincerely,
Duane Pittman,
Program Director
CASA 69

Local Scholarships
Being Offered

April 12th-VALL Livestock, Inc.

April 15th-Dalhart Elks Lodge, USA Funds-Access to Education, Dalhart Knights of Columbus

April 19th-Earl and Conrad Riffe Memorial

April 26th-Burke Bell Memorial

April 30th-Amarillo Women's Network.

Eligibility requirements and applications for these scholarships can be obtained in the counselor's office or by calling Misti McBryde at 366-3322.

This week's activities include ceramics and exercise Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Thursday will be Bingo Party at 2 p.m. and Bingo at 7 p.m.

Next week will be monthly board meeting Tuesday 23rd 10 a.m.. Luncheon Thursday the 25th and then Saturday will be our Dance 8 to 11 p.m. music by a band called "The Three Fleas" from Guymon area.

If you want to see or go to a particular activity let me know and we will post a sign up sheet to go.

Ferguson Named
Employee of
The Month For
Amarillo
Globe News

A true unsung hero has been awarded the Employee of the Month for February 2002.

Ronny Ferguson has stepped up to the plate "giving over 150% every day" according to his supervisor, Deena Fowler. Ronny is the Print Shop press operator and produces a high quality product during a period of increased production in printing jobs and bindery jobs as well. Ronny is always willing to do whatever is needed to insure that the publication is completed on time and to the customer's satisfaction.

Ronny came to the Globe-News in May of 2000 with over 32 years experience as the owner of two public press operations in Dumas. Ronny's businesses were called Stratford Printing and Office Supply Co. and Du-Moore Office Supply Printers. Ronny got tired of retirement and came to work at the Globe-News to supplement his retirement income.

Ronny drives every day from his home in Dumas which is a 39-mile one-way trip. Ronny has never missed a day's work or even been late to work since he started working here, which is quite an accomplishment when you think back to last year when we had 2 feet of snow during January 2001.

Ronny and his wife, Esther, have three grown children and they are active in the First Baptist Church of Dumas. Ronny still enjoys fishing. Ronny was very active in high school athletic competition and played football, basketball, baseball and ran track.

When you see Ronny tell him how much you appreciate and admire his work habits. Maybe that is what keeps him so young in appearance, mind and spirit. Apparently hard work is a good healthy life style that gives us all hope.

Wives of former governors became the first women governors. Miriam A. Ferguson of Texas was governor in 1925 to 1927 and 1933 to 1935 and Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming 1925 to 1927.

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Stratford City Council met in Regular Session Thursday, March 14, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Marcus Lavake, George Harding, Craig Bell, and Joe Zak.

Also present were: Don Nicholson, City Administrator; Kathy Rendon, part-time City Clerk; Ken Forthman, Public Works Director; Eddie Williams, Fire Chief; Jon King, City Attorney; Paula Nusz, Chamber of Commerce, Wayne Smith, Liz Agan, and Brandt Engineering.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

George Harding motioned to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2002 Regular meeting, Joe Zak seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Wayne Smith was representing the Cemetery Board. Wayne was present to discuss construction and approval of Cemetery Monument and benches. Wayne presented a diagram of the Veteran's Monument representation. Discussion took place regarding the price and set-up fees. Cemetery Board will approach Area Foundation for matching funds which would then be followed up with fund raisers and/or donations to help pay for outstanding balance of the Monument. The Cemetery Board is asking for the City to provide half of the purchase price of the land, as it will not be donated, and the Cemetery Fund would provide the other half. The Cemetery Board proposes obtaining a landscape architect to draw an example of the Monument for the public to view. Discussion took place. Mayor Brown thanked Cemetery Board and all those who have helped with the project for their hard work. Craig Bell motioned to approved the Veteran's Monument project, Joe Zak seconded, motion carried.

Kristine Olsen arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Eddie Williams was present to request funds of \$815 to replace two (2) sets of bumper gear to meet OSHA requirements. Eddie also requested funds of \$1500 for a new computer - current computer not able to keep up with new demands regarding mandatory paperwork. Discussion took place. Craig Bell stated if funds are available in the current budget, no action is required.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Dwight Brandt with Brandt Engineering was present to award the contract for the Water Loop Project. The contract was awarded to Triple L Utilities from Dumas, Texas. Grant money awarded to the City of Stratford for this project was \$240,000.00. Discussion took place. Craig Bell motioned contract be awarded to Triple L Utility, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Dwight also advised that the new grant applications need to be in by August.

Paula Nusz was present to request funds for hotel/motel funds for various expenses. George Harding motioned to approve requested funds, Craig Bell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Council went into Executive Session under Section 551.071 to discuss Litigation at 7:40 p.m. with no action taken.

Meeting reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

Discussion took place regarding the financial statements. Joe Zak motioned to approve the financial statements, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding bills. New pump for Lift Station had to be purchased - old

pump should be under warranty. Craig Bell motioned to approve bills, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Don Nicholson discussed Interlocal Agreement between Sherman County and City of Stratford. Sherman County will discuss at their next meeting. Discussion took place regarding financing options for City's obligation towards Main Street Project expense. One stipulation of the grant was that City could not have an old water line beneath the street. Several options for matching funds are available. One option would be Certificates of Obligation. However, engineering costs and a check on the bond rating must first be obtained. Two kinds of Certificates are available: (1) General: uses General Fund Revenue and (2) Revenue: uses Water Income Revenue. Mayor Brown asks if other options are available for financing. Discussion took place. Don also states if anyone has any thoughts or ideas, he is open to suggestions. Within one year the City needs to have an idea of how they will meet their obligation. A 3-5 person committee needs to be established to work and be in contact with the engineers. Also, a 2-3 non-committee persons will be needed for non-biased opinions. Ken Forthman, Public Works Director would need to be on one of the committees for input as to what would and would not work. General consensus to continue using brick on Main Street as it is low maintenance. Discussion took place.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ken Forthman presented information for possible purchase of new Motor Grader for next budget year. Ken also informed council of teleconference regarding additional water testing to ensure safe water. Also, four (4) new scales will need to be purchased for new methods of chlorine testing. Discussion took place.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Randy Agan, Chief of Police, stated changes on curfew ordinance were not available at this time. More research will need to be conducted. Chief Agan wanted to make the council aware that the City had three (3) full-time officers, which the city is budgeted for. Discussion took place regarding replacement of 1995 patrol car. Craig Bell suggest we wait until new budget year. Mayor Brown states he would like to buy local if possible. Randy state he has obtained and reviewed several package deals. Chief Agan is advised to check around. A Special Council meeting will be posted to approve the best "deal".

ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

Marcus Lavake discussed City taking ownership of water line owned by Randy Lehr at the Airport and putting in a meter. Discussion took place. He would need to make a proposal to the City.

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The local unit of the Texas Retired Teachers' Association will meet Thursday, April 18, 2002, at St. James Episcopal Church in Dalhart. Legislative reports, statewide news, and the district convention will all be discussed and officers for the upcoming year will be installed. Refreshments will be provided by Huie and Darlene Stanley, Dorothy Bishop, Leola McKay and Debra Horn. All retired school employees are invited to attend.

Lunch and Learn TEEA will meet Thursday, April 18 at 12 noon in the educational room of the County Extension Office. Marylou McDaniel will present the program, "Beauty is Skin Deep". All members are invited and guests are welcome also.

Lunch will be served at a cost of \$4.00 per person. Interested participants are asked to call the Extension Office at 366-2122 by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, 30 that adequate preparations can be made.

Florence Nightingale was not only a famous nurse, she was an accomplished mathematician. She was the first person in the English-speaking world to apply statistics to the study of public health.

Educational programs conducted by the Sherman County Office of Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

Hello, my name is Harold Keener. Most folks call me Poe. I have lived in Stratford for 63 years, actually born and raised here in Stratford! I am married to Linda Keener. We have two sons, Mark and Jero. We have 5 grandchildren: Kyler, Kinton, Michael, Kelsie, and Dylan. I believe in Stratford and would appreciate your vote for Mayor.

My Promise To You!

- I will listen to the voters.
- I will make decisions in the best interest of the City of Stratford and the citizens of Stratford.
- I have proven business experience having been in business for 23+ plus years.

ACCESSIBLE!

I can be contacted at Keener Oil. If I am not in, I can be reached by phone!

Will listen to Voters

Vote
Harold
(Poe)
Keener
For Mayor

Proven
Businessman

Pd. Pol. Ad. Pd. For
By Harold Keener
P.O. Box 1149
Stratford, TX 79084

Your Vote will be appreciated!

OPEN HOUSE & HOT DOG FEED!!



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Timi's Tidbits
By Timi Brown

Happy Day to you Sherman County Old Timers-Readers, Wil Avent on April 11 were Citizens this very warm 82 degree Monday, Tax Day April 15, 2002, Timmie and Lorelyn are here to report that things in our world have been very busy and we know persons with school age children are very busy and farmers are busy so that makes everyone busy. The tulips and other flowers are making it where one knows that spring is here. We want our peers to pat shoulders and tell each other of luv for luv makes the world go round.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Attending funeral services for Wil Avent on April 11 were several from Stratford. From Kerrick were Bill & Pat Boren, Mike & Marylou McDaniel. Patti McDaniel, Denver, came also. It was a large crowd.

Wil was born March 10, 1974. He died April 9. He was the oldest son of Boots & Rene Avent. he is also survived by a brother, West and sister, Jody. Wil was a loving person and will be missed by all.

Services were held at Stinnett United Methodist Church.

Kenna Cullums hosted a jewelry party April 11. Attending Brandi Wells, Nita Taylor, Peggy & Chandra Hawkins, Barbara Schoonover, Marylou McDaniel, Michelle & Haley Daniel, Shelia Audrain, Sarah Keener, Trisha Schoonover.

Marylou McDaniel joined Patti in Denver for Opening Day of Rockies baseball. She attended Top of Texas spring convention in Canyon Saturday.

Rett Schoonover celebrated his sixth birthday Saturday with a big group of family and friends. He got a new bike.

Speaking of bikes--someone stole Trisha's bike from the back of their pickup that was parked in their driveway! it was taken sometime early Wednesday morning. She had been looking forward to riding with her boys. (Hope whoever took it breaks a leg!).

Jo June McDaniel visited with Jean McDaniel in Dumas following Jean's gall bladder surgery. Jean is whit's wife.

Births

John and Cristie Childress of Dalhart are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Kallie Denise, born March 27, 2002 in Dumas Memorial Hospital. She weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Dick and Barbara Chumley of Stratford, Great Grandmother is Alpha Chumley of Dalhart and the late Richard Chumley and the late Orval & Nettie Bell Smith of Stinnett.

Paternal Grandparents are Mona Parker of Wichita Falls, Gary Childress of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, William Noel of Dumas and Mona Lisa Martin of Carrollton.



Clifford, the Big Red Dog, had lots of visitors Thursday night at Mary Allen School. He was there for the Book Fair that was sponsored by GFWC/Prospectus Study Club.

York Inducted

Wesley York, son of Ted and Mellonee York, was inducted Sunday, April 14th at the Fine Arts Building on Frank Phillips College. into the 2001-2002 Phi Theta Kappa. Phi Theta Kappa is the National Honor Society of Junior Colleges. In order for a student to be eligible for the prestigious honor, you must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

The enemy who forces you to retreat is himself afraid of you at that very moment.
—André Maurois

City Council
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Ken Forthman proposes hiring Danny Love for Customer Service Inspections (CSI) on new homes. Ken advises files need to be kept for inspection Audit.

Discussion regarding Handicap sign at Post Office. Joe Zak offered to handle the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Stratford City Council met in Special Session on Thursday, March 21, 2002 at 12:00 noon with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: George Harding, Joe Zak, and Craig Bell.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

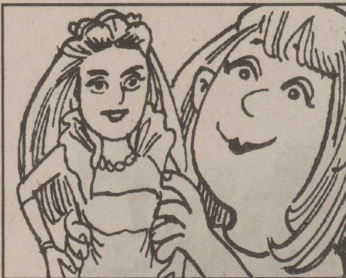
COUNCIL BUSINESS

Craig Bell motioned to approve the purchase of Dodge Intrepid Car for the Police Department, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried. The First State Bank of Stratford will provide the financing with annual payments.

Craig Bell motioned for the City to begin accepting sealed bids for the 1995 Police Car and various other City machinery, George Harding second, all in favor, motion carried.

Craig Bell motioned to elect Karen Perrin as Election Judge, Joe Zak seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

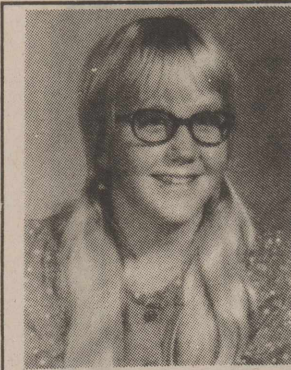


The Barbie doll was introduced in 1959. She was invented by Ruth Handler who would go on to invent the first breast prosthesis for mastectomy patients.

Arts in the Area

By Gayneile Riffe

- April 20 Amarillo Symphony, Amarillo Civic, WTAMU Choruses
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- April 22 "Annie Get Your Gun" Broadway Series
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 866-378-3096
- April 24-28 "Prelude To A Kiss"
WTAMU Branding Iron Theatre 806-651-2798
- April 26 "Zarzuela" Amarillo Opera
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- April 27 Amarillo Youth Choirs Spring Concert
Southwest Baptist Church 866-372-1100
- May 2,3,4 Greater Southwest Music Festival
Amarillo Civic Center 866-373-5693
- May 4 Amarillo Chamber Music -Pepe Romero, Guitarist
Amarillo Chamber Music Society 806-358-0191



Lordy, Lordy,
Look Who's Forty!

Your Family Loves
You Shorty

RE-ELECT

DAVID BROWN

For
MAYOR

Stratford, Texas

Saturday, May 4, 2002

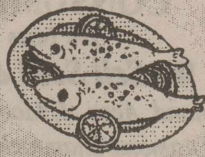
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Sunday, April 28

Start Serving at
11:30 am

N. Main & 5th

First Assembly of God

Terry Callis, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm
First Christian
Rev. Bob Sweeten
5th & Main
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
No Sunday Evening Worship
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic

Father Darryl Birkenfeld
6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:30a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Mike Talley
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

James Washburn
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Ralph Mireles
702 N. 3rd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

La Mision Bautista

Mision Bautista
401 S. Wall 396-5376
Domingo-(Sunday)
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)
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Community Building
Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.
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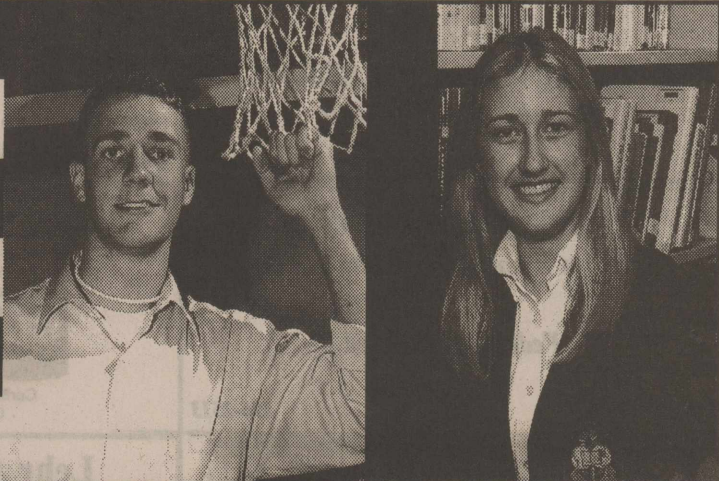
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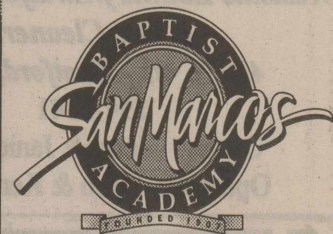
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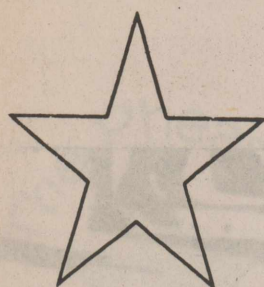


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4-18-6xc

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Large Garage Sale at 102 Santa Fe Trail in Kerrick, TX on Saturday, April 20th, 9-2. Air cond., lots of baby items & children's clothes, household items & nice nurse's scrubs.
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Land For Sale

Land for Sale: One (1) 640 Acre tract, cultivated land; 306.7 acres in CRP, 276.3 acres in CRP, 250.3 in CRP. Contact Trust Department/Marina Mills, First State Bank 396-5521.
3-12-tfn

Cards of Thanks

Thank you to all the mothers who gave of their time and talents to make Prom 2002 a success. We would also like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Joe Everett, Mr. & Mrs. Blake Sladek, and the General Store for their generous donations.
Sincerely,
The Junior Class and Shannon Taliaferro, Prom Chairman

To Give Away

We would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers during the loss of our beloved Tom Thompson. A special thanks to Johnny & Karen Pulliam, Maria Keener, & Marion Williams, First State Bank & the beloved staff of Coldwater Manor.

Mable Thompson
Brady Aro &
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2-15-tfn

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3-27-c

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To Give Away. Barn cats - will deliver. 769-4426.
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There is only one success—to be able to spend your life in your own way.
—Christopher Morley

Houses for Sale

House for Sale: Great Location, beautiful corner lot, 2 large bedrooms, 1 large bath, garage, central heat/AC. 806-659-2345.
8-2-tfn

For Sale or Lease: 212 N. Poplar. 806-679-5585.
1-10-tfn

For Sale: 3 Bdrm, 2 bath brick home, double car garage, fenced in backyard, across from City Park. 702 N. 7th. Call 396-2425, 396-2845, 396-5841, or 396-1050 for more information.
6-14-tfn

For Sale: 1999 modular home on cement foundation. 1344 square feet. Sits on 3 lots in Texhoma, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$45,000.00. (580)423-7541.

3,600 sq. ft. 3,000 living, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living areas w/double fireplaces, covered/lighted patio, 2 car garage, corner lot, near both schools, 1220 N. Chestnut. For more info. call 1-903-732-5402 or 396-2498.
1-3-tfn

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The young man who has not wept is a savage, and the old man who will not laugh is a fool.
—George Santayana

Dogs have more love than integrity. They've been true to us, yes, but they haven't been true to themselves.
—Clarence Day

Help Wanted

Immediate opening for reliable mechanic in Stratford area. Must provide own tools. Apply at: Innovative Staffing Solutions 402-B Tanglewood Rd. Daltart, Texas 79022 Toll Free: (877) 379-1434.
10-18-tfn

Help Wanted: Sunray Co-op in Conlen is in need of full-time elevator help. Excellent pay & benefits. If interested call 384-2164.
4-11-3xc

Coldwater Manor Nursing Home needs volunteers to help take residents out on errands and to read them, etc.
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The most powerful cause of error is the war existing between the senses and reason.
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Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The Stratford Independent School District hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on May 4, 2002 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows: Candidate-Joe Reinart and Ricky Reed. Office sought-Trustee.

ORDEN DE CANCELACION

El Stratford Independent School District por la presente cancela la eleccion que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el May 4, 2002 de conformidad, con la Seccion 2.053 (a) del Codigo de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos unicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se halla indicado a continuacion: Candidato-Joe Reinart and Ricky Reed. Caro al que presenta candidatura-Trustee

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NOTICE OF DIRECTOR'S ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of Stratford Hospital District, 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 4, 2002 for voting in a directors' election, to fill 3 Directors' positions.

Location of Polling Places-Stratford Emergency Medical Services, 1109 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX 79084.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Coldwater Manor (Stratford Hospital District Administration Office) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning on April 17, 2002 and ending on April 30, 2002.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Janie Kirkpatrick, Coldwater Manor, P.O. Box 1189, Stratford, TX 79084.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 2002.

Issued this the 15th day of February, 2002.

Margaret Reed
Signature of Presiding Officer
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AVISO DE ELECCION DE DIRECTORES

A los votantes registrados del Texas Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4th de Mayo de 2002 para votar en la Eleccion para 3 directores

Direccion(es) De Las Casillas Electorales, Stratford Emergency Medical Services, 1109 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX 79084.

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Coldwater Manor (Stratford Hospital District Administration Office) entre las 9 de la mañana ya las 4 de la tarde empezando el 17th de Abril, 2002 y terminando el 30th de Abril, 2002.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Janie Kirkpatrick, Coldwater Manor, P.O. Box 1189, 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 April 26, 2002.

Emitada este dia 15 Febrero, 2002.

Margaret Reed
Firma del Oficial que Preside
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NOTICE OF CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Amarillo Contract 0041-01-036 for MISCELLANEOUS AND REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACH in HARTLEY County, etc. will be opened on May 08, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 6244.

State Office
Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office(s)
Amarillo District
District Engineer
5715 Canyon Dr.
Amarillo, Texas 79105-2708
Phone: 806-356-3283

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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NOTICE COUNTY EXHIBIT BUILDING UPDATES

The Sherman County Commissioners Court completed renovations to the County Exhibit BUILDING earlier this year. Users of the facility will find changes in the heating and air conditioning systems that will provide a more pleasant environment.

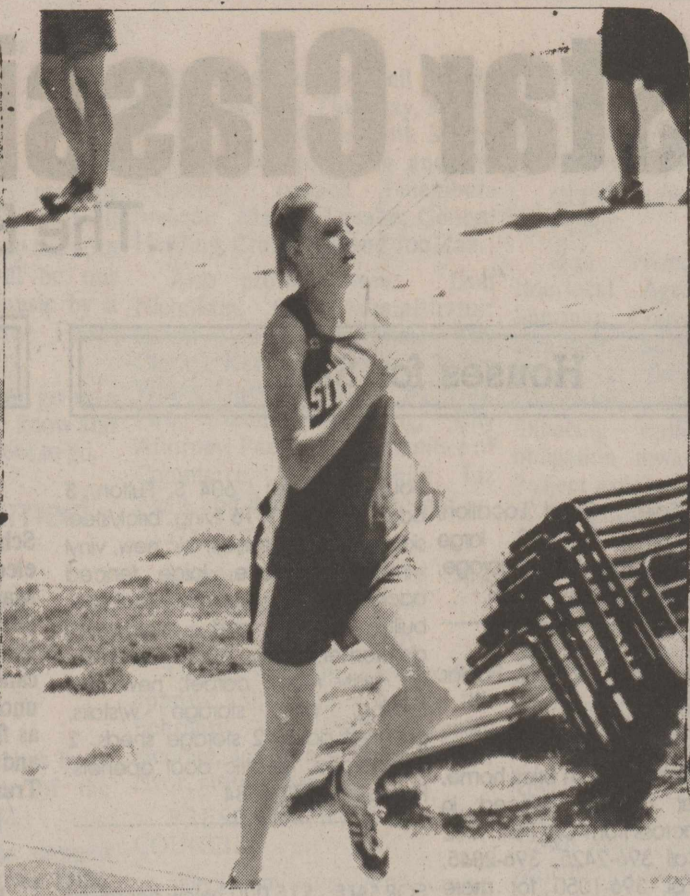
To help maintain this improved facility, rental fees have been increased and there are changes in the rental agreement. The fee increase and new guidelines will be effective May 1, 2002.

For an updated rental agreement and fee schedule, interested persons may come by the Sherman County Judges Office or the Sherman County Extension Office anytime Monday through Friday during regular business hours. Members of the Sherman County Commissioners Court appreciates residents support of this renovation.



Mary Hebraea, an alchemist in first century Alexandria was known for her discovery of hydrochloric acid.

Area Track Shots



NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To the Registered Voter of the City 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 4, 2002 for voting in a General Election to elect (1) Mayor for a two (2) year term and (2) two Council members for two (2) year terms.

Location of Polling Places: City Hall-520 N. 3rd, Stratford, TX
Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, April 17, 2002.

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

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AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL

A las volantes registrados del Cuidad de Stratford, Texas.

Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de mayo de 2002 para vot en (2) concejal por dos sin termino de expiracion.)

DIRECCION DE LAS CASSILLAS ELECTORALES- City Hall 520 N. 3rd, Stratford, TX.

La Temprano votacion an ausencia en persons se lieveara a cabo de lunes a viemes en. entre las 9:00 a.m. de las mañana y las 5:00 p.m. de la tarde empezando el 17 de abril, 2002 y terminando el 30 de abril, 2002.

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

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Jr. High District Track Results

The 7th grade girls won the District 2-A Track Meet held on April 6, 2002 at Vega with 168 points. Individual results were as follows:

400 M Relay - 3rd - Krista Reta, Merilee McDaniel, LaRissa Luna, and Whitney Garza; 800 M Run - Lillian Valenzuela - 1st, Gloria Saenz - 3rd, Lisa Walls - 5th; 100 M Hurdles - Candie Bell - 4th; 800 M Relay - 2nd - Rhiannon Everett, Lillian Valenzuela, Whitney Garza, and Candie Bell; 100 M Dash - Tiffni Drake - 17:38; 400 M Dash - Kayla Melton - 1st; Shot Put - Krista Reta - 1st, Juliana Taliaferro - 7th; Discus - Crystal Fierro - 1st, 3rd Krista Reta, 6th - Tiffany Ramos; Long Jump - Candie Bell - 3rd, Lillian Valenzuela - 6th; Triple Jump - Lillian Valenzuela - 4th, Shadley Hawkins - 7th; High Jump - Rhiannon Everett - 1st, Shadley Hawkins - 2nd, Whitney Garza - 3rd; 1600 M Relay - 2nd - Rhiannon Everett, Lillian Valenzuela, Whitney Garza, and Candie Bell. 200 Hurdles - Merilee McDaniel - 5th, 200 M Dash - Rhiannon Everett - 1st, Kayla Melton - 4th, 1200 M Run - Gloria Saenz - 1st, Janet Carrera - 2nd, and Krista Reta - 3rd.

The 8th grade girls won 2nd at the District Track Meet held in Vega on April 6, 2002 with 117. Individual Results were as follows: 400 M Relay - 2nd - Maria Luna, Cheyenne Zicman, Cassie Garza, and Crystal Rueda; 800 M Run - Maria Luna - 2nd, Raquel Henderson - 6th, Mariam Saenz - 7th; 100 M Dash - Crystal Rueda - 2nd; Katelyn Reed - 1st, Heather Robertson - 7th; Discus - Katelyn Reed - 2nd; Long Jump - Allison Baskin - 2nd; 800 M Relay - 2nd - Haley Buckles, Crystal Rueda, Cassie Garza, and Allison Baskin; 200 M Dash - Haley Buckles - 4th, Allison Buckles - 5th, High Jump - Allison Buckles - 2nd; 1200 M Run - Raquel Henderson - 2nd, Mariam Saenz - 4th; 1600 M Relay - 3rd - Haley Buckles, Maria Luna, Cassie Garza, Allison Baskin.

The 7th grade boys won 2nd place at the District Track Meet held on April 6, 2002 with 129 points. Individual results were as follows:

Shot - Martin Beltran - 1st, Jacob Edmond - 5th; Discus - Harrison Walden - 2nd, Martin Beltran - 4th, Gilbert Reta - 5th; High Jump - Brant Cummings - 4th; 400 M Relay - 1st, Brant Cummings, Martin Beltran, Gilbert Reta, and Jeffrey Frizzell. 800 M Run - Chad Smith - 6th; 110 M Hurdles - Brant Cummings - 2nd; 100 M Dash - Martin Beltran - 3rd; 400 M Dash - Jonathan Licon - 2nd, Pablo Ibarra - 3rd, Gilbert Reta - 4th; 200 M Hurdles - Jeffrey Frizzell - 2nd, Brant Cummings, 4th; 200 M Dash - Obed Pantajo - 3rd; 1200 M Run - Jonathan Licon - 1st, Chad Smith - 4th; 1600 M Relay - 2nd - Pablo Ibarra, Gilbert Reta, Jeffrey Frizzell, Jonathan Licon.

The 8th grade boys won 3rd place at the District track meet held on April 6, 2002 at Vega. Individual results were as follows: Long Jump - Case Crabtree - 2nd; High Jump - Josh Lanning - 2nd and Johnny Gonzales - 4th; Shot - Brady Bell - 2nd; Triple Jump - Brady Bell - 5th, Gustavo Rosales - 3rd; Discus - Caleb Brown - 3rd; 400 Meter Relay - 1st - Johnny Gonzales, Case Crabtree, Brady Bell, Gustavo Rosales; 800 M Run - Case Crabtree - 1st, Jerold Frizzell - 6th; 110 M Hurdles - Josh Lanning - 2nd, Jordan Taylor - 6th; 100 M Dash - Gustavo Rosales - 1st, Brady Bell - 3rd and Johnny Gonzales - 6th; 200 M Hurdles - Brady Bell - 2nd; 1200 M Run - Jerold Frizzell - 4th, and Kelby Smith - 5th; 1600 M Relay - 3rd, Josh Lanning, Johnny Gonzales, Gustavo Rosales, and Case Crabtree.