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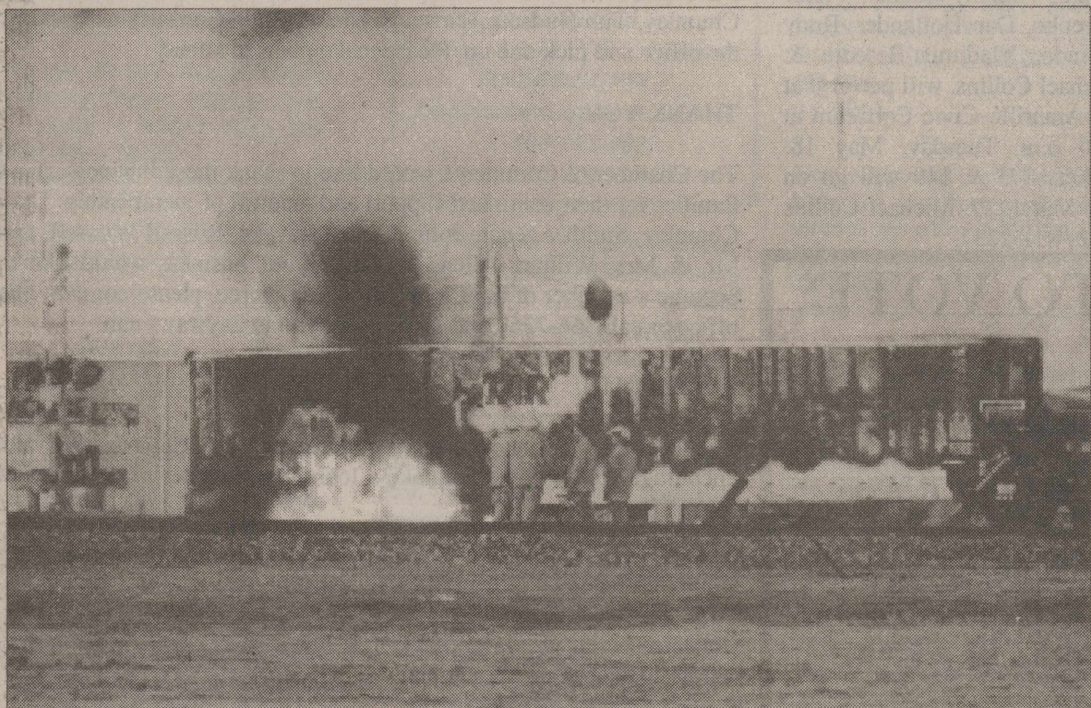
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Stratford Residents Evacuated

ATTENTION STRATFORD TEACHERS!!!! Your signed Stratford Education Foundation grant request must be turned in to the Superintendents office by April 5, 2004.

Law enforcement officials closed roads and evacuated 800 residents in Wednesday, March 17, 2004. At 6 a.m. a tractor-trailer caught fire and released potential toxic fumes. Apparently a malfunctioning wheel beating sparked the blaze, which burned a trailer load of azoxystrobin—a powder fungicide headed for Yuma, AZ, along state Highway 43. The accident happened at Express Lane. The south side of Stratford was completely shut down and residents were not allowed in their homes. They returned at approximately 5 p.m. More details in next week's edition. Photo by Piper Bennett

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

Cowboy Church will meet every Wednesday at the County Barn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

Stratford ISD Applies for Federal Funding

In accordance with the following authority references, Stratford Independent School District is required to advise you that we made application to receive public funds for program services under provisions of Title I Part A, Title I Part C, Title II Part A, Title II Part B, Title IV, and Title V. Stratford Independent School district hereby solicits your consultation regarding the development and design of the projects and the equitable participation of children enrolled in Stratford schools. Expenditure for participating private school children shall be equal (consistent with the number of children served) to expenditure for children enrolled in Stratford ISD, taking into account the needs of the individual children and other factors relate to such expenditures private schools can only receive services or other benefits that are equitable to those provided to eligible public school children. Private schools may not receive funds. In addition, a private school must meet federal guidelines in order to participate. Private schools may not receive funds. In addition, a private school must meet federal guidelines in order to participate.

If you have any questions or comments about the application for federal funding, please contact Lynette Kautz at (806) 366-3302 or lynette.kautz@stratfordisd.net

Pantry Meeting

There will be a Pantry Meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2004 at the XIT Building.

City of Stratford To Hold Election

City of Stratford will hold an election Saturday, May 15, 2004 to fill three (3) two-year terms and one (1) one-year term. Those terms expiring are Mayor David Brown, councilmember Bryan Mungia and current vacated Council seat, and one-year term expiring councilmember Wanda Riffe. Anyone wishing to file for a place on the ballot may sign up at City Hall, 518 N. Third, Stratford, between the hours 8:00-12:00 p.m. & 1:00-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Last day to file for a place on the ballot is March 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. Early voting begins April 28, 2004 between the hours as listed above. For further information contact city hall at (806) 366-5581.

SCDC To Host Annual Membership Meeting April 7

The Sherman County Development Committee will host its Annual Membership Meeting with a Hamburger Lunch at 12:00, Wednesday, April 7, 2004 at the Sherman County Exhibit Building #1. The guest Speaker will be Jarrett Atkinson of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Atkinson will speak about The Regional Water Plan. The SCDC Board cordially invites all members to attend.

If the individual is narrowly concentrated on the goal, to the exclusion of other relevant aspects of the problem situation, he is often unable to achieve a solution. The creative thinker must stand sufficiently detached from his work.

—Mary Henle

Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.

—Buddha

SISD Trustee Election May 15

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a trustee election May 15, 2004 to fill two positions.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin Wednesday April 28, 2004 and will end Tuesday, May 11, 2004. Early voting will be conducted in the Business office Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Friday, May 7, 2004 is the deadline for early voting clerk to receive application for a ballot by mail.

Positions held by Ted Allen and Steve Johnson will expire this term. Holdover members are Joe Reinart, Ricky Reed, Gared McBryde, Patti Vincent and Brent Spurlock.

Candidates are Joe Taylor, Steve Hays, Greg Wright, and DeWain Traylor.

Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

The SCOT garage sale was success! There was an abundance of sale items and we thank all who contributed. We also thank those who came and shopped.

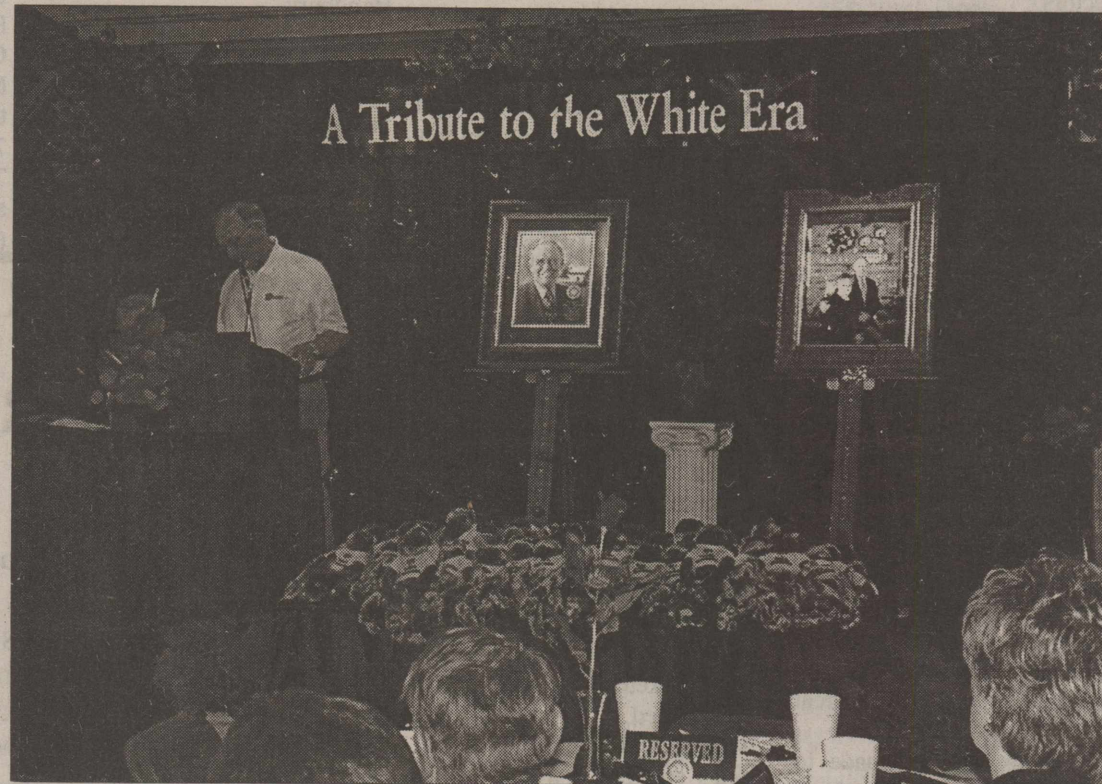
Several members worked many hours at arranging and marking merchandise and they deserve a big "THANK YOU." We appreciate all who helped in anyway.

We thank Jack for all that he did, and especially for the clean up. That was a big job.

Now, coming up on Thursday, March 25 is our luncheon—and due to public demand, the Dumas Happy Hatters will perform for us. They were scheduled before, and because of lack of space, they had to cancel. Here is our chance to see them.

On Friday, March 26, we will have a chance to go to Texhoma Senior Citizens for Lunch. The bus will leave at 11:15, and there may be some that take cars.

Tuesday, April 6, Ann Johnson will present a program for us on early gardening tips. This will begin at 2 p.m. and should be very interesting.



53rd Annual Membership Meeting

XIT's General Manager, Jimmy R. White, delivers his annual report to the members of the XIT Rural Telephone at the Cooperative's 53rd Annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2004. The theme of this year's meeting was "A tribute to the White Era." White will retire at the end of this year with 29-plus years of loyal and dedicated service. The portraits on the stage were presented to White and his wife, Betty, in a special-tribute ceremony made by his employees, directors and industry peers. Photo by Lorren Hallmark

Relay For Life Rally To Be Held

The Sherman County Relay for Life Committee invites YOU to participate in the Sherman County Relay for Life RALLY. This is an informational meeting about the Relay for Life. The RALLY will take place Thursday, March 25 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the County Barn. There will be snacks and door prizes. Community leaders, organizations, sponsors, and everyone interested in fighting cancer is invited to come!! Find out how you can help take up the fight against cancer!

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, Call

Kathie Altman-366-5611
David Cross-396-2396
Ken Forthman-366-2586
Patsy Harland-827-7568
Michal Meyer-827-7453
Jesse Resendes-769-4454
Larry Evans-366-2242

Austin Hotline
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ALL CALLS

XIT's 53rd Annual Membership Meeting... A Tribute to the White Era

By Kathy L. Duggan
XIT Marketing Manager

A Tribute to the White Era, in recognition of XIT's general manager, Jimmy R. White, was the theme of XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative's 53rd Annual Membership Meeting. Approximately 600 XIT Rural Telephone members and invited guests gathered at Rita Blanca Lake Coliseum in Dalhart on Wednesday, March 10th. One hundred and ninety three were voting members. Members and invited guests were served a

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City Passes New Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD, TEXAS PROHIBITING ANY PERSON FROM ENGAGING IN AN ACCELERATION CONTEST OR EXHIBITION IN A MOTOR VEHICLE BY DRIVING OR OTHERWISE, ESTABLISHING A FINE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Stratford, Texas finds that the streets of the city are becoming dangerous due to individuals within the city limits engaging in exhibition of acceleration of motor vehicles that endanger the lives of the citizens of and visitors to the city;

Whereas, the City Council believes such activity should be prohibited within the city limits; Whereas, the City Council further finds that anyone who violates this ordinance of the City of Stratford, Texas shall be guilty of a Class "C" misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$500.00; and Whereas, the City Council finds that this ordinance should take effect immediately upon passage and approval.

NOW THEREFOR, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD, TEXAS.

I. No person shall drive any motor vehicle in any acceleration contest or exhibition of speed or acceleration and no person shall in any manner participate in any such contest or exhibition.

II. Penalty Any person, firm or corporation found to be in violation of any provision

hereof shall be guilty of a Class "C" misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$500.00

III. Conflict Any and all provisions of existing, unrepealed prior ordinances not in conflict herewith are hereby ratified and confirmed and shall continue in full force and effect.

IV. Severability Should any provision hereof be found or held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions hereof not effected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

V. Effective Date This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage. Passed and approved on this the 15th day of March 2004.

City of Stratford, Texas

SIRENS:
TORNADO:
WARNING: WAVERING SOUND 10 MINUTES IN LENGTH. ISSUED WHEN TORNADO HAS BEEN SIGHTED IN AREA OR INDICATED ON RADAR

CHEMICAL EMERGENCY:
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ALL CLEAR: 1 MINUTE OF CONTINUOUS TONE

Sherman & Moore County Grain Sorghum Meeting

Sherman and Moore County Texas Cooperative Extension will be hosting a Grain Sorghum Meeting at the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station in Etter, TX on March 31, 2004 beginning at 12:00 p.m. following the Cotton Production Meeting. Lunch is being sponsored by Hereford's Farmer Gin and Whitdeer Gin. Sorghum management, insect management, and irrigation will be offered. Two CEU's will be presented for pesticide applicators. For more information contact Leslie Neve, Sherman County Agriculture Extension agent, at 806-366-2081.

Obits

Emma Naylor

Emma Naylor, age 94 died Sunday, March 21, 2004 in Stratford, Texas.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2004 at the First Baptist Church of Stratford, Texas with the pastor, Rev. Brent Farney officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Naylor was born October 30, 1909 in Beaver County, Oklahoma. She had been a Sherman County, Texas resident since 1956.

She married J.L. Naylor on January 26, 1941 at Guymon, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death in 1989. She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church and very active in the church including teaching Sunday School.

Survivors include Five Children: Betty Fesler of Stratford, Beth Kesinger of Manhattan, Kansas, Jeanie Bryson of Stratford, Ruth Anuszkiewicz of Amarillo, Johnny Naylor of Tulsa, Oklahoma. One sister: Mary Hewitt of Norman, OK 14 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Building Fund of the First Baptist Church of Stratford, P.O. Box 390, Stratford, Texas 79084 or Alzheimer's Disease, 2200 W. 7th, Amarillo, TX 79106.

4-H Fashion Show March 26th

The Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show will be held Friday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford. The Fashion Show and Awards Ceremony is open to all interested persons in the Stratford and Texhoma communities.

Judging of contestants will begin at 5:00 p.m. Ten 4-H'ers plan to participate in the event. 4-H project members from the Stratford and Texhoma communities have completed project work and gained skills in the areas of clothing construction, clothing care, grooming and modeling, textile art, knowledge of fibers and fabrics, and participated in educational tours.

Community members are invited to the Fashion Show to show their support of youth and view the accomplishments of members. Sponsors of the Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show are the Sherman County 4-H Parent & Leaders Association, Sunray Coop,

Sherman County Texas Extension Education Association, and Texas Cooperative Extension Service. Educational programs sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension Service serve all people of all ages, regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

We grow neither better nor worse as we grow older, but more like ourselves.

—May L. Becker

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

My name is Alisha Sladek, and I am a senior this year at Stratford High School. I am writing this letter to all the parents who have children participating in the Stratford Youth Basketball program. I would like to express my concern regarding the parents who have forgot that the purpose of the program is not winning, and loosing games, but to teach the children the basic fundamental skills of basketball, sportsmanship, and to just have fun. It is during this time that the young budding athletes can experience joy and happiness in the game. Parents are there to encourage and support their children. I am not the only high school youth who has helped by VOLUNTEERING their time to this worth while event, but I think that am the first youth volunteer to voice their concerns.

I have played basketball competitively for the past 10 years in Stratford. So you might even say that I love basketball. I am going to go to college and play basketball as well. I was approached to assist two women with their ball teams, and I said that I would love to VOLUNTEER my help, but it would have to be after school track practice. Later I was approached by another person and asked if I would help VOLUNTEER more time and call some basketball games. I thought to myself, how bad could it be? I had no idea that parents and coaches would yell at the refs if they called it one way, and when they called it the opposite way, they were yelling to I ask you parents of children playing, "What type of example are you setting for your children?". Would you be embarrassed if they acted the way that you are acting at these games that are being played for fun? Have you as parents taught your children to yell at the referees, and coaches? This is what I have witnessed at these youth games. As a ref, I could have had a coach ejected from the game for his continued verbal harassment, but what type of example would this be for the kids. While just like the other people who have VOLUNTEERED their time, I want to have no part of calling the basketball games in Stratford. I constantly hear, "We can't get anyone to volunteer to help." Well now is your chance, you can be the one calling the game and being yelled at by angry coaches and parents. I was doing this out of love for the game, nothing more. If the person calling the game was a future coach of your child, would you pay them as much lip service as what high school youth are being paid?

As a senior Lady Elk, I have played at other schools in the district where the fans were terrible sports, and so was the student body. If you as parents want other towns to come to Stratford and see that you are poor sportsmen, I would suggest you keep this attitude continuing at this level of play. By the time your son or daughter reaches junior high and high school athletics, you will have succeeded in teaching poor sportsmanship.

I welcome response from parents or coaches who have or are VOLUNTEERING their time in coaching Stratford Youth Basketball. You may mail your responses to the box number on file.

Sincerely Yours,
Alisha Sladek.

IT'S PROM TIME
Come by
Hair Creations
And order your
Tuxedo!!

Prom—April 2nd & 3rd

"Sound of Music"

The Guymon Community Theatre is presenting the musical "Sound of Music" Austin Riffe, eighth grade student in Stratford will be featured in the roll of Kurt. Reservations (580)338-3376.

LaRita Theater
Presents Comedy
"Blithe Spirit"

"Blithe Spirit", an improbable farce in three acts, is presented by the Dalhart LaRita Performing Arts Theatre. The hilariously funny, brilliant and clever play is directed by Doyle Handbury.

Performances are Friday, March 26, Saturday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Ticket reservations \$12.00, at Dalhart Chamber of Commerce 244-5646.

REMINDER TO VOTE

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Fire Dept. To Have Garage Sale May 1

Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept. is planning a huge garage sale on May 1, 2004 for the purpose of raising funds to help finish the inside of Stratford's new fire station. We want to make it huge but we need your help. If you have any garage sale items you would like to donate we would love to have them. We will even pick up your items. If you have a donation call either 366-5330 or 366-2291 or contact any fireman.

It shows an excellent command of language to say nothing.

—Karol Newlin

Showcase of Music, Amarillo Civic Center

Showcase of Music presenting West Texas A&M University Music Department will be held at the Amarillo Civic Center on Friday, April 2. This is a special night of music featuring all students and faculty in the University Music Department. Adults \$10.00 and students \$5.00. 805-651-2840.

"Champions on Ice" Amarillo

"Champions on Ice" starring ice skating champions, Michelle Kwan, Dorothy Hamill, Nancy Kerrigan, Irina Grigorian, Elvis Stojko, Timothy Goebel, Victor Petrenko, Dan Hollander, Rudy Galindo, Vladimir Besedin & Michael Collins, will perform at the Amarillo Civic Coliseum at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 18. Tickets \$75 & \$49 will go on sale March 29. Michael Collins (952) 831-2237.

Chamber of Commerce By Patty Tims

"Music, Music, Music"

The theme of this year's Annual Banquet. The Banquet will be April 5, with the Silent Auction starting at 6:30 p.m.; we would like to encourage people to come early so they can assure enough time to bid on their item of choice. Dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by the program at 7:00 p.m. Marjohard Engelbrecht and Belinda Hamilton will be the speakers this year. They will also provide most excellent musical entertainment. Citizen of the year awarded at the conclusion of the entertainment. Single tickets will be \$14.00 and couples will be \$25.00. Our meal will be catered by Bar-H from Dalhart and will consist of: 8 oz Rib-eye steak, cooked to perfection, baked potato, buttery corn, salad, dinner roll, nice and hot, cheese cake with strawberry topping and tea. Yum, makes my mouth water just thinking about it. The Banquet will be located at the County Barn. Tickets can be purchased from any Chamber board member, Dave Browne, Eric Werner, Diantha Downs, Pat Hartman, Rhea Chumley, Tim Hudson, Harriet Reed and Elida Gonzales or come by the office and pick one up. Please make plans to attend.

THANK YOU

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank these businesses and families for their continued support and renewal of membership: Dick Chumley, Smith Agency, John & Nina Lavaca, Russell Wiswell, and Mr. & Mrs. William Allen. If you or your business would like to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce, please come by the office or call 366-2260 and I will assist you in anyway I can.

COME ON IN.

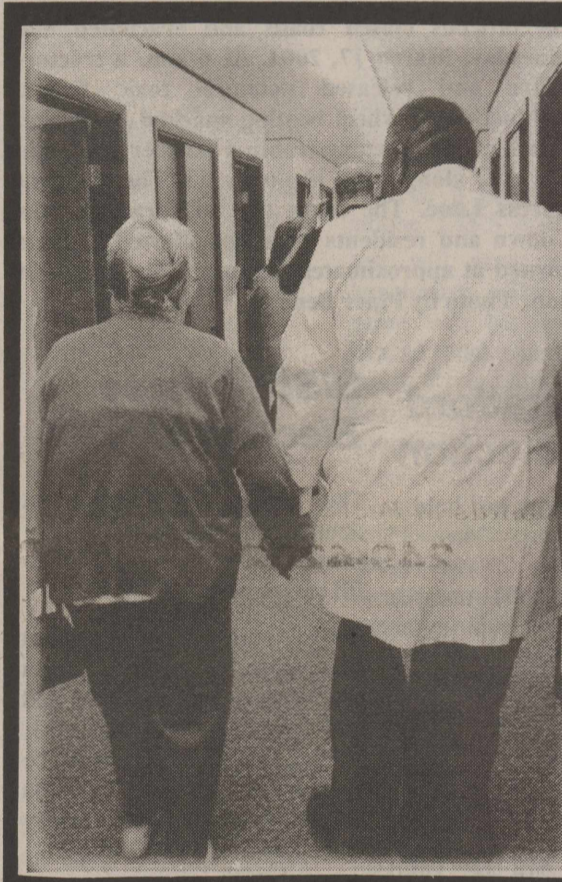
The Chamber continues to receive items for the Silent Auction. We encourage you to come and take a look. Don't forget to buy a ticket for the Banquet.

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the 5 - \$100 cash prizes were T.J. Mellema, Berlin Osborne, Mary Lou McDaniel, Carl French and Florencia Eslinger. After the prizes were distributed, the meeting was adjourned.

Immediately following the conclusion of the annual meeting, the Board of Directors met at the Cooperative's headquarters and held their Organizational Meeting. At this meeting, the following officers were elected: James Spurlock,

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MAR. 30

2004 - Starting Time 10:00 AM CST

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- 1-DMI 3250 16-ROW STRIP TILL RIG
- 1-B & H 9100 8-ROW 30" CROP CULTIVATOR
- 1-KRAUSE 4990 30' DISC
- 1-FLEX COIL 30' PACKER
- 1-SUNFLOWER 42' FALLOW KING
- 1-JD 512 DISC RIPPER w/ 9 SHANKS w/ HITCH
- 1-FLEX COIL 24' CRUMBLER // JD 512
- 1-REDBALL 18-ROW HOODED SPRAYER
- 2-JD MOD 7300, 18-ROW 20" VOLUME 3-BUSHEL, LIFT ASSIST, MARKERS, FERT, ROW CLEANERS
- 1-18-ROW 20" CHISEL WITH COULTERS
- 1-JD 400, 30' 3pt ROTARY HOE
- 1-2615 BUSH HOG FOLDING SHREDDER 15' LEGEND
- 1-FLEX KING KM 28 BLADE PLOW w/ PICKERS
- 1-BINGHAM 12-ROW PARATILL CULTIVATOR
- 2-JD 8300, 20 x 8" GRAIN DRILLS w/ HITCH
- 1-DMI 48' TIGER MATE II FIELD CULTIVATOR
- 1-FLEX COIL 45'
- 1-KRAUSE 45' DISC
- 1-FLEX COIL 36'
- 1-WILRICH 42' FIELD CULTIVATOR
- 1-10-ROW 30' RODWEEDER
- 1-JD 830 DISC 27 9"
- 1-KENT 42' FIELD CULTIVATOR
- 1-JD 885, 8-ROW 30" CULTIVATOR
- 1-DMI 530
- 1-FLEX KING KM-25, 5 x5 BLADE PLOW w/ NH3
- 1-GREAT PLAINS 27' SOLID STAND DRILL w/ 8" SPC 3pt
- 1-JD 11' SHANK V RIPPER
- 1-B-SHANK RIPPER / DIKER
- 1-RHOM 36' DISC
- 1-RICHARDSON 5 x5 BLADE PLOW
- 1-SUNFLOWER 1544, 45' DISC
- 1-DMI 9300
- 1-ESTINE 12-ROW CULTIVATOR
- 1-LILLISTON 12-ROW ROLLING CULTIVATOR
- 1-LILLISTON 10-ROW ROLLING CULTIVATOR

- 1-JD 900, 13-SHANK V-RIPPER
- 1-SET NOBLE MULCHERS 25"
- 1-HANCOCK LAND PLANE
- 1-ROBERTSON 24' CHISEL PLOW
- 1-KRAUSE 4600, 12-ROW 30" FOLDING CULTIVATOR
- 1-JD V DITCHER
- 1-21'-LISTER w/ MARKERS
- 1-21'-3-BAR TOOL BAR
- 1-30' 12-ROW 30" LISTER w/ MARKERS & NH3
- 1-18' SHOP MADE LAND FLOAT
- 1-EVERSMAN V DITCHER
- 1-EVERSMAN 10' CUT LAND PLANE
- 1-IHC 7100 HOE DRILL 10" SPC
- 2-DEMPSTER DRILLS w/HITCH
- 1-FLEX KING 35' 7x5 SWEEP PLOW w/PICKERS
- 1-30' 3pt RODWEEDER w/SWEEP & SHANK

- 2-BUFFALO SCOUT GUIDANCE RIGS
- 1-SET OF LOADER BRACKETS FOR A 725 JD LOADER

IRRIGATION

- 1-MM 800 HD TURBO ENGINE - GOOD
- 3-605 IHC ENGINES w/ FRESH VALVE JOBS
- 2-454 CHEVY ENGINES-GOOD
- 1-460 FORD ENGINE-GOOD
- 6-605 IHC IRR ENG-NEEDS WORK
- 49- 11 x 22.5 SPRINKLER TIRES & WHEELS
- 1-110 GAL AGRI- INJECT PUMP & TACK
- 1-70 GAL AGRI-INJECT PUMP & TACK
- 2-CHEVY 454 DON HARDY IRRIGATION MOTORS-RUNNING
- 3-605 IHC IRRIGATION MOTORS-RUNNING
- 2-3306 NG CATS 220 HP IRRIGATION ENGINES
- 1-333 NG CAT 220 HP IRRIGATION ENGINE
- 1-413 CHRY NG IRRIGATION ENGINE
- 1-440 CHRY NG IRRIGATION ENGINE
- 100 JTS. 20"x8" ALUM PIPE GATED ON 40" ROWS
- 1-LOT HYDRANTS, T's, L's, 45's & ETC.
- 1-11x22.5 SPRINKLER TIRES & WHEELS
- 1-110 GAL AGRI INJECT PUMP
- 1-70 GAL. AGRI INJECT PUMP

FERTILIZER TRAILER & TANKS

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- 1-1000 GAL BLUE JET FERTILIZER TRAILER RIG
- 1-1500 GAL WATER TANK
- 1-5' x 8' UTILITY TRAILER
- 4-300 GAL JD SADDLE TANKS w/ FRAME
- 5-150 GAL JD SADDLE TANKS w/ FRAME
- 1-1000 GAL DIESEL TANK ON SKIDS

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Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

Heath, Kenna and Dempsey Collums visited in Alabama and Mississippi last week.

Kylee & Kaïden Gillenwaters, Amarillo, spent a few days with their grandparents, Bill & Donna.

Four kiddoes under five were with the Hamptons recently. They were Caleb & Hannah Craig of Plainview and Creede & Keegan Calloway of Clarendon.

Visiting over a long weekend was Patti McDaniel. Thelma & Duane Smith of Dumas joined Patti, Mike and Marylou for the Study Club dinner Sunday.

Mike & Marylou attended the Rita Blanca Electric meeting March 17. Marylou won a jigsaw as a door prize.

Jo June McDaniel was in Clayton Saturday for a family reunion at Penny & Linda Whitson's. Coming from Phoenix were Linda Kaye Swagerty and children Jennifer, Lena & Gee, Quinton, Danielle and Penny Jo Stanford came from Pecos.

Remember Easter dinner at the Community Center.

Joe Bill Boren spent Friday-Sunday with his parents, Bill & at. He was on the way to Plainview for a seminar. He is the Dean of Wayland Baptist at Albuquerque, the rest of the family were visiting with Kerry Arlsie at Ropesville.

The Stratford Grain Bowling team won second at the Allhart tournament. One of the team members, Dorinda Ashnow won Singles, Doubles and All-Events! She earned three 500 patches and one 550 patch. Pat Boren is a member of the team.

Local Dentist Receives Standard Proficiency Laser Certification

In many cases, a beautiful esthetically pleasing smile can be achieved in a short period of time without surgical intervention. How is this possible? This can be done with the use of a soft tissue laser, which the dentist uses to "sculpt the tissue" in conjunction with reshaping the teeth to be fitted with porcelain laminates which are metal free and look and feel like the real thing. Desired by many...a perfect, natural looking smile, instantly!

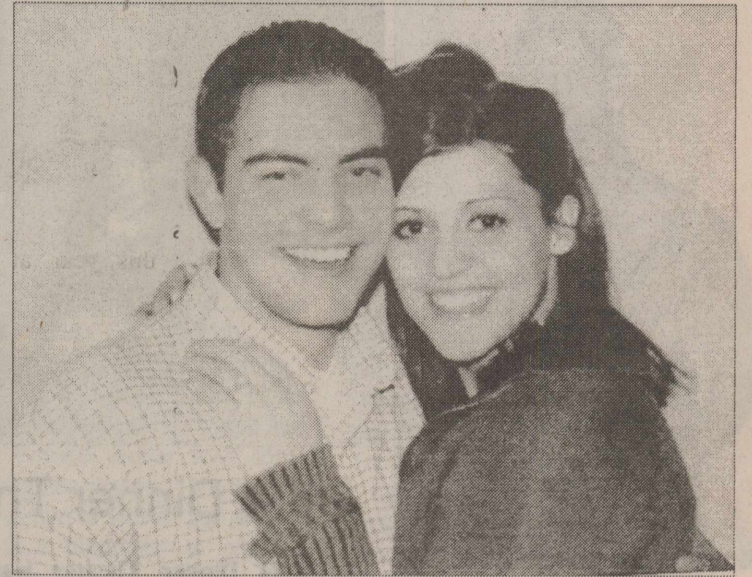
A local dentist, Dr. David Bonner recently completed the Standard Proficiency Laser Certification Course under the guidelines of the Academy of Laser Dentistry at the prestigious Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies in Nevada. Dr. Bonner completed the laser certification requirements with Dr. John Graeber, Certified Dental Laser Educator and Janet Press, RDH. Requirements include: An understanding of laser science and fundamentals; tissue interaction; hands-on clinical simulation with proficiency tutorial; and passing written examination.

Undergoing the certification, process in-order, to provide patients with only the best care possible emphasizes Dr. Bonner's commitment to excellence. This course has allowed Dr. Bonner to achieve the clinical ability that few dentists in the country have undertaken. For more information, call Dr. Bonner at (806) 935-6811.



Baby Shower Held

A shower honoring Casey Melton & son Tyler was held Sunday, March 21, 2004 in the home of Carolyn Tarver. Shown above left to right Jennifer Melton (holding Kaytone Melton) Judy Horn, Patty Melton, Casey Melton (holding Tyler), Becky Adams, Kathy Phelan (holding Haley Phelan, in front Taylor Melton.



Engagement Announcement

Glen and Jeri Taylor of Cottonwood, Arizona are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Natalie to Andrew Witcher, son of Jeff and Anna Witcher of Stratford, Texas. They plan to wed on May 7th in Mesa, Arizona.

Imagination Station News

April 20th and April 22nd, 2004 the IMAGINATION STATION in Stratford, Texas, will be celebrating the Week of the Young Child. The theme "Lewis and Clark for Kids" has been chosen and the days will be filled with various stories and activities to stimulate children's creativity and imagination.

These activities are now in the planning and will provide an excellent opportunity for your children, ages 4 to 6, to learn and have fun. Two morning sessions and one afternoon

session will be offered on each day; from 9:00 to 10:15, 10:30 to 11:45 and from 1:30 to 2:45. All sessions will be held at the Imagination Station, 202 North Main, Stratford, Texas. Space will be limited, so register your child early.

You may register by calling Laurie Spurlock 366-2772 or Yvonne Pittman 366-5831. There will be a registration fee of \$1.00 per session, per child. Please dress your child in play clothes, since some of the sessions could be messy.

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President; Glenn Olson, Vice President, and Gary Finch,

Secretary-Treasurer. In addition, a reception honoring Jimmy White and his special guests were held at the Cooperative's headquarters after the meeting.

Evangelist Eddie Duke to Be at Cowboy Church

Evangelist and music minister Eddie Duke will be at the regular meeting of Cowboy Church on Wednesday, March 31. Eddie is from Palestine, Texas and ministers in rural churches across Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Cowboy Church meets at the Sherman County Barn, each Wednesday evening at 7:30. It's not just for Cowboys.

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No Sunday Evening Worship
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Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
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Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.
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702 N. 3rd
Early Service 9:00 a.m.
Growth groups/Sun. School 10:00 a.m.
Late Service 11:00 a.m.
Growth Groups Nightly 7:00 p.m.
Wed.- Youth Group Teen Kids 7:00 p.m./Adult Choir 7:00

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

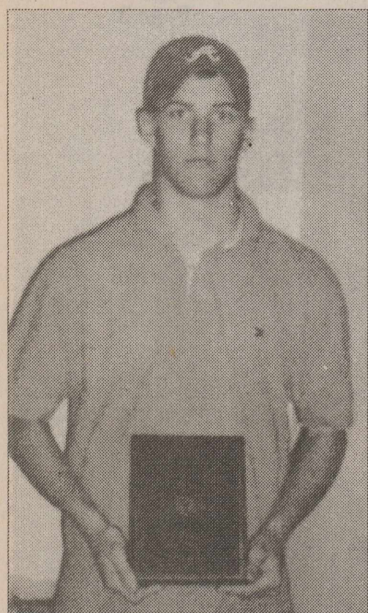
Traditionally, this is a very religious time of year. More people will go to church on the next two Sundays than at any other time. Perhaps it is because we take time to remember significant events in the life of Christ. When Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time, riding on a colt, He was worshipped as a king. People covered the road with their coats and with palm branches. Jesus then chased the moneychangers and those selling cattle out of the temple. He said, "My house shall be a house of prayer," (Luke 19:46). Later that same week, when they had all come in off the dusty road, Jesus washed the disciples' feet just as a hired servant. Then Jesus talked about His impending death. To help explain His death in payment for sin, Jesus instituted what we call the Lord's Supper. The bread, Jesus said, "Is My body." The cup, Jesus explained, "Is My blood of the covenant, which is to be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28). Then Jesus and the disciples went out to the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus prayed and "His sweat became like drops of blood" (Luke 22:44). Here Judas betrayed Jesus and the temple guards took him to the home of the High Priest. All-night and early into the morning, the Jews worked to concoct a case against Jesus. On that Friday they demanded that Pilate, the Roman Governor, put Jesus to death. So Jesus was nailed to a cross. While He hung there He said, "Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:35). Why did Jesus suffer and die? So that you would turn back to God and be forgiven. That's why He came.

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Tyler Haynes individually placing first in Golf is shown above with his plaque.

Golf News

The Stratford golf teams have competed twice this year. The first at Dalhart. Julian Taliaferro place first in the individuals with a score of ninety-one. Tyler Haynes placed fourth in the individuals with a score of seventy-four.

COUNCIL MINUTES FEBRUARY 12, 2004

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Thursday February 12, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: George Harding, Wanda Riffe, and Nancy Kimball.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Secretary; Roger Mayfield, Stratford Police Dept.; and Dwayne Dennis, Stratford Police Dept.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

George Harding motioned to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2004 Regular meeting with changes, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

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Ann Wells was not present on behalf of Museum; therefore, George Harding spoke on their behalf. The museum is requesting that the trash service be discontinued from their monthly utility bill. Discussion took place. No action taken; this item will be placed on next month's regular agenda so that Ann Wells would be present.

MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

A written report from the court was available to the council members.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Officer Dennis handed out a proposal concerning flextime for the police department, there was no time and a half considered in the proposal. Also discussion concerning a 45-hour workweek for the officers and/or on-call pay for each officer. After further discussion on each subject mentioned, George Harding motioned to approve the 45 hour work week for the officers beginning February 15, 2004, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Sean Hardman stated he would again approach Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) concerning organization of City ordinances.

Sean mention that the Sherman County Leadership class will be at City Hall on Wednesday February 18, 2004 and Sean is asking that the Mayor help out.

The Van in the recycling department is in need of additional repairs. Sean has found a used van in Dumas for \$1500. Sean and Jesse Mariscal, Recycle Department, traveled to Dumas to look at the van. More discussion took place on possibilities for the department. Consensus of the council was to not purchase this van at this time and to continue searching for other options.



2004 Dinner Theater

The 2004 Dinner Theater was entertaining and the meal delicious on Thursday, March 18, 2004. Shown above are some of the cast members- Evan Haile, Rhia Everett, Jamie Wilhelm, Maira Argomaniz, Heather Robertson and Allison Baskin. The Stratford One act play will be competing in Stinnett on Thursday, March 25, 2004. Good Luck!

The girl's team this year includes Julianna Taliaferro, Erin Ashley, Deidre Tarver and Merilee McDaniel. The Boys A Team includes Tyler Haynes, Josh King, Jason Ashley,

Walter Spurlock and Robert Seawright. The A team together placed 4th at Dalhart with a score of three hundred twenty-three. The Boys B team includes Cory Rendon, Scott Hudson, Harrison Walden, Eric

Riffe, Jordan Taylor, Landen Luna, Brady Bell, Josh Lanning and Conner Vincent. The

second tournament, at Canadian, the Boys A Team with the addition of Scott Hudson placed fourth with a score of three hundred and forty-three. Tyler Haynes individually placed first, shooting par, with a score of seventy-two. Good job Elks and Lady Elks!

change that will affect the City is the fee for prisoners will go from \$35.00/day to \$50.00/day.

A report from GAE engineering was discussed regarding the East Wastewater Treatment Plant (EWWTP). The City will not have to place a new liner in the pond, the existing dirt would work if packed and spread properly. More discussion took place. Sean is looking into low interest USDA loans for this project. More details will come later.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Public hearing began at 7:40 p.m. concerning a zoning change for Block 76 Lots 1-5 OT Stratford, Texas. This area is currently zoned as Multiple Family dwelling, the zoning change will re-zone this as Heavy Retail. There was no one present to protest the zoning changes; therefore, Nancy Kimball motioned to grant the zoning change, Wanda Riffe seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding the vacated council seat. Bryan Mungia motioned to leave the seat vacant until the next Regular General Election, which is May 15, 2004, George Harding seconded, all in favor, and motion carried.

Discussion of building permit for Jay Peebles for Block 76 Lots 1-10 took place. No action taken.

Sales Tax Board members were discussed. Dewain Traylor and George Harding have both submitted resignations from the board. Nancy Kimball suggested BA Donelson and Sean Hardman as replacements for those who resigned. Nancy Kimball motioned to accept the resignations and appointment replacements as suggested, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nancy Kimball motioned to order the May 15, 2004 election, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Consensus of the council was to have amendment to Cemetery Ordinance waiving the open/close fee for current and/or retired employees. Amendment will be available for vote at the next Regular council meeting.

Bryan Mungia motioned to approve the second (2nd) reading of Ordinance prohibiting engaging in an acceleration contest or exhibition in a motor vehicle, George Harding seconded all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding the disbursement of funds for Sherman County Development Committee. There are currently no funds available in the budget for Sherman County Development, further discussion took place. Sean will write a letter to the Development Committee concerning the budget process.

Discussion took place concerning a possible workshop to review the proposed City

Personnel policy. This item will be placed on the next regular agenda.

George Harding motioned to approve the Mungia Heating & Air bill, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried, with Bryan Mungia abstaining.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve all other bills, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

George Harding motioned to approve the financial statements, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

Nancy Kimball asked Sean Hardman to have a report regarding the audit.

The City needs to have the Technology Fund ordinance available for passing at the next Regular Meeting.

A welcome reception for Sean Hardman and family was discussed and will be planned for the public to attend.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Secretary-Treasurer, Gary Finch, was asked to read the notice of the meeting and the minutes of last year's meeting. There was a motion and a second from the floor to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

President Spurlock introduced Nick Olson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, who presented the report on the nominations for directors for the ensuing three-year term. Those nominated were District I, Dallam County - J.W. McClellan, Jr.; District II, Hartley County - Kenneth Stanley, and District III, Sherman County - James Spurlock. Spurlock then turned the election process over to director Tommy Baskin, who called for nominations from the floor. There being none, he appointed a Canvassing Committee consisting of Cecil McClellan, Wallace Bridwell and Bonnie McKie to tally the ballots. The committee declared the election of J.W. McClellan, Kenneth Stanley, and James Spurlock.

Prior to the regular prize drawing, all the members children and grandchildren (12 years and under) were called to the front and were given stuffed frogs. The frogs' yellow T-shirts read, "XIT is Toady Awesome."

Director E.H. Little then conducted the drawing for the eighty-six door prizes, which were awarded to attending members and their children. Director Little was assisted by XIT employees, fellow director, J.W. McClellan, Jr. and members children Holly Eudy and Katlyn Boyer. The winner of the \$500 cash prize was Olen Branham. The winners of

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Prospectus Study Club had a good turnout for their "Brisket Dinner", shown at right and above. The calm before the storm! The group of GFWC/Prospectus Study Club members were about to serve a brisket dinner to a large Sunday crowd. From left are Patti Vincent, Barbara Chumley, Linda Swain, Ann Johnson, LaVell Haggard. And 15 more members. Sorry that the food ran out!



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County Jail has committed a new jail contract for the City of Stratford. The m...

To The Residents of Sherman County

In the event the National Weather Service issues an advisory for Sherman County, the Stratford Sheriff's Office will sound the appropriate warning.

One long blast is a storm WATCH. If you hear a long blast, turn on the TV or radio, and listen for further information. A WATCH means the conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms, hail and the possibility of tornadoes.

A wavering sound is a WARNING. When a tornado has been sighted, the WARNING siren will sound. When the wavering sound is heard, it means to take cover immediately! Do not, repeat, DO NOT go outside and get in your car—this is the worst place to be. If you live in a trailer house, find another place to take cover. It is advised that you plan ahead of time where you are going to go in the event of bad weather just as you would plan what to do in the event of a fire in your home.

This information is supplied by the coordinated efforts of the Sherman County Emergency Management Office, and the TV Production Class of Stratford School. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their time and talent in preparing this broadcast.

TORNADO WATCH: Issued when the atmosphere is favorable for development of tornadoes. Listen and be prepared to act quickly.

TORNADO WARNING: Issued when a tornado has been sighted in the area or indicated on radar. Take cover! Listen to your radio or television for more weather information.

EMERGENCY ACTIONS

- At work:
1. Stay away from windows
 2. Avoid areas with large, poorly supported roofs
 3. Take shelter in your basement, preferably under heavy furniture
 4. If you have no basement, take cover under heavy furniture on the ground floor in the center part of the house or small room on the ground floor away from outside walls and windows.
 5. If time permits, shut electricity and fuel lines off. Do not remain in a trailer mobile home or vehicle.

AT SCHOOL:

1. Stay away from windows
2. Avoid auditoriums & gymnasiums
3. If school is reinforced construction, stay inside, near inside wall on the lower floor.

IN OPEN COUNTRY:

1. Move at right angles to tornado's path
2. If there is no time to escape, lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine, culvert or under bridge. Do not stay in your car.

TO REPORT A TORNADO CALL THE NEAREST:

1. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICE—Sheriff's Office 396-5551 or Stratford City Police 396-5581
2. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE—Amarillo 335-1684
3. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS OFFICE—396-2021

April is National Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month

Spring is a time of hope and new beginnings, but for the nearly one million children abused and neglected every year in this country, their worlds remain dark and full of fear. Imagine a little four-year-old boy whose mother has left him. He has no home, no comfort, nothing to call his own. This little boy is then thrust into the court system, waiting for strangers to determine his fate. And then imagine someone in the system describing this boy as hopeless.

Fortunately, for this little boy, a CASA volunteer was appointed as his advocate. This volunteer, like all CASA volunteers, holds dearly the belief that there are no hopeless children, only children who have yet to experience hope. In the case of this little boy, the CASA volunteer stuck with him throughout the court proceedings. As a result, this child found a safe home with nurturing parents who will soon adopt him. This is a story of a child's life literally being saved. And this is only one example of how CASA volunteers are giving thousands of abused and neglected children a second chance.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Some might say this is an odd idea, selecting the first full month of spring to represent something as tragic as child abuse and neglect. However, when you think about it, April is a perfect choice. Spring is a time of new beginnings, and creating new beginnings for abused children-changing children's lives is why we are here today.

Too many children in the 68th Judicial District (Dallas, Hartley, Moore, and Sherman Counties) live in fear. Fear of what their father or mother might do to them, the fear of being totally alone and neglected, and the fear they will never have a home they can call their own.

Every day CASA volunteers throughout the 69th Judicial District help children replace their world of fear with one of hope. Our volunteers are everyday people just like you. They are teachers, retirees, stockbrokers, construction workers, and stay-at-home moms. The only special background or equipment you need is the heart to care for some of the most vulnerable children in our community—and the determination to do something about it.

CASA volunteers are everyday heroes as well. They have the power to change the children's lives. Last year, over 30 CASA volunteers here in the 69th Judicial District, helped over 70 children find safe, permanent homes and the opportunity for better lives. However, because of the increasing numbers of abused and neglected children, CASA 69, Inc. is in need of more CASA volunteers.

As we approach this season of new beginnings, think about the children in our court system, the children who are labeled hopeless without being given a chance. Through the work of a single caring individual, this child has a chance for a positive future. You may think to yourself, "What can one person do?". In the case of an abused

and neglected child, you can do more than you'll ever know.

If you've ever wanted to make a difference in a child's life, now is the time. A child is waiting and you have the power to help. Please consider becoming a CASA volunteer and bring hope back into a child's life.

For more information about the CASA program in your area of if you are interested in becoming a CASA volunteer, contact the CASA 69, Inc. office, (806-244-2684. CASA 69, Inc. is a United Way agency.

Burke Bell Memorial Scholarship Applications Available

The First Ag Credit, FCS-Dalhart Credit Office will award the 18th annual Burke Bell Memorial Scholarship to two deserving graduating high school seniors. The scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500.00 each to be paid \$250 for each semester. The applications have been mailed to area counselors in the Association's territory of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman and Moore Counties. Applications are also available by calling the Dalhart Credit Office at (806) 249-2616 and should be returned to the office at 201 West 5th no later than Friday, April 23rd.

The eligibility requirements for the scholarships are as follows:

1. A resident of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman or Moore counties of Texas;
2. A "B" average of (80 or above);
3. A well rounded student with a good attitude

There are no restrictions on the college or university to be attended by the recipient or the field of study to be entered by the recipient.

The award is named in honor of Burke Bell who served as manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Dalhart from 1960-1982.

Past recipients include: Daniel C. McCann, Kristina S. Altman, Della E. Jenkins, Michia D. Lunt, Gregory L. Pool, Tara J. Porter, Brent D. Shoulders, Justin D. Carthel, Clinton D. Vincent, Michelle L. Pearce, Randa L. Clayton, Kiki D. Carthel, Kimberly G. Weatherford, Travis S. Zinck, Ross W. Jones, Kamber N. Sherrod, Elizabeth A. Davis, Julie M. Kimball, Hollye N. Callis, Chelsea A. Hand; Thea

D. James, Adam J. Ford, Samantha M. Crum, Brett D. Gibson, Katie J. Moore and Whitney A. White.

44th Annual Spring Convention to be Held April 3

Top of Texas District, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs will have the 44th annual Spring convention on April 3. It will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Dumas. Registration, visitation and refreshments begin at 8:30 a.m. Lyndi Shadbolt, district president, calls the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Federation Day April 24th celebration will be discussed with ways that clubs can participate in the celebration.

Awards for club reports are to be announced.

There will be installation of 2004-2006 District Officers.

Pre-Registrations by March 27 are to Lyndi Shadbolt, 20 Eagle Pass, Canyon, TX 79015. Registration fee is \$7.00, Luncheon \$8.00, total \$15.00. Registration at the door is \$17.00

Members of GFWC/Prospectus Study Club are urged to attend.

March 25th Set for Banquet

The Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation Districts announces it's Annual Stewardship and Awards Banquet has been set for March 25, 2004. The meal is set for noon at the Sherman County Barn. We will have a catered meal consisting of Bar-B-Cue with all the trimmings.

Awards will be given to the Conservation Farmer and Conservation Homemaker for 2004. We will also award prizes to the students from Stratford schools that placed in our Coloring, Poster, and Essay contests. This year's first place essay winner will also be awarded a \$200 Scholarship.

Richard Bowers of the North Plains Water District will be the guest speaker. Mr. Bowers will be addressing the ever-changing rules and regulations with regards to our most precious resource.

We hope to see you, your family and friends at the Banquet. Remember—there is no charge for this great time. Please call the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 with your reservations. Reservations need to be made by March 22, 2004.

Sherman County 4-H Members compete at Houston Livestock Show

Nine Sherman County 4-H Members competed at the 2004 Houston Livestock Show, March 11-20, 2004. Jordan Johnson place first place with his Maine steer, while his brother, Clayton, placed eighth with his A.O.B. steer. Kristen Crabtree was awarded third place with her Shorthorn Steer, and her brother, Case, exhibited a Limousin Steer. Swine exhibitors included: Hunter Buckles, Carson Buckles, Kaleb Horsford, Kyle Horsford, and Daniel Hays. Congratulations to each of these 4-H Members on a job well done!!

Week of the Young Child to be held

Week of the Young Child April 20 and 22.

"Lewis and Clark, Voyage to Discovery" will be previewed at a pre-exhibit dinner on Friday, April 16. This will be a fundraiser to help pay the last \$400.00+gas bill!! (heat for Girl Scouts and Computer Lab).

The "Voyage to Discovery" evening will feature a St. Louis reception before the voyage and the Voyage dinner with some wild game dishes. The price is the dinner is \$25.00 per person. (It is a fundraiser to pay the utilities).

The Week of the Young Child is for children 4 to 6 years of age. The plan is to have the exhibit open for older children and adults after April 22. Times announced later. George Harding has made some spectacular dioramas for the exhibit and they can be viewed anytime the Computer Lab is open on Tue. Wed. Thu or Sunday.

Work continues on the building. C&D Body Shop has painted the bathroom stall partitions and they are really to be installed. The next big project and expenditure is rewiring the Exhibit Hall.

The Don Harrington Discovery center is cleaning out their basement and has offered their retired exhibits, which we will be going after soon.

Births

Winn and Stephanie Keeney are thrilled to announce the birth of their son Christopher Rider on January 26, 2004, at Harris Methodist in Fort Worth. Rider was named after his Great-Great-Grandmother Ruby (Rider) Garoutte. He weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Ron and Judy Keeney of Granbury, Texas and Bill and Denise Becker of Midwest City, Oklahoma. Great-grandparents are Sis Steinberger of Stratford, Albert Becker of Del City, Oklahoma, and Patricia Pardon of Costa Mesa, California.

Zachary, Alex and Cassidy would like to announce the arrival of their new little baby sister, Halley Faith Farney. Halley was welcomed into this world on Tuesday, March 9th at 6:09 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. And 3 ounces.

Women hope men will change after marriage, but they don't; men hope women won't change, but they do.
—Bettina Arndt

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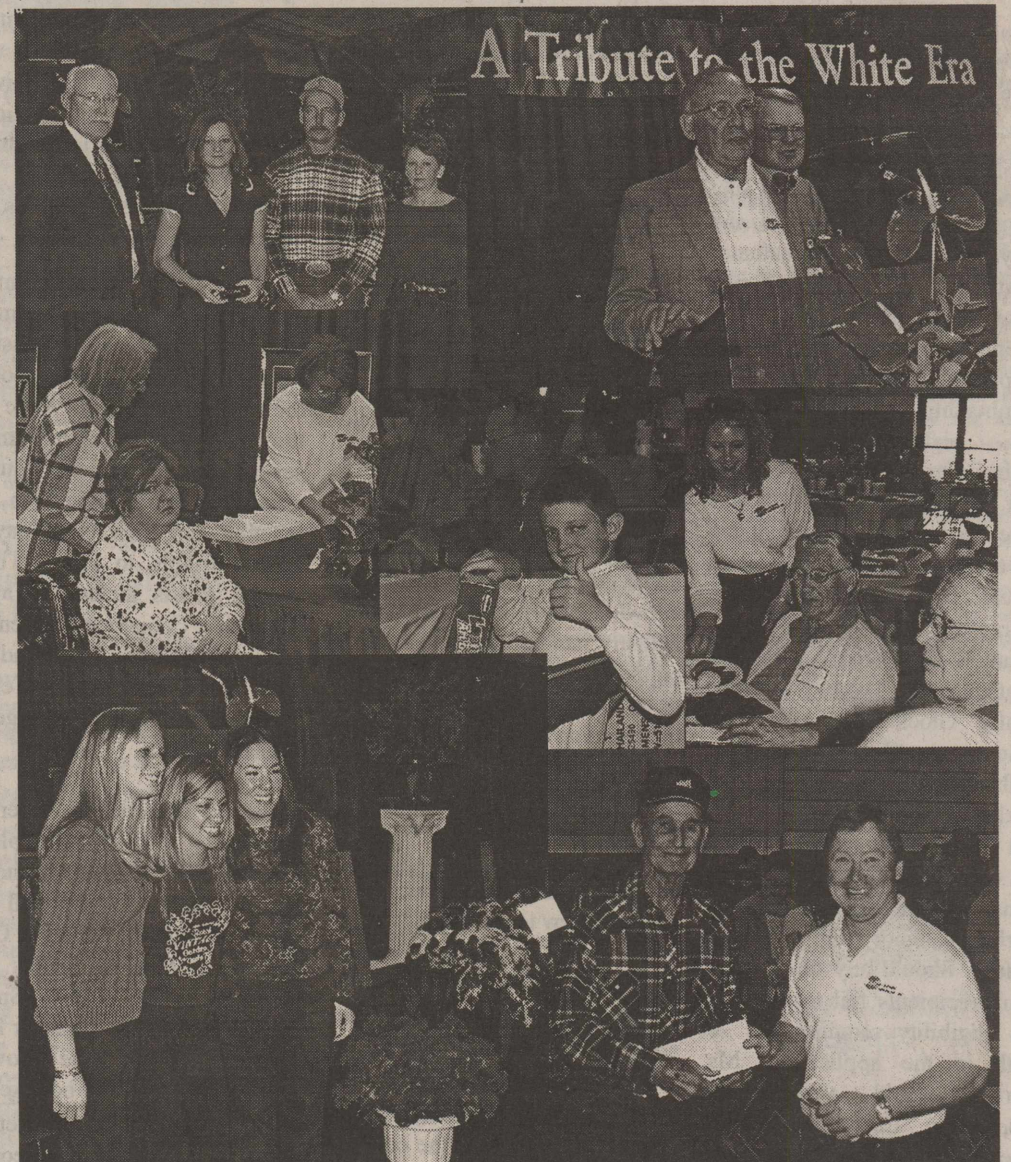
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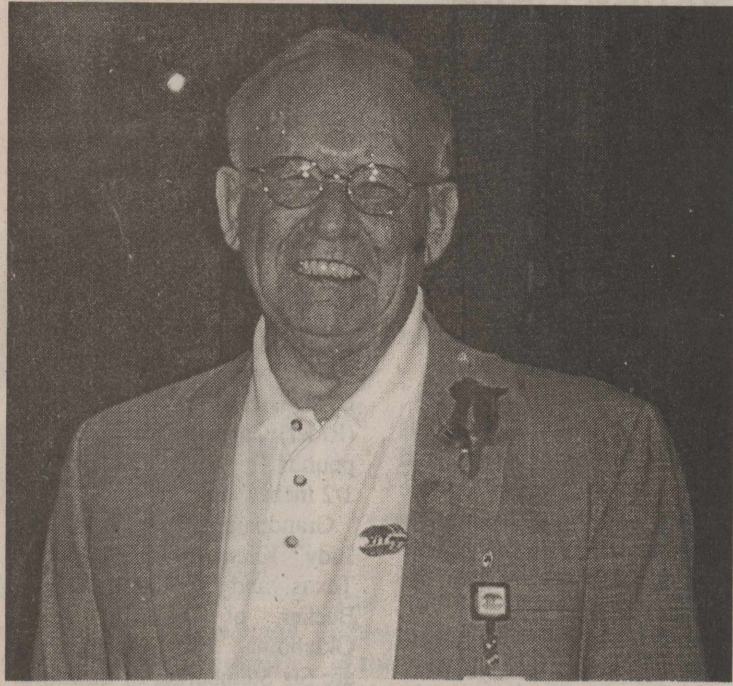
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53rd Annual Membership Meeting



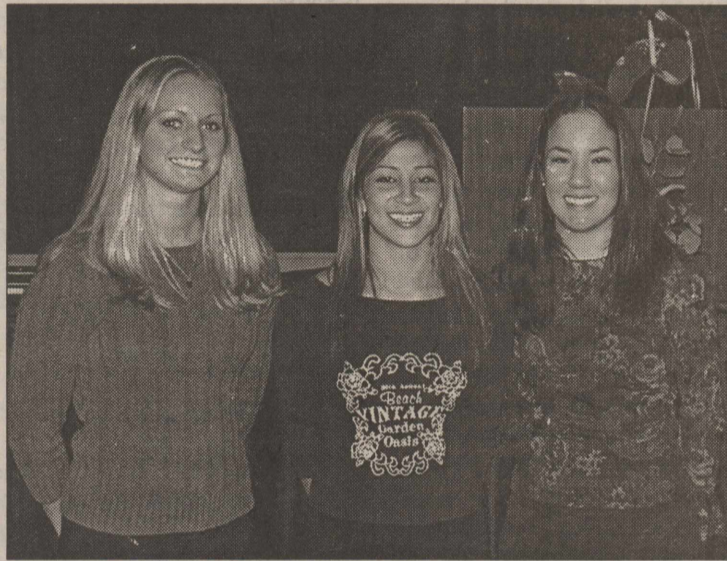
Somewhat emotional—totally surprised—and maybe just a little overwhelmed might describe what XIT's General Manager, Jimmy R. White, was feeling after his employees, directors, and industry peers surprised him with "A Tribute to the White Era" at XIT's recent annual meeting. During White's tenure at XIT, he has brought the company from POTS to PANS—that's Plain Old Telephone Service to Pretty Amazing New Stuff! Photo by Loren Hallmark



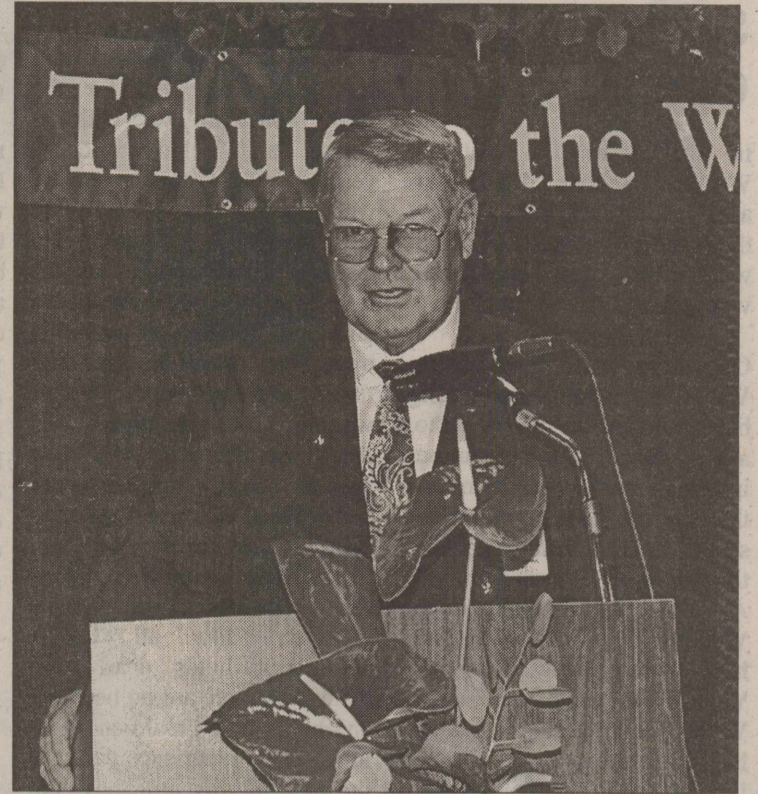
XIT's General Manager, Jimmy R. White, and his wife, Betty, listen intently as XIT employees pay special tribute to them at XIT's 53rd Annual Meeting of the Membership. White became XIT's General Manager on June 30, 1975. Pictured and seated to the left are Jim Wilson, director, and his wife, Jo. Photo by Lorren Hallmark



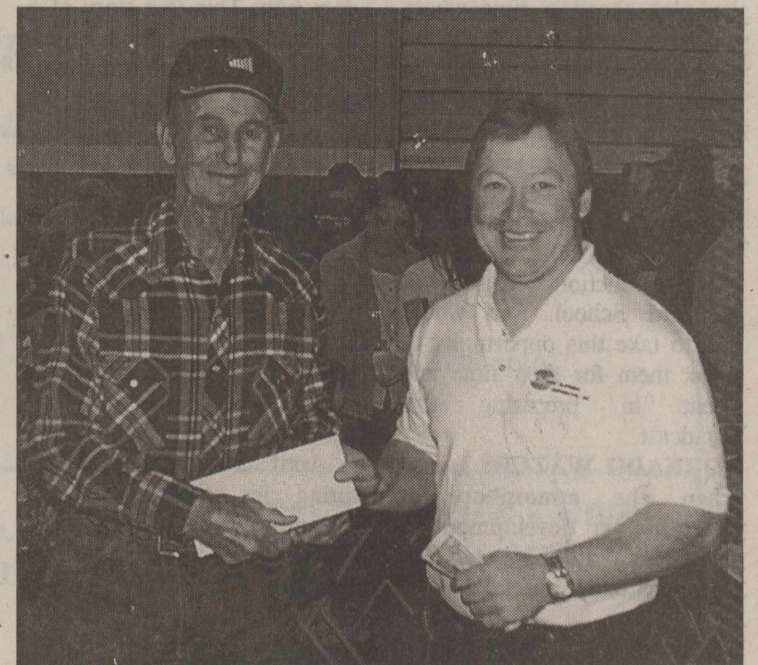
XIT Rural Telephone members' children and grandchildren seem to have found new friends as they pose with their "XIT is Toadly Awesome" stuffed frogs. Photo by Rhonda Browne



Three winners of the 2004 XIT Educational Program get together at XIT's 53rd Annual Membership Meeting. The young ladies: (l-r) Twyla Young, Heather Seiler and Ashlee Glock, are all seniors at Stratford High School. Photo by Lorren Hallmark.



XIT Board President, James Spurlock, welcomes rural members and invited guests to XIT's 53rd Annual Membership Meeting. Mr. Spurlock is from Stratford, Texas. He represents XIT's District III-Sherman County. Photo by Lorren Hallmark



Olen Branham, XIT Rural Telephone member, receives \$500 Grand Prize from XIT employee, Rusty Hammett at XIT's recent annual meeting. Photo by Rhonda Browne

delicious roast beef dinner by XIT's management and employees. The meal was catered by Bar H Steak House of Dalhart. Round tables were draped with white tablecloths. Long-stemmed red roses in crystal vases, red votive candles, black top hats and telephones centered each table. Blue gift boxes, containing a knife set, were placed at each place setting.

The stage was set with black draping and a white banner carrying the theme line. Ficus trees and red geraniums in white pots helped to create an inviting setting for the meeting.

The invocation was delivered by XIT Director, E.H. Little.

Walter E. Lasley, director and chairman of the Marketing Committee; Kathy Duggan, Marketing Manager, and Sonya Clark, Sales & Customer Relations Representative, presented the 2004 XIT Rural Telephone Educational Program recipients and their families to the membership. Duggan explained that eighteen scholarship applications were received this year. She said that all applicants were deserving of a scholarship and that it was a difficult decision to select only five winners and an alternate. Three of this year's winners are from Stratford: Heather Seiler, Twyla Young and Ashlee Glock. The other two winners are Ben Moore from Dalhart and Janac Hauser from Texline. Duggan went on to say that this is the first year that XIT has selected an alternate recipient.

This was awarded to Jennifer Herber, a senior from Felt High School. Should any one of this year's recipients fail to maintain the eligibility requirements set forth in the application, Ms. Herber would assume the scholarship. Each student will receive a \$2000 scholarship to the college of his choice. The funds will be divided over the number of semesters to be attended by the students.

Immediately following the scholarship presentation, XIT's employees, directors and special guests, led by XIT's Marketing Manager, Kathy Duggan, paid special tribute to General Manager, Jimmy R. White, who will be retiring at the end of this year.

Duggan began by stating that when Jimmy R. White came to XIT in June of 1975, he had a

vision. He was filled with dreams and aspirations of what the XIT Cooperative could become. He was never satisfied with what XIT was. Instead, he was more concerned with what XIT could become. She went on to say that today, most, if not all, of Jimmy's dreams have been fulfilled, and that many of XIT's accomplishments have exceeded his wildest expectations.

Duggan told of how Jimmy has always encouraged his employees to give back to the communities XIT serves through donations of their time, talents and energy to the senior citizens—the schools and churches—civic organizations and many other causes. She said, He has made us aware that it is the communities in which we live and work that bring us our successes and it is to these communities that we owe so much. She went on to say that Jimmy's own participation and involvement in company and community events has earned him the deepest respect and greatest admiration from his employees.

Duggan continued by saying Jimmy has always done a remarkable job of not only keeping up with technology, but also staying ahead of it. His involvement and working knowledge of the telephone industry has definitely kept XIT on the cutting edge of technology, or as Jimmy often refers to it... the bleeding edge. She went on to say that it is because of Jimmy's foresight and keen business sense that XIT is now recognized in the communities it serves, as well as among its industry peers, as a leader in new technology.

She, then, called Manager White and Board President, James Spurlock, to the stage.

Duggan then asked that Jimmy and his wife, Betty, come forward. A portrait of the couple was presented to Betty in appreciation of their putting up with Jimmy for the past 29 years as he devoted much of his time to XIT and the Telephone Industry.

As all of XIT's employees made their way to the front of the stage, Duggan conveyed, Jimmy, your persistent efforts and successes in bringing new technology has had a significant impact on the quality of life that we all appreciate and enjoy as employees and residents of this area. We all want you to know just how much we

appreciate what you've done for us! We also want you to know that all your hard work and all your contributions have not gone unnoticed! She concluded by telling Jimmy, Your employees salute you for a job well done! It's through your leadership that we have such a great place to work! You can rest assured that you have trained us well! You have led us by your example, and we will do our best to make you proud! President Spurlock then presented Jimmy with a portrait commemorating his almost twenty-nine years of service. Spurlock said, This portrait is presented in tribute and gratitude for all your years of loyal and dedicated service." After receiving a standing ovation, an emotional and somewhat surprised, Jimmy R. White, expressed his appreciation to his employees and directors.

Just when Jimmy thought there could be no more surprises, XIT's Assistant Manager, Darrell Dennis, stood in the audience and said, We're not through yet! In honor of Jimmy, several of his close industry associates were invited to the meeting and took turns paying special tribute to him. These special guests included: Taylor Telephone Cooperative's General Manager, Thomas Hyde and his wife, Linda, from Merkel, Texas; Tom Phelps, General Manager of ENMR/Plateau Telecom of Clovis, New Mexico; Ron Strecker, General Manager of Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Guymon, Oklahoma; Roger Hutton, Jo Shotwell and Barry Moore from CHR Solutions, Inc. in Dallas and Austin, Texas; Ruby Smith, retired XIT Office Manager from Dalhart, Texas; Sue Cowen-Potter, retired XIT bookkeeper from Dalhart, Texas; Retired General Manager of Peoples Telephone, Max Newton and his wife, Carolyn, from Wimsboro, Texas; Gary Kennedy, retired General Manager of Panhandle Telephone Cooperative and his wife, Helen, from Taloga, Oklahoma, and Don Richards, Attorney from Richards, Elder, Srader, Phillips & McLaren, L.L.P., Lubbock, Texas.

President Spurlock then asked that XIT's General Manager, Jimmy R. White, present his annual report to the membership. White began by thanking Diane Hodo and Bar-H

Steakhouse for the delicious catered meal. He continued by stating how impressed he is with the young people who applied for the XIT Educational Program Scholarship. He commented, "Reading through these applications gives you a real meaningful glimpse of the future and a sense of balance against what you hear or see on the nightly news. These young people have an immense focus on the future and are steadfast in achieving their goals." He offered his congratulations to the students and their families and wished them the best.

Manager White then began to reflect back some twenty-eight-plus years ago to February of 1976. He explained that when he first came before the XIT membership at its 25th Annual Meeting and Silver Anniversary that he was 36 years old and scared to death. He relayed how, before that time, he had never spoken before a group of more than 10 to 15 people. He said there were approximately 275 to 300 in attendance and that his note cards kept falling out of his shaky hands as he delivered the good news that XIT had a net margin of \$62,000 for the year of 1975. He continued, "I made a statement to the membership at that meeting that was true then and has continued to be true to this day. I said, 'I have never worked for any organization, in my life, that I have had more pride in than XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative.' You gave me the opportunity to be a part of the growth and successes of this wonderful organization for the past twenty-eight-plus years, and I sincerely 'Thank You' for every moment."

Manager White explained to the membership that the year 2003 was a year of winding up projects and planning and preparing for new projects that would be completed in the future. He explained that XIT finalized the cut over to the system improvement plant and began offering high-speed data services DSL to virtually every rural member. He said, "To my knowledge, Southwestern Bell does not have DSL available to every location in its Amarillo Exchange." He went on to say that XIT had approved a new convergent billing system, which should go live in April of this year. He explained that this new system would allow XIT to bill all

services with a single platform and on a single bill, if the customer chooses this option. He also explained that in the near future, XIT's customers would also have the option of on-line billing. Further, he stated that a new digital GSM cellular system was in the works.

White explained that XIT continues to have concerns regarding the issue of our regulators and commissioners having enough knowledge of the Rural Telephone Industry to make the right decisions. This is of grave concern to the small companies as some very critical small company issues are coming before the regulators such as the Universal Service Fund, which is a major support mechanism for XIT. White went on to say that XIT's National Association, NTCA, and other associations representing small companies are very active in getting the Cooperative's financial reports to the members. These reports included Access Line History and Forecast; Corporate & Customer Operations; 2003 Income & Expenses; 2003 Operating Revenue; Plant Operations, and the Patronage Capital Credit Summary Allocation.

Manager White concluded his address by recognizing and commending his employees by stating, "This is the group of people responsible for meeting your telecommunications needs—maintaining your service—and offering customer-friendly service on a daily basis."

In addition, White recognized the board of directors. White said, These men provide the leadership and direction for this company. He went on to commend them for the dedication and integrity that they bring to the organization.

Manager White then introduced and recognized his employees. He first introduced one of XIT's new employees, Benny Moore, who was hired as a bookkeeper in April, 2003. He then called Sue Cowen-Potter to the stage in recognition of her retirement from XIT in December after 34-plus years of service. He explained that the Cooperative had acknowledged Sue's service by awarding her an Alaskan cruise. He also presented her with a bouquet of flowers and a

retirement pen from the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association. White then called XIT's Marketing Manager, Kathy Duggan to the stage. He announced to the membership that Kathy was the recipient of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association's Public Relations Achievement Award. He explained that NTCA's membership includes over 600 other systems and that this was a great accomplishment for Kathy and XIT. Other employees recognized for milestones in their careers and receiving plaques from NTCA were: Altus Jones (25 years); Gary Hall (25 years); Jerry Dorsett (25 years) and Mike Slatton (25 years). Directors receiving awards were Glenn Olson for 25 years of service and Gary Finch for 30 years of service.

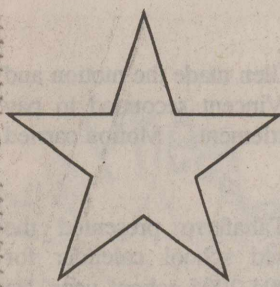
Manager White then introduced Darrell Dennis, Assistant General Manager, and asked him to give reports on the Cooperatives wholly-owned subsidiary, XIT Telecommunication & Technology, Ltd. and XIT Cellular.

Dennis stated that as XIT looks ahead into 2004, XIT Cellular will complete its build out of the GSM wireless service in the first half of the year and will look at offering new services to its subscribers. He explained that XIT would also be offering GPRS, which is data or Internet via the GSM handset. He also indicated that later in the year, XIT would be offering the GSM handsets with picture phone capabilities.

Dennis explained that XIT's Competitive Local Exchange Carrier service in Dalhart and Stratford and its high-speed Internet service (DSL) continue to see growth. He also explained that with the construction complete in XIT's Hartley and Channing Exchanges, XIT is off to a good start-adding customers in both exchanges.

XIT Board President, James Spurlock, welcomed the members and recognized the guests.

He then announced that a quorum had been met and called the business meeting to order. Board



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Track Results

The 7th grade Lady Elks placed 4th at the Perryton track meet held on Friday, March 19th. Individual results as follows:

400 Meter Relay - 3rd, Becky Rosales, Sinead Everett, Chelsea Garza, Sierra Valenzuela, 800 Meter Run - Sierra Valenzuela - 1st 2:44.04 NEW MEET RECORD, 3rd Perla Rueda 2:54.50, 100 Meter Dash - Sinead Everett - 14.04, 300 Meter Dash - Sinead Everett, 3rd, 1600 Meter Run - Sierra Valenzuela - 6:14.91 NEW MEET RECORD, Discus - 1st Stephanie Bell, 61', Shot Put - Stephanie Bell - 5th.

The 8th grade Lady Elks placed 4th at the Perryton Track Meet held March 19th. Individual results as follows: 800 Meter Run - Lucero Ortega 3rd, Gerry Garay - 5th, 800 Meter Relay - 2nd, Darcy Rosales, Whitney Reese, Kelsey Stein, Yesina Ibarra, Discus - April Peregrino 4th 60', Ashley Duschl 3rd - 65', Shot Put - April Peregrino - 2nd.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE

On February 10, 2004, Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP (Valor) filed its Second Amended Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and incurred costs associated with Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented from February 1, 1996 through December 31, 2002 between Valor's Texas telephone exchanges and, in many instances, the exchanges of other local telephone companies. The Second Amended Application was filed pursuant to the Commission's Substantive Rule § 26.221 titled "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges."

ELCS expands the local calling scope of a telephone exchange to include one or more additional telephone exchanges if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. Costs and lost revenues associated with Valor's surcharge application are those not recovered through existing ELCS fees.

In the Second Amended Application, Valor proposes to implement monthly ELCS surcharges for five years beginning on the date the Commission issues a final order on Valor's request. The Commission can establish an ELCS surcharge for any duration. ELCS surcharges apply in addition to monthly ELCS fees.

Valor proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per residential line: \$.86 in Year 1, \$.85 in Year 2, \$.03 in Year 3, \$.02 in Year 4, \$.01 in Year 5. Valor proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per business line: \$1.72 in Year 1, \$1.70 in Year 2, \$.06 in Year 3, \$.04 in Year 4, \$.02 in Year 5.

Valor is currently billing interim ELCS surcharges approved by the Commission, including an interim ELCS surcharge of \$.65 per month per residential line and an interim ELCS surcharge of \$1.30 per month per business line. If rates below the level of the interim surcharges are ultimately approved by the Commission, Valor may be required by the Commission

to refund all or part of the interim surcharges. If Valor's Second Amended Application is approved, the net annual effect on Valor's Year 1 revenues will be zero since the requested surcharges are designed to replace lost revenues and to reimburse Valor for increases in costs associated with the provision of ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs Valor seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$3,867,372 in Year 1, 3,791,870 in Year 2, \$133,831 in Year 3, \$89,220 in Year 4, and \$44,610 in Year 5.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call Valor at 1-877-520-5220.

The Commission assigned Docket No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, and no later than April 21, 2004, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

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AVISO

El 10 de Febrero de 2004, VALOR Telecomunicaciones de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service - ELCS) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La Segunda Enmendación de Aplicación se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la Segunda Enmendación de Aplicación, VALOR propone implementar un cargo mensual por cinco años commensando el día

que la Comición sumete el orden final, por la solicitud de Valor. La Comisión puede establecer sobrecargos ELCS for cualquier duración. Sobrecargos ELCS see aplicarán arriba de los cargos mensuales ELCS.

Valor hace proposito de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada linea residencial: \$.86 en Año 1; \$.85 en Año 2; \$.03 en Año 3; \$.02 en Año 4; y \$.01 en Año 5. Valor hace proposito de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada linea comercial: \$1.72 en Año 1, \$1.70 en Año 2; \$.06 en Año 3; \$.04 en Año 4, y \$.02 en Año 5.

Cards of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, concerns and especially meals during Robin's pregnancy and ten-week bed-rest. Your support and ministry to our family made a difficult time much easier. A special thank and a "we love you" goes to Stacy Hayes for coordinating all the meals. Thank you all again for loving and caring so much for us.
Brent & Robin Farney

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club thanks all who came to the brisket dinner and to the following for their assistance-Coronado Feeders, Lasley & Sons Feedyard, Stratford Feedyard, Gilley Case Repair, Gregg Hudson, Shari Hudson, Brown's Meal Locker, Jack Gore, Moremans-Ted Allen

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Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- March 26,27,28 "Blithe Spirit" Comedy Fri.,Sat. 7:30 Sun. 2:00 Dalhart Community LaRita Theatre 244-5646
- March 26 "Perfect Circle" Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-376-3096
- March 27 Don Giovanni Amarillo Opera Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-SING
- April 1-10 "Side Man" Drama Amarillo Little Theatre / Adventure Space 806-355-9991
- April 2**** "Showcase of Music" WTAMU 8:00 p.m. Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-651-2840
- April 2,3,4 "ROBIN HOOD" ALT Academy Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- April 2 Golden Nail Awards, Dinner and Entertainment Amarillo Civic Heritage Ballroom 806-373-7800 reservations
- April 2 Best of Texas "Walk on the Wild Side" Cooder Graw Amarillo Civic Grand Plaza 806-374-0802
- April 4 Chonda Pierce, Christian Comedian 4:00 p.m. Amarillo Civic Auditorium 260-484-1029 or 806-378-3096
- April 10-11 Easter Pageant Sat. 6:00 p.m. Sun. 6:00 a.m. Kenton, Oklahoma 580-261-7413 or 800-821-7204
- April 5,6,7 "CATS" Broadway Series 7:30 p.m. Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096

Corrientemente, Valor esta cobrando sobrecargos ELCS interines aprobados por la Comisión, incluyendo un interin sobrecargo de \$.65 por mes por cada linea residencial, y un interin sobrecargo de \$1.30 por mes por cada linea comercial. Si tasas bajo de los sobrecargos interines serán ultimamente aprobadas por la Comisión, es posible que Valor estará disponible a reembolsar todo o parte de los cargos interines.

Si la Segunda Enmendacion de Aplicacion de Valor esta aprobada, el efecto neta anual de tasas para Valor en Año 1 serán cero desde que los sobrecargos solicitados son apuntados a reemplazar tasas y a reembolsar a Valor por los gastos aumentados y asociados con la provision de ELCS. El estimado total de tasas perdidas y cargos aumentados que Valor trata de recuperar sobre este

procedimiento es \$3,867,372 en Año 1; \$3,791,870 en Año 2; \$133,831 en Año 3; \$89,220 en Año 4, y \$44,610 en Año 5.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propositados, o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 21 de Abril, 2004, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (*Public Utility Commission of Texas*), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NO. 5803

APPLICATION Texhoma Wheat Growers, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 5803 which would authorize continued operation of their Grain Elevator and Dryers. The applicant has provided the following directions to the side: from the Intersection of 2nd Street in Texhoma, go approximately ¼ miles west on U.S. Highway 54, Sherman County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and particulate matter including particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 24, 2004. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and the Sherman County Courthouse, 701 N. 3rd Street, Stratford, Sherman County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. The

TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address process in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested

case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **I no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "I/we request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by

the facility. If the request is made by a group or a association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect

must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit, which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

INFORMATION Written public comments and requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us

Further information may also be obtained from Texhoma Wheat Growers, Inc., P.O. Box 250, Texhoma, Oklahoma 73949 or by calling Mr. Gary D. Larson, General Manager at (806) 827-7261.

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Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes, Program

Do Well, Be Well with diabetes will be offered to interested Sherman County residents this spring. The six week educational program is to help people with type 2 diabetes learn the skills they need to understand and manage their diabetes, reduce their risks for complications and to attain their highest possible level of wellness.

The class will be conducted April 6, 13, 20 & 27 and May 4 and 11 at the Stratford EMS building. Class time will be 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Cost of the class will be \$10.00 per individual or couple. Financial assistance is available. For the class to be conducted the planning committee request ten persons to be registered. Topics of the class will include understanding about diabetes, meal planning, exercise, foot care, diabetic medicines, and blood glucose levels. Guest speakers will include Dr. Perry Basset of Amarillo, Beverly Benton of Borger, Jimmy Lanning, Larry Norris, and Susie Spurlock.

To register for the class, call or come by the Sherman County Extension Office located at 701 N. Third Street in Stratford, telephone 366-2122. Registration deadline is April 5, 2004. Persons who need special services are asked to contact the Extension Office one-week prior so that adequate arrangements may be made.

The class is open to people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. Do Well, Be Well sponsors include Texas Cooperative Extension and Stratford Hospital District.

SISD Board of Trustees Meeting

STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION March 16, 2004

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, March 16, 2004 in the High School library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Board members present:

Joe Reinart
Gared McBryde
Brent Spurlock
Ricky Reed
Patti Vincent
Jim Taliaferro,
Superintendent
Ted Allen

Board member absent: Steve Johnson

Guests present were: Dinah Horsford, Steve Haynes, Tim Gilliland, Mary Pat Williams, Tiffany Confer, Misti McBryde, Randy Hunsaker, Eddie Metcalf, DeWain Trayler, and Steve Hays.

Mr. Gilliland led the invocation.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the district's monthly recognition. It was as follows:

- The following Elks and Lady Elks were named to the All District Academic list:
Jason Ashley
Erin Ashley
Brady Bell
Allison Baskin
Tyler Haynes
Brittany Hudson
Josh King
Amber Larance
Heather Seiler
Alisha Sladek
- The following Elks and Lady Elks received All District honors:
1ST Team

Honorable Mention
Tyler Haynes

Jason Ashley
Chris Ortega
Alisha Sladek
Josh King
Amber Larance
Travis Soto
Deidre Tarver
Erin Ashley

- The Stratford High School Yearbook staff has been recognized by Taylor Publishing Company with an Award of Excellence honoring its accomplishments in the yearbook design and coverage. Judges selected the Stratford High School yearbook as among the best. The annual staff members are Mimi Ruiz, Stephanie Washburn, Lindsay Stein, Kayla Robertson and Jamie Wilhelm and their sponsor is Tami King.

- Several Stratford students exhibited animals in the San Antonio Stock Show. Brent Reed placed 4th with his pig and Chelsea Christian place 6th with her lamb. Congratulations to both of these students.

- Track season has begun. The varsity boys and 7th grade boys track team won the Sunray track meet. The 8th grade boys were 2nd, the 8th grade girls were 3rd and the 7th grade girls were

4th. The 7th grade and 8th grade boys won their divisions at the Canadian track meet. Craig Kautz set a new meet record in the 110 hurdles. The varsity girls were 3rd and the varsity boys were 8th.

- Alisha Sladek has been selected to play in the Golden Spread All-Star game in April. Erin Ashley was selected as an alternate.

Mrs. Williams gave the elementary report. She reported that the Accelerated Reader reward trip was to Guymon. About 180 students attended. Results from the TAKS reading test are in. 83% of the third grade students passed the test. Texas Monthly has rated Mary Allen Elementary in the top ten schools in 3rd math, 4th math, 4th reading and 4th writing. Schools are grouped based on size and socio economic status.

Mr. Gilliland gave the junior high report. Stratford took top honors at the County Spelling Bee held in Texhoma on March 9th. Sunny Russell was 1st and Tyler Wright was 2nd in the Junior division. Deborah Molina was 1st and Miranda Mayeux was 2nd in the Senior division. Deborah Molina advanced to the Regional Spelling Bee but due to a conflict will not be able to attend. Miranda Mayeux will be the Sherman County representative. The 8th grade will be a pilot group for an online TAKS math test. This test will serve as their last benchmark. The Junior High prom will be April 2nd, the district track meet will be on April 3rd in Stratford and the UIL Concert and Sight reading contest will be on April 6th at Boys Ranch.

Mr. Haynes gave the high school report. Many activities are going on at the high school including the One Act Play contest, band concert, track meets, golf meets, and preparation for the upcoming TAKS test. An off-duty police officer from Amarillo called to comment on the behavior of the football team during the playoffs. He was assigned as their escort and was very complimentary of their behavior.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the superintendents report. The cost per mile for transportation for the month was 24¢. He then gave the budget summary. Monthly expenditures are at 49.05% and revenue collected at 87.55%. Tax collections are at 95.91%. He then gave the investment report. SEE ATTACHMENT The district enrollment is currently at 629 with 255 students at the elementary, 189 students at the junior high and 185 students at the high school. He gave an update on the parking lot project. There has been some interest in the remaining lots to be purchased. The board requested that he start the paperwork process to sell the lots. Steve Hays, DeWain Trayler, Joe Taylor and Greg Wright signed up for school board elections. Updates concerning the highly qualified requirement for teachers have been made. Stratford will host 3 track meets. The Stratford Relays will be on March 26-27, the Junior High district meet will be on April 3 and the High School district meet will be on April 5-6.

Ricky Reed made the motion and Ted Allen seconded to approve the consent agenda including the February 9th and February 26th minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Taliaferro read a letter from Cheryl Meil of Schwartz and Eichelbaum, school attorney, addressing the settlement with Valero Logistics Corp through the Sherman County Appraisal district. Discussion was held.

Ted Allen made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to pay the settlement. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Taliaferro presented the proposed school calendar for the 2004-2005 school year. He explained that the calendar had been through all campus SBDM committees and the administration. Discussion was held on waiver days. He noted that a change needed to be made in the proposed calendar by removing the snow day on April 18 and adding the snow day to March 10th. This will effectively add another day to spring break. Discussion was held. Gared McBryde made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to approve the calendar with the changes. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Taliaferro explained that one bid was received for the 1998 Chevy van. Frank Mininger submitted a bid of \$4500. Ricky Reed made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to accept the bid from Frank Mininger for the 1998 Chevy van in the amount of \$4500. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Taliaferro discussed with the board the need of designating federal funds. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to authorize the superintendent to execute the federal funding agreement on behalf of the district. Motion carried 6-0.

The board took a short recess at 7:55 PM.

At 8:11 PM, the board adjourned into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074. The board reconvened into open session at 9:39 PM.

Mr. Taliaferro presented the Mary Allen teachers for contract renewals. Patti Vincent made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to renew all Mary Allen teacher contracts as presented subject to assignment. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Taliaferro presented the Junior High teachers for contract renewals. Ricky Reed made the motion to renew all Junior High teacher contracts subject to assignment with the exception of Jeff Witcher. Ted Allen seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Gared McBryde seconded to renew the contract Jeff Witcher subject to assignment. Motion carried 4-2.

Mr. Taliaferro presented the High School teachers for contract renewals. Gared McBryde made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to renew all High School teacher contracts subject to assignment. Motion carried 6-0.

At 9:47 PM, the board adjourned into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074. The board reconvened into open session at 10:40 PM.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to hire Eddie Metcalf as Athletic Director/Head Football coach. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was held on new staff positions, the Ag pick up and selling lots.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 PM.

Health

(NU) - The quality of the air in your home can affect your health. Mold, household cleaning products, asbestos and combustion sources, such as oil, gas and kerosene, are all causes of indoor air pollution. Health effects from indoor air pollutants can occur soon after exposure or years later. For more information, go to www.consumerfed.org or www.epa.gov/iaq/combust.html.