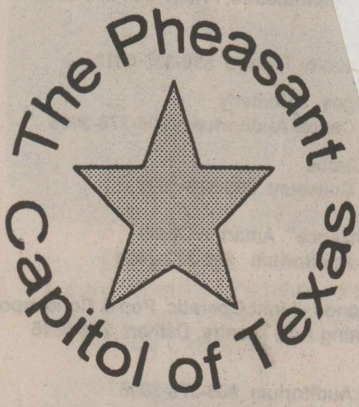


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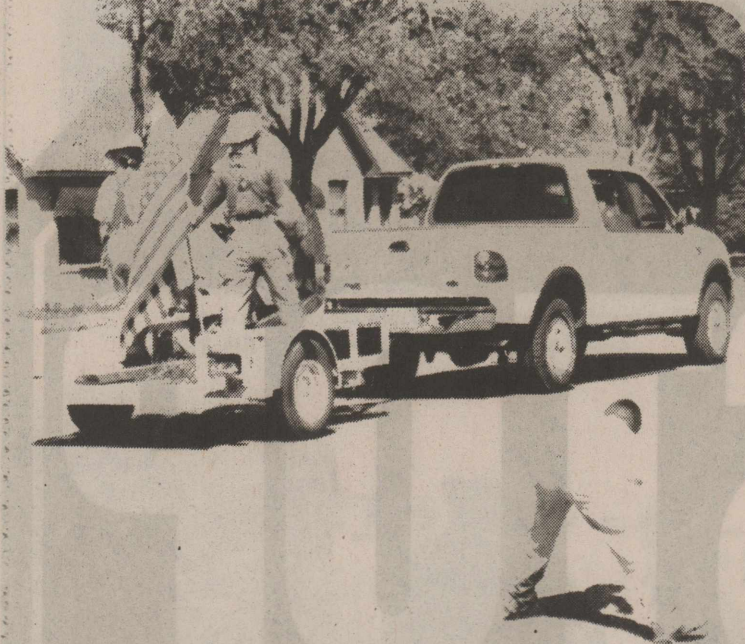
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Stratford Jamboree 2002



First State Bank float

5th Annual Ranch Rodeo Held

The 5th Annual Stratford Ranch Rodeo was held Aug. 9 & 10, 2002. This was the second year for the Stratford Chamber of Commerce to be the sponsoring organization. The Chamber would like to thank everyone for their hard work and donations.

The Rodeo staff this year consisted of: Announcer-Denny Bertrand of Guymon, Judges-Ted Zieman and Aaron Smith of Stratford, Timekeepers/Secretaries-Deide Zieman, of Stratford and Lisa Guest of Dalhart. Our outstanding Stratford Youth also contributed

to this program. The National Anthem was played on the Violin by Kayce Allen. Mark Miller and Roy Allen provided the flag guard while on horseback. Thanks to Ted Allen for his assistance with the flags and supervision of the flag corp. The arena superintendent was James Gillenwaters; and the Livestock superintendent was Jimmy Helmuth. The Livestock was provided by Robert Etbauer (Bucking Horses), Mc3 Cattle Company-Randy McCracken (steers), Ricky Elliot (Cows/Calves). This stock was all excellent quality and provided real "work" situations for the cowboys! Our thanks to Bill Pendleton for the his auctioneering skills for the Calcutta. The award buckles were designed and produced by Larry Leigh/Wildorado silverworks of Amarillo. The concession stand was under the direction of Mayrene Aduddell and the Angel Tree Project. The Lollipop Junction Day Care also provided funnel cakes. Thanks to these two groups! The Gate admissions were directed by the Chamber General Board and the Women's Division.

The Chamber would like to thank our sponsors. With the slow economy, these businesses make a difference for our community. The event sponsors were: Stratford Grain Company, Iowa Veterinary Supply, Allen Insurance, Sheriff Jack Haile, Tevebaugh Veterinary Services of Dalhart, Seaboard Farms Inc., and XIT Communications. Our Buckle sponsors included: Dettle Feedyard, L.P., Coronado Feeders, First State Bank, Cimarron Feeders, and Cattlemen's Livestock Commission Company of Dalhart. Top Line Sponsorship was provided by: Collingwood Grain Company, Mirco Beef Technologies, Yellowhouse Equipment of Amarillo, Bar W Ford of Dumas, Bobby Edmond Horse and Trailer Sales, and Professional Hay Service (Hay for Feed and Equipment for the Arena Preparation). General Sponsors include: Brown's Meat locker, and Express Lane #5. The Kid's Calf Scramble prizes were sponsored by Betty's Queen O' Cream and Doug's Saddles, tank.

Tack & Trailers of Amarillo. The Hard Luck Award was sponsored by Ted Allen and Moorman's Manufacturing.

The rodeo consisted of 11 teams competing in 6 events. The events were double mugging, wild cow milking, team doctoring, trailer loading, bronc riding and team branding. The teams were Prothro & Landress Ranch, Freeman Ranch, Walter Lasley & Sons, J Lazy 6 Ranch, Spike Box Ranch, 3 Bars and a Hangover, Crawford Ranch, Cimarron River Ranch, Plum Creek Ranch, Cactus Feedyard, and Rafter C. Ranch.

Now, down to the information everyone has been waiting for! The winning team of the 5th annual Stratford Ranch Rodeo is Prothro & Landress with a score of 57 points; Members of the team were Lavert Advent, Steve Elliott, Buddy Schnauffer, Shawn Daniel and J.D. Roberts. The second place team was Crawford Ranch with a score of 45 points; Team members were Tom Turner, Kenny Chambers, Kempson Kiser, Kevin Hill and Rod Cleveland. The third place team was Cimarron River Ranch with a score of 42 points; their team consisted of Wes Avent, Wade Dooley, Shane Guest, Jim Ferguson and Ben Winters. The Prothro & Landress team has placed 3rd in the world championships finals for the past 2 years! It is great to have such quality teams to participate in Stratford! The film has been delivered to the developers and pictures of the rodeo will be in next week's paper.

Rain shortened the performance on Friday night (the lightning was the main problem), but no one complained. Many spectators stayed even after the rain began. It was amazing how quickly dozens of bright yellow rain slickers showed up when the rain started! All events were completed on Saturday night. After an inch of rain, no dust blew and everyone enjoyed a cool and comfortable panhandle evening.

The Chamber would like to thank the Jamboree committee for a great weekend of celebration. Thanks to Trisha Schoonover for her skills with the development of the Jamboree flyer and thanks to Jack Haile for his leadership of the entire committee.

A special thanks to every business that rented a banner. The decorations made Stratford a festive place and added to the excitement of the weekend. Please support all our local businesses with your patronage. Stratford can meet almost every need. Remember to shop at home first and support our local economy.

Thank you to the County Commissioners and Sandy Tillery for the use of the arena and water tank.



Performing the flag ceremony from left, Matthew Taliaferro, Landan Luna, Scott Zak, and Austin Riffe at Pendleton Park on Saturday.

Walk Across Texas Kickoff-Tuesday

WALK ACROSS TEXAS kickoff will be held Tuesday, August 20th. The kickoff event will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the front steps of the Sherman County Courthouse in Stratford.

Walk Across Texas is an eight-week program that will spark some friendly competition in Sherman County. Teams of eight will compete to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging, or even biking. Teams will keep track of their miles, which will be posted in the Extension Office and other places around the community, according to Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent.

The kick off event of Walk Across Texas, will feature information on the health benefits of walking exercise. Walking teams who have pre-registered by August 20 will be introduced the start of their personal walking program.

To participate in Walk Across Texas, first get a team together. Biking and jogging teams are limited to four people. Choose a team captain and name your team. Fill out a registration form available at the Sherman County Extension Office, located in the Courthouse Annex at 701 N. Third Street or call 366-2122. There is no registration fee for the fitness program.

Great prizes will be awarded to those who reach the destination of South Padre Island first; teams walking the most miles; teams returning the most completed registration forms; and teams who complete their mileage logs. Participants may also log miles for the walk using an exercise bike or treadmill.

Extension educational programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, color, race, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences encourages everyone to come out and join the fun.

If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles.
—Doug Larson



Old Timer King Alfred Pronger and Queen Helen Taylor in parade on Saturday.

School Starts
Monday,
Aug. 19th

SISD Rated Exemplary For First Time

The Stratford Independent School District has been rated Exemplary from the Texas Education Agency for the first time. This rating was achieved by 143 out of some 1250 districts statewide. Individual honors are as follows: Stratford ISD - Exemplary; Stratford High School - Exemplary; Stratford Junior High - Recognized; Mary Allen Elementary - Exemplary.

To earn the top rating, a school or a district needed to have at least a 90 percent passing rate on the reading, writing and mathematics sections of the TAAS for all students and students groups. They also needed to achieve a 90 percent or better passing rate for all students on the social studies TAAS test and have an annual dropout rate of 1.0 percent or less for all students and each student group.

The Board of Trustees and Administration congratulate the students, parents and teachers on this outstanding accomplishment.

1st Baptist Church To Celebrate 100 Years

One hundred years ago, August 24, around twenty believers had the insight and calling to begin a new church in Stratford, Texas. One hundred years later that same church, after three new buildings is still proclaiming the Word of God. Though many families have come and gone the memories of some of the old timers are still alive and well. The ministries of the church have grown, six years ago the current building was remodeled, and the times have changed the way a few things are done now, but, the message remains the same, "Jesus died that we might be saved."

First Baptist church of Stratford would like to invite all past members to a "100th Anniversary Celebration." On Saturday, August 24 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a hot dog cookout at Pendleton Park. Please come for a time of visitation with past and present members. On Sunday, August 25th at 9:00 a.m. come for breakfast and view some of the memorabilia from the past. Following the worship service Sunday morning you are invited to a "free" catered meal at the High School cafeteria. So that we may have an idea of how many to plan for we ask that you give us a call and let us know if you plan to come to one or both of the free meals. The phone number for the church is 396-5554. We are looking forward to seeing and visiting with all our past friends. We sincerely hope you will come if you can.



First Baptist Church Youth Float.

Mary Allen Registration For New Students

New students, PreK-4th grade, entering Mary Allen Elementary for the first time need to register August 12 thru August 19 if you have not already done so. Mary Allen will be open from 8:30-3:00 beginning Monday, August 12. To enroll a student at Mary Allen Elementary, the student will need a valid birth certificate, current shot record, and social security number. Classes for the 2002-2003 school year will begin Monday, August 19 at 8:15. If you have any questions please call Mary Allen Elementary, 366-3340. We are looking forward to a good school year.

Circle Of Friends To Host Golf Tournament

The Sherman County Circle of Friends Seventh Annual Benefit Golf Tournament will be at Stratford Country Club August 24-25, 2002.

Couples Scotch Scramble Tee-Time 9 a.m.

Dinner and Fund Raiser Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Pat Johnson 396-2243 or Kris Lasley 753-4421 or Nelda Stacy 396-2238.

Entry Fee is \$120 per team.

All life is experiment. The more experiments you make, the better.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Main Street Project Update

The Main Street Committee met with Main Street Property/Business owners Aug. 6 to discuss the challenges of upgrading Main Street. A productive discussion among the participants has set the project in gear to get real figures on the City cost. The Committee will be visiting other towns in our area who have been through the process or are in the midst of a project, to try to learn from their experience and to get ideas on funding.

The Enhancement program is a Federal Program. Don Riffe has made an extended crop inspection tour in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and he noticed many towns are Enhancing their Main Streets.

Need Playhouse Raffle Tickets???

Do you still need tickets for the playhouse that Lollipop is going to raffle? Maybe you want more tickets? Just look for the Playhouse at the rodeo on Friday and Saturday night to get your tickets. We will also have the playhouse at the park on Saturday. The more you buy the better your chances of winning and the more support you give to our local Day Care Center. The drawing will be held on September 6, 2002 at half time of the Elks Football game. If you miss us this weekend stop by XIT or Lollipop anytime to purchase your tickets. Come enjoy the activities for Stratford Days and don't forget to look for the playhouse. We thank you for your support. We hope see you this weekend.

Lollies Lines

By Lorelyn Powers

Howdy - Another full week and week-end is past.

The rain received on Friday, August 9, 2002 was wonderful but Stratfordites are thankful their was no frozen rain, unfortunately some parts of our county were hit hard by hail and high winds and our neighbor to the south Dumas had high winds destroying trees and water flooding streets and other places.

With the rain coming Friday before the parade and events of Stratford Jamboree, it was a cool and wonderful place to bring the entire family viewing the parade where patrons at the bank and its parking lot along the side walks in lawn chairs on the curbs and on porches on Main Street. This year the parade was very colorful and patriotic.

We did miss our Big Blue Band, but we had to remind ourselves school & band practice had not started.

After the parade, Pendleton Park was full of people and cars were parked for blocks on all streets surrounding the park.

As we can see the temp. is 80 degrees and a breeze is blowing, we hope our state champions in football are healthy and are ready to play.

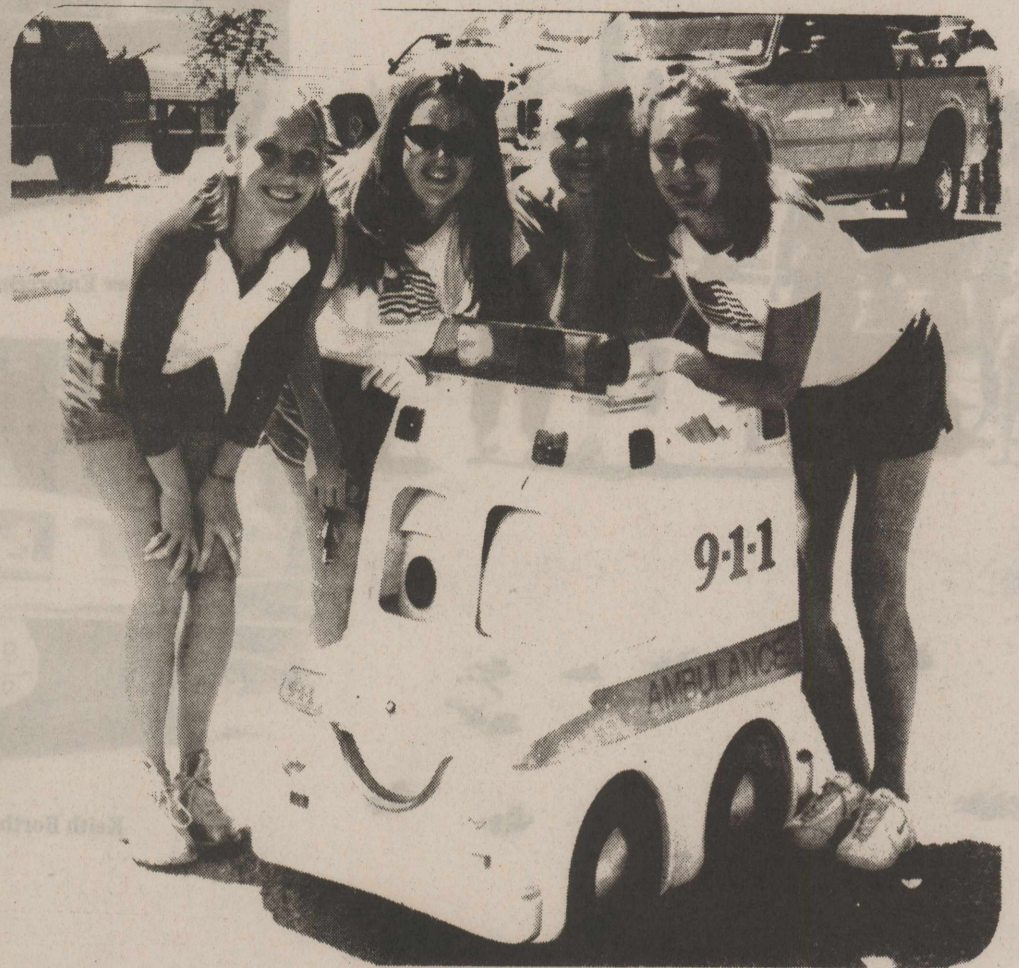
Take care and be patient with one another.



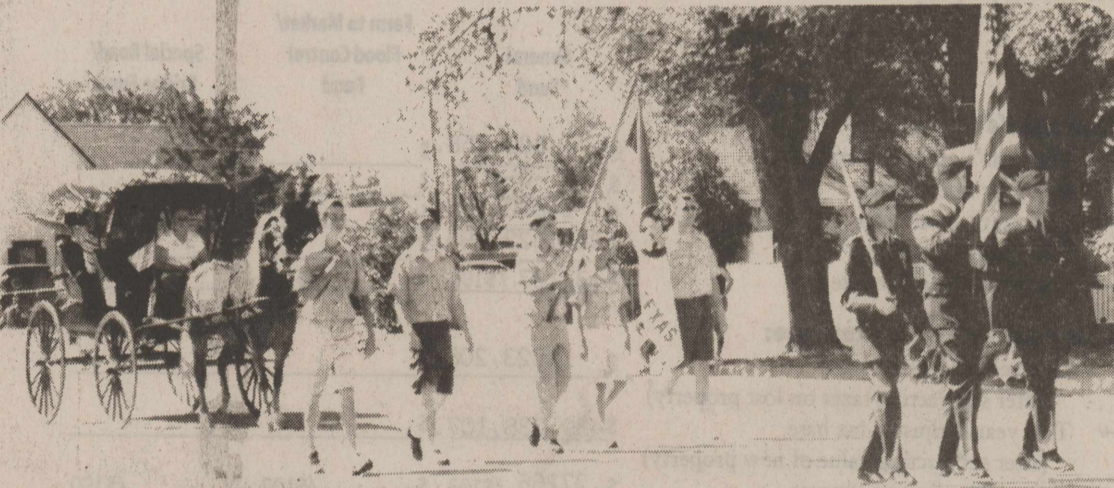
Mary Stowers and daughter Ineta Chesher in parade.



Varsity Cheerleaders in parade.



Teresa Renteria of Panhandle Regional Planning Commission of Amarillo brought "Andy Ambulance" to the parade and park on Saturday, August 10, 2002 and XIT Communications provided ID kits for children at the park also. Shown with "Andy Ambulance" from left, Brittany Hudson, Amber Larance, Kayla Robertson, and Lindsay Stein.



In parade Boy Scout troops and in carriage Parade Marshals Bill and Selma Pendleton driven by Bailey Bryson.



In 1964, golfer Norman Manley achieved consecutive holes-in-one on a course in Saugus, Calif.—and both holes were par-4s.

ROBERT'S SERVICE CENTER

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Stratford Hospital District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.94 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 26, 2002 at 7:30 a.m.: Coldwater Manor.

FOR the proposal: Margaret Reed, Ineta Chesher, Shannon Taliaferro,
AGAINST the proposal: Larry Drake, Ronald Brooks
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$ 31562	\$32232
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Average taxable value	\$ 31562	\$32232
Tax rate	.14723	.15820
Tax	\$ 46.47	\$ 50.99

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$ 4.52 or 9.73 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$.01097 per \$100 of taxable value or 7.45 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):

The _____ County Auditor certifies that _____ County has spent \$ _____ in the previous 12 months beginning _____ for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. _____ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):

The _____ spent \$ _____ from _____ to _____ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is _____.

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

St. Joseph Catholic

Father Darryl Birkenfeld
6th & Pearl

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

Church of Christ

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

Brent Farney

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)
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am Estudio Biblico &
Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm Se Cuidamos
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm
Susninos Durante El Servicio.

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

The Fruits of Humility

In some areas we learn from history. But when it comes to moral issues, we have a big blind spot. We seem to think that people are different today. After all, look at the great advances that have been made in science, medicine, communications, and transportation. But when we look at society, the problems are really the same. Crime, hatred, murder, sex and war! These are the problems of today. They are the problems of a century ago and of two thousand years ago. And the reason the basic problems are the same is that people are the same. And so we had better pay attention to the answers given almost two thousand years ago. Listen to what Jesus said, "From within, out of the heart of men proceed the evil thoughts and fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness" (Mark 7:21 & 22). Yes, the real problem is our heart. All sinful behavior comes out of our hearts. And so the solution is radical heart surgery. Men and women must be changed on the inside. They must be given new hearts. This is the answer to the great problems of society! And so God says: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you" (Ezekiel 36:26 & 27). Here is the answer to human sin: new hearts given by God which desire to follow him; and the gift of God's Holy Spirit giving the power to follow God! How about you? Do you need a change of heart? Do you need new power to follow God? Then you need to talk to God about it!

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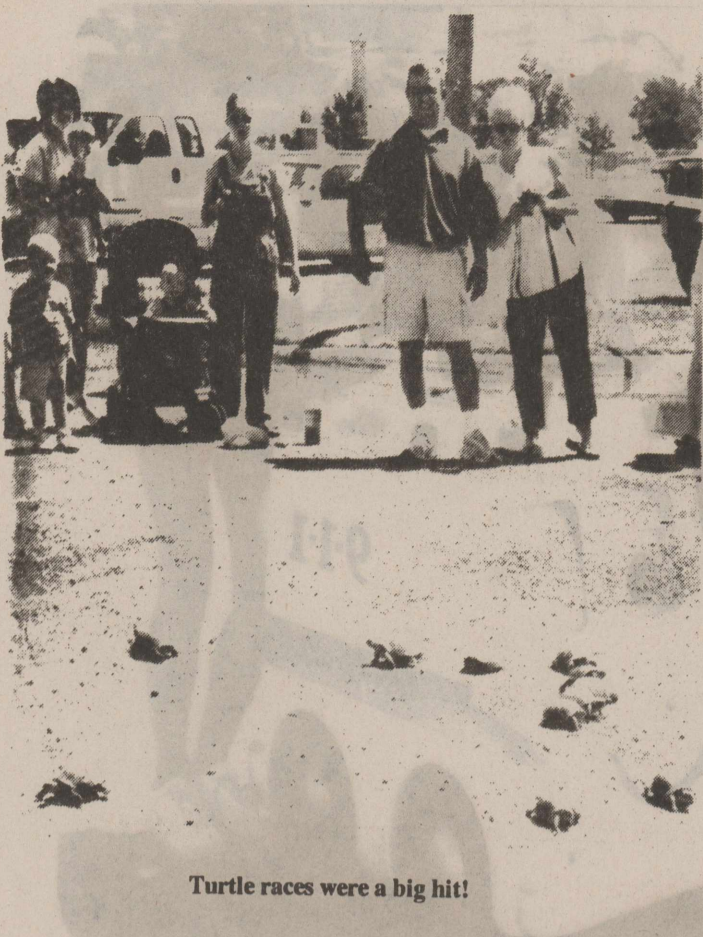
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Templo Hispano Eben-Ezer

Pastor Roberto Frescas
205 N. Poplar - Hwy 287
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.
Serbicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.
Meir Co Les Serv De Ador 5 p.m.

Kerrick Community Church

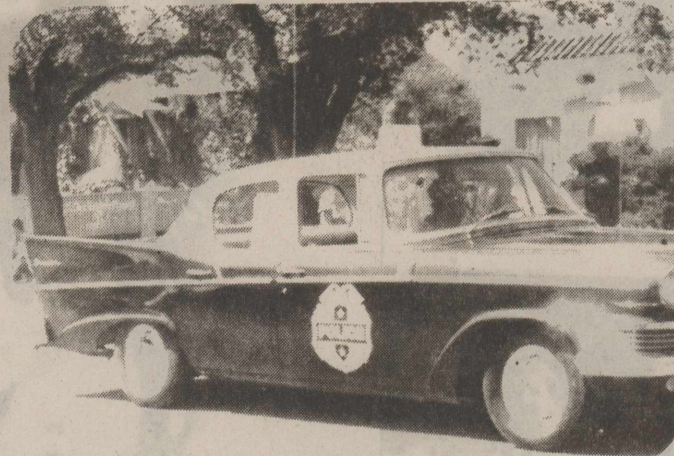
Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday



Turtle races were a big hit!



Law Enforcement in parade.



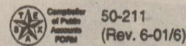
Keith Borth in parade.



Ken Forthman and little ones from left: Mazie Vincent, Bailey Barber, Kade McBryde, and Brady Cross.

I never think of the future. It comes soon enough.

—Albert Einstein



2002 Property Tax Rates in SHERMAN COUNTY

This notice concerns 2002 property tax rates for SHERMAN COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,820,758.	\$	\$
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,820,758.	\$	\$
Last year's tax base	\$ 489,622,096.	\$	\$
Last year's total tax rate	\$.37187 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,823,208.	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 489,238,107.	\$	\$
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.37266 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.37266 /\$100		
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.38383 /\$100		

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 1,851,658.	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 489,238,107.	\$	\$
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.37847 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.40874 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ -0- /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.40874 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.40874 /\$100		

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If SHERMAN COUNTY adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.37266 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2001 taxes by \$.55.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL FUND	\$760,000.
LATERAL ROAD	0.
RECORDS MANAGEMENT	2,800.

Schedule B - 2002 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
(expand as needed)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total required for 2002 debt service			\$ -0-	\$ -0-
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$ -0-	\$ -0-
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$ -0-	\$ -0-
- Excess collections last year			\$ -0-	\$ -0-
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2002			\$ -0-	\$ -0-
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only _____ % of its taxes in 2002			\$ -0-	\$ -0-
= Total Debt Levy			\$ -0-	\$ -0-

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The SHERMAN County Auditor certifies that SHERMAN County has spent \$ 34,830. in the previous 12 months beginning JULY 1, 2001, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. SHERMAN County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at SHERMAN COUNTY TAX OFFICE

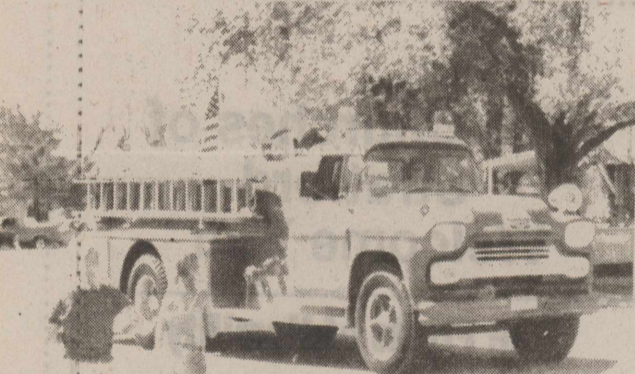
Name of person preparing this notice VALERIE MCALISTER

Title SHERMAN COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

Date prepared 080702



Shown at left: Jr. High Cheerleaders.



At left: Old Fire Truck in parade and below Stratford Ambulances.



At left: One of the many parade entries.



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Little girls Cheerleading Suits & Tights

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Shirts, Jackets, Raincoats, Stadium Seats, Caps (All Available in Royal Blue)

Little boys & girls sweatsuits size 6 months - 10-12.

TOMMY'S EMBROIDERY

210 Hwy 54-Texhoma, OK 73949

580-423-7718



Sherman Co. 4-H Horse Club held their annual series of play days recently. Pictured are winners in each age category. Shown above: Age 14-18, 1 to r, 1st Brandy McCafferty, 3rd Amy Mueller, 2nd Tara Cluck.



Age 8-10 1 to r, 1st place Ty Dooley, 2nd Hayden Guest, 3rd Talon Dooley, 4th Chance Walker, 5th Zachary White.



Age 11-13 1 to r, 1st place Trevor Dooley, 2nd Nathan White, 3rd Jacob Edmond, 4th Bailey Bryson.



Shown at left: Age 7 and under 1 to r, 2nd place Sage Vincent, 3rd place Keldon Jeffries, 1st place Preston Burr.

Card of Thanks

A special thanks to all the people who worked so hard to make the Jamboree a real success. We loved getting to be Parade Marshals, and what a way to travel! Thank you Prospectus Study Club for asking us, B.A. and LeRayne for the surrey with the fringe on top, and Bailey for gently driving the nice little mare in all the noise of a good parade. The city people had the park mowed and trimmed and the really good barbecue under those shade trees was perfect. What a wonderful little town to live in!

Bill and Selma Pendleton

St. Joseph's Church would like to give a special Thank You to Russell Fangman for all your support for the Jamaican Carnival this year.

Thank you for the prayers, phone calls & visits while I was in the hospital and for the food brought to the house since I've been home. It has been very comforting to know I've been on prayer lists all over town.

Donna Wagner & family

OPSU Joins IFA

Oklahoma Panhandle State University would like to announce that it has joined the Independent Football Alliance (IFA). The IFA is an association of the 11 NCAA D-11 institutions which compete in football as independents.

A website has been created and will be maintained by the Tiffin University Sports Information Director, Shane O'Donnell. According to O'Donnell, "the purpose of the website is to try and draw attention to all our institutions during the season by reporting game results, indicating upcoming games, and awarding offensive and defensive player of the week selections." The IFA will also announce an ALL-IFA team, as well as an All-Scholastic team. Visit www.tiffin.edu/ifa for more information.



Yard of the Month

Yard of the Month for August chosen by The Women's Division of the Chamber is Tex & Janice Vaughn's located at 503 S. Fulton.



The lily was a common symbol of fruitfulness in China, Japan, India, Egypt, Greece and Rome.

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Hernandez Attends Firemen's School

College Station-Chris Hernandez, volunteer fireman of Stratford Volunteer Fire Department in Stratford, Texas attended the 73rd Annual Municipal Firemen's Training School July 21-26. The school, attended by nearly 2,000 students, representing about 750 cities from more than 25 states, is being held on the Texas A&M University campus this week.

The firemen chose a course at the school from a list including Fire Fighting, Fire Prevention, Fire Department Officer Development, Fire Service Rescue Practices, Specialized Fire Protection and Public Safety Emergency Service Dispatcher.

Fireman Hernandez was sponsored by Sherman County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies by contributing toward the cost of the school. Since volunteer firemen are interested in attending this school to help do a better job for fire fighting and fire prevention, 125 County Farm Bureaus and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in the statewide program have sponsored 125 firemen at the school.

"Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies believe volunteer fire departments have been very effective in reducing the amount of loss involved by fire in rural areas," said Texas Farm Bureau president, Donald Patman of Waxahachie. "It is our hope in sponsoring this program that the fireman will help the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department to better serve the residents of Sherman County."

