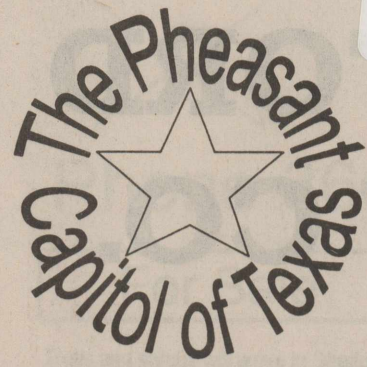


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## Attention: Taxpayers

At a time when people are concerned about the tax increases, everyone should make an effort to be better informed about the Texas property tax system and how it functions.

Main divisions of the property tax system are:

1. APPRAISAL DISTRICT which sets the value of property based on procedures established by state laws. These values are checked each year by the Property Tax Division of the State Comptroller's Office for accuracy. An Agricultural Advisory Committee of three local farmers reviews farm and ranch land values. The Chief Appraiser operates the Appraisal District office and is employed by an eight-member board. This board is elected by the taxing units.
2. APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD is a board of seven local citizens who settle any disagreements between the taxpayer and the Appraisal District concerning value.
3. LOCAL TAXING UNITS (county, city, school, hospital, other governments) decide how much revenue will be needed to operate for the coming year. They then set the tax rate, which determines how much tax liability each taxpayer will have. Each taxing unit has an elected governing body.

Through the checks and balances of the system, no one person has total responsibility for your tax bill. The State Comptroller's Office annually issues "A Taxpayers Guide to Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities". Free copies are available at the Appraisal District office.

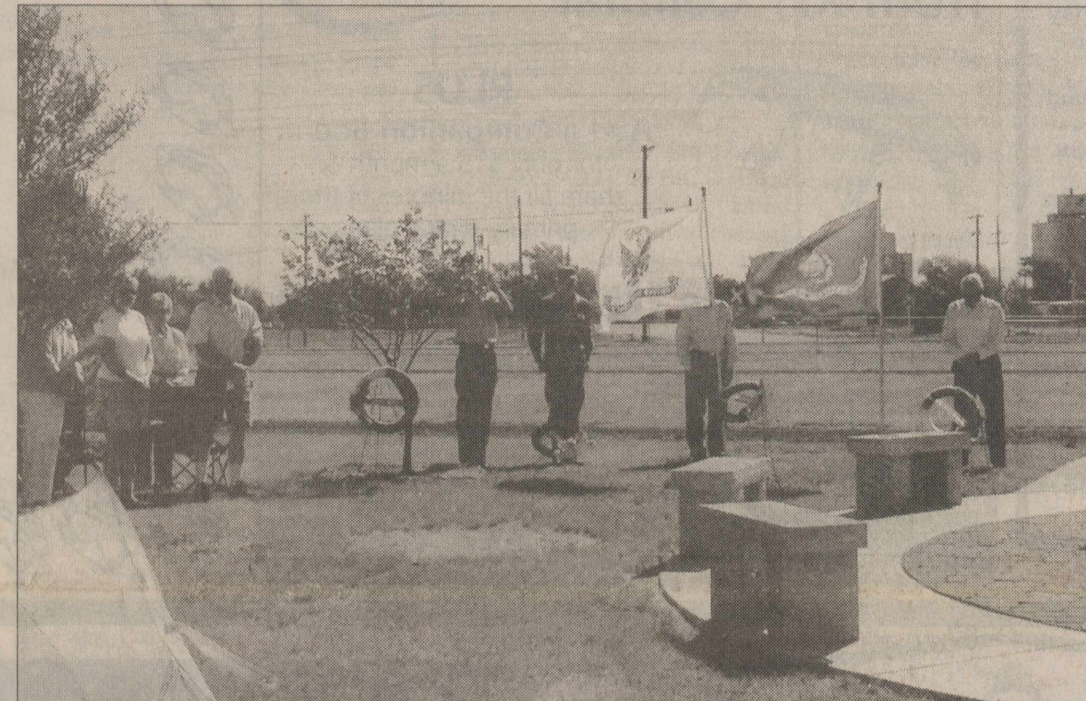
The work of locating and placing value on property is completed for the 2004 tax roll. On May 28, taxpayers were mailed a notice or proposed value on their property. Now is your opportunity to respond if you have questions or difference of opinion in regard to this value. After the Appraisal Review Board meets and approves the records, the Appraisal District has no more authority over the value. The values then go to the taxing units in the form of an appraisal roll. At that time, the taxing units are preparing budgets and setting rates.

Most taxing units have contracted with the Appraisal District to do collection of taxes. The County Tax Assessor/Collector collects the County's taxes.

If you have any questions about the property tax system, please contact the Appraisal District Office at 402 N. Third, Stratford, or call (806) 366-5566.



A Memorial Day Program was held at the Stratford Cemetery Monday at 10:00 a.m. It was held at the new Memorial/Directory building. The four branches of the Armed Services were recognized as well as the War's and the lives sacrificed. Several veterans spoke about their special memories having served. There were several folks on hand to enjoy refreshments and enjoy fellowship with each other on this special day.



## Project ChildSafe Comes To Stratford, TX: 500 Firearms Safety Kits To Be Distributed Locally

Stratford, TX. - The Stratford Police Dept. will provide 500 free firearm safety kits to local residents through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, the nationwide firearms safety education program. The safety kits, which include a gun lock, will be distributed at the Stratford Police Dept. or from any patrolman while on patrol.

Project ChildSafe, a program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), will distribute millions of firearms safety kits throughout the country over the next year. The program is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant, with additional funding provided by the firearms industry.

"We encourage residents to pick up a Project ChildSafe safety kit so they can securely store their firearm," said Chief Dennis. "Each kit contains a safety curriculum and a cable-style gun lock. The locks fit on most types of handguns, rifles and shotguns. The goal is to prevent a child or any other unauthorized person from accessing a firearm in your home."

By partnering with Project ChildSafe, Stratford Police Dept. is participating in a growing national effort to promote firearms safety education to all gun owners. Project ChildSafe will distribute gun lock safety kits to all 50 states and the five U.S. territories.

"We are pleased to have the Stratford Police Dept. as a Project ChildSafe partner," said Dee Dee Dockins, spokesperson for the program. "Project ChildSafe is an important step forward in helping ensure that all firearm owners fully understand

their responsibilities with respect to the safe handling and storage of firearms."

## 4-H Shooting Sports Club News

The 4-H Shooting Sports Club met May 19, 2004 for an end of year business meeting. Seventeen members and leaders were present. Officers for the 2004-05 club year were elected. Rustin Russell will be President, Walter Spurlock, Vice-President, Sunny Russell, Secretary-Treasurer, and Jennie Spurlock, reporter.

The club voted to give travel money to the Senior Rifle Team for State Roundup. Coaches and leaders, Cindy Russell and Wesley Spurlock recognized members for accomplishments at the State Shooting Sports Extravaganza and Outdoor Prone Matches held in Amarillo. Scott Buckles and Susie Spurlock recognized members who compete at the District 4-H Rifle Contest held earlier in the month.

Listings of summer outdoor shooting matches were distributed to those members present.

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You have to have a talent for having talent.

—Ruth Gordon

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## Foreign Investors Must Report U.S. Holdings

Foreign investors with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, according to the Sherman County Farm Service Agency.

"Any foreign person who acquires or transfers any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Rebecca Hemphill, County Executive Director of the Sherman County Farm Service Agency.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) Reports with the Farm Service Agency county office in which the land is located. Hemphill said failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to

## Hogs in the Park Funday, June 12

Panhandle Children's Foundation presents "Hogs in the Park" Funday, on June 12, 2004 at Dumas, Texas.

"Hogs in the Park" is a family funday sponsored by the Panhandle Children's Foundation. All proceeds from the events of the day will go to aid the foundation in providing for the needs of children in the Panhandle. The major fund raising event is a raffle. Items include a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Harley Davidson, a "Pink Pig Smoker," a utility trailer, a shotgun, a rifle, a \$100.00 gift certificate, a tent, turkey fryer, DVD player, two sleeping bags with two patio chairs. If you would like more information regarding this event, contact Ronnie Hatter at 935-7249 for more information. Tickets for the Harley drawing can be found at Cuppa Joe, Edwards Chrysler/Dodge, Demon BarberShop, Dumas Lumber, First Sate Bank, Shamrock Federal Credit Union, Palsler's 4 Seasons, Happy State Bank, Keeney, Hembree & Co. L.L. P.

Some of the events to be held are: Poker Run, 10K Run, 3 on 3 Basketball, Treasure Hunt, Tug of War and Live Entertainment as well as other great activities. Great food and drinks will be available.

For more information on the 10K Fun Run contact Tracy Torisk at 935-2474 and Brent Rusk to enter the 3 on 3 basketball tournament at 934-4097. Call Roger Wann at 935-3054 or Alvia Calvert at 935-9768 to sign up for the Poker Run.



Carol Hendrix, Dalhart Prism Shop sharing her collection of Mourning Buttons with Depot Museum.

## History of Mourning Button

Several wars, but particularly the Civil War, left many female mourners in America, including mothers, widows, grandmothers, sisters, cousins and aunts. The era of Queen Victoria saw very explicit dress codes for men and women, and the codes for mourning were outlined in journals and manuals as to what to wear and how long the mourning period should be.

During "deep" mourning, everything was very subdued, and very little adornment or jewelry was allowed. However jet buttons were a necessity, but expensive, so thousands of designs of black glass buttons were produced. "Deep" mourning could last up to two years.

During "half" mourning, there was a little more flexibility—a little lace, some gray or lavender clothing and black glass buttons could have an iridescent finish, which added a

pink, silver, gold or blue sheen to the button.

There were so many buttons that ended up in the button boxes of female relatives, that it became a pastime for young ladies to make "Charm Strings" of buttons (no two alike) strung together, with the goal of 1000 buttons. When that number was reached, it was said that the young lady's Prince Charming would appear. After the turn of the century, the goal became 100 buttons.

There is something extremely "charming" about a charm string, because of the high expectations and the time it took to locate that many different buttons, and the care and appreciation of the art involved in so many designs.

The Mourning Button Exhibit will be on display at the Depot Museum, remembering

Memorial Day and through the month of June.

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If you want a place in the sun,  
you must leave the shade of the  
family tree.

—Osage saying

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## Alzheimer's Support Group To Meet

Alzheimer's Support Group meets every third Wednesday of each month at Coldwater Manor at 4:00 p.m. in the Boardroom. Guest Speaker Roy Puento LSW, Regional Director Amarillo Alzheimer'.

You are invited to come and meet families who have loved ones" with Alzheimer's. Come and support each other. Sponsored by Activity Director's JoAnn Cobos & Janice Vaughn.

## Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

## Special Fund for Tyron Evans Has Been Set Up

"A special account has been set up at the Happy State Bank in Stratford for Tyron Evans, son of Larry and Wanda Evans who was critically injured in an automobile accident this last week. If you would like to contribute to this account you can make your check payable to the Tyron Evans Fund or contact Cindy Cummings at the Happy State Bank in Stratford. The phone number is 806-366-BANK.



**Obits**

Tyler Evan Adams

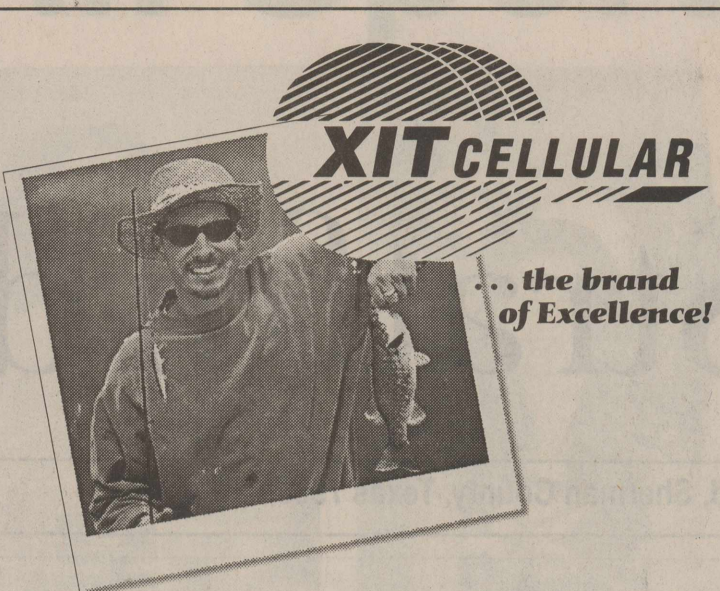
Tyler Evan Adams, age 3 months died Friday, May 28, 2004 in Amarillo, Texas.

Tyler was born February 20, 2004 in Amarillo, Texas to Cassandra "Casey" Melton of Amarillo, Texas and Robert "Rob" Adams of Dallas, Texas. Services were held on Wednesday, June 2, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Stratford, Texas with Rev. Brent Farney, pastor officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors.

Tyler is survived by his mother Casey Melton of Amarillo and Father Rob Adams of Dallas. Grandparents-Randy and Patty Melton and Cliff and Becky Adams, all of Stratford; Great grandmother Judy Horn of Amarillo, Texas; Great Grandparents-Jim and Joyce Melton of Afton, Oklahoma and Hank and Francie Scheffe of Amarillo, Texas. Great grandfather Dean Adams of Umbarger, Texas.

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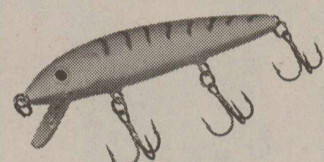
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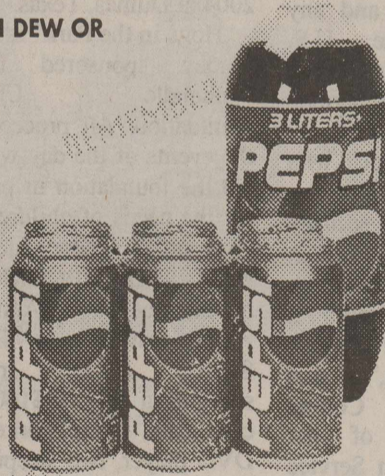
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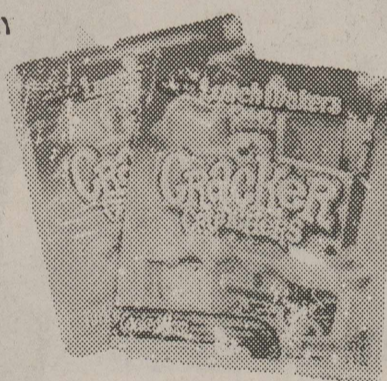
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grade:**  
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Tera Imlc -Harris  
Reed Schoonover  
Stephanie Jacquez  
Ethan Shields  
Karen Lozoya  
Elizabeth Reyes  
Diana Lopez  
Meghan Brooks  
Haydee Rojas  
Itzel Salcido  
Zachary Farney  
Grayson Gonzalez  
M'Lynn Wells  
Alex Asher

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
Derek Vasquez  
Christian Lafuente  
Rhyan Burton  
Haden Long  
Gabriel Tarango  
Julie York  
Tori McGinnis  
Justin Mungia  
Tori Rouse  
Marcos Garza,  
Jared Saloga  
Autumn Witcher  
Braden Krob  
Matisen Hyelvik  
Perla Reta  
Chance Walker  
Ransom Lermon  
Braiden Palmer



## Andy & Natalie Witcher Honored

Andy and Natalie Witcher were honored with a Wedding Shower Saturday, May 15, 2004 in the Home of Mike and Brenda Brownlee. Standing left to right Jeff Witcher, Anna Witcher, Adam Witcher, Sandra Fraser, Susan Johnson, Warren Fraser, Jeri Taylor and Glenn Taylor. Seated in front: Amie Witcher, Autumn Witcher, Andy and Natalie, Jennie Witcher and Jill Taylor.



## Engagement Announced

Marge and Ed Moore, grandparents of Trisha Moore are proud to announce the engagement of Trisha to Jake Jenkins of Seymour. Trisha parents are Roger & Marjeanne Moore of Amarillo, TX and Susie Moore of Idalou, TX. Jake is the son of Roy and Anita Jenkins of Seymour, Texas. The wedding will take place on July 10<sup>th</sup> at Ocho Rios, Jamaica. The bride-elect graduated from Idalou High School and attends Texas Tech and is employed a Covenant Center. The groom to be graduated from Seymour High School and South Plains Junior College and is employed at Lubbock Radiology Associates.

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It has long been my belief that in times of great stress, such as a four-day vacation, the thin veneer of family values wears off almost at once, and we are revealed in our true personalities.  
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Hemphill added, "Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign."

When the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure

Act was signed into law in 1978, the reporting requirement was adopted as part of the same legislation. Data gained from these disclosures is used in the preparation of periodic reports to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs contact the Sherman County FSA office at 806-396-2211 or visit the USDA Web sites at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

### First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

### First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed  
5th & Main  
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
No Sunday Evening Worship  
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

### First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:40 am  
Morning Worship 10:50 am  
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm  
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm  
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for  
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Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### Church of Christ

Larry Evans  
N. 3rd & Chestnut  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

### Calvary Baptist

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Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
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Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

### First Baptist

Brent Farney  
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

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Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

### Reasonable to Give Reasons?

Some people think God is separated from humankind to such an extent that it is impossible to prove His existence. We live in the realm of things, which can be seen, touched and measured. On the other hand, God cannot be seen, touched or measured. The result is, we can never really know if God is there. Isaiah 55:8-9 is one of the classic Bible texts used to prove this. God is so different that actual communication with God is impossible. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts." But does Isaiah 55:8-9 prove that God is so distant that communication is impossible? Not at all. These verses tell us the ethical standards of God are much higher than our own. God's ways are higher in that they are supremely good and righteous. By the same token, the thoughts of most people are in the gutter a majority of the time. All you have to do is go into the coffee shop and listen to the profanity and off color jokes. All you have to do is flip on the TV and you'll be confronted with illicit sex and the violence of rape and murder. The more graphic the better. God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts in this regard. We wallow in the mire of smut. God is absolutely holy and pure. But because these verses are misinterpreted, many people think it is improper to give reasons for the existence of God. They think faith does not rest upon reasons but is a leap in the dark. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are to give reasons for our faith. The Bible tells us to "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

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June 9 August 21	Lone Star Rising Lake Meredith, Borger CC 806-274-9050
June 6	"Carrot Top" Stardate Concerts 7:30p.m. Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
June 13 August 22	"Heavenly Country" (Sundays) Pioneer Amphitheatre, Palo Duro Canyon State Park
June 12	Broadway with Soul, Chana Smith Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
June 17-20	Youth Cowboy Poetry Gathering Cal Farley's Boys Ranch www.youthcowboypoetry.com or 800-687-3722
July 9-11	"West Side Story" Present by Area High School Students Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
July 17	Ron White- Outback Concerts Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096

Makayla Judd Jewett was born May 20, 2004 at 7:20 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz and was 20 inches long.  
Parents are Brandi and Sean Jewett of Lawton, Oklahoma.  
Grandparents are September Jewett and Mr. and Mrs. Hurst. Great grandparents are Dick and Kay Backman of Stratford and Great Great Grandmother is Elsie Pickens also of Stratford.  
Great Granddad Dick Bachman of Stratford says she has her granddads eyes.

### 2004 Dumas Noon Lions Club Dogie Days Schedule of events

**Saturday, May 22th**  
9:00 Erect stands

**Thursday, May 27th**  
5:30 Meat wrap

**Tuesday, June 1st**  
6:00 Throw wood into pit

**Wednesday, June 2nd**  
12:00 Club lunch meeting-Recognition of Old-Timer  
1:00 Throw meat into pit  
6:00 Carnival midway and booths open; Kids Hand-stamp night  
McDade Park

**Thursday, June 3rd**  
11:00-1:00 Barbecue McDade Park  
1:30 Peach Toss  
6:00 Midway opens

**Friday, June 4th**  
6:00 Midway opens

**Saturday, June 5th**  
11:00 Parade-Downtown Dumas Ave  
12:00 Midway opens  
9:00 Pickup Drawing on Midway  
11:00 PM Closing of Dogie Days 2004

For more information contact Jerry Leatherman, Head Wrangler, 935-9400  
Or Sam Cartwright Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce, 935-2123

## STRATFORD GUN CLUB SEASON BEGINS

Stratford Gun Club had its first shoot of the 2004 season on Sunday May 16th. It started out cool and stayed windy all day but we had a great beginning to our season. We had shooters from Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and across the Texas panhandle. The winners from the shoot are:

SINGLES - 29 shooters	
AA - Mike Horinek (KS)	97
Craig Adams (TX)	97
A - Larry Bishop (CO)	99
B- Nate Hale (KS)	96
C- Virgil Goldwater (TX)	88
D- Bill Rogers (KS)	90

HANDICAP - 29 shooters	
Short - CC Henderson (TX)	90
Charlie Henderson (TX)	90
Mid - Tyson Adams (KS)	92
Long - Jimmy Borum (TX)	91

50 BIRD HANDICAP - 26 shooters	
1st Place - Nate Hale (KS)	50x50
2nd Place - Eddie Ming (CO)	47x50
3rd Place - Cliff Jones (TX)	46x50

Thank you Nu Beta - especially Jamie Sims and Laurie Ewers- for serving wonderful BBQ sandwiches. The next registered shoot will be July 18th. Practice is every Thursday night starting at 5:30pm. Anyone is welcome!! If you have any questions just call Brent Spurlock at 366-2772.

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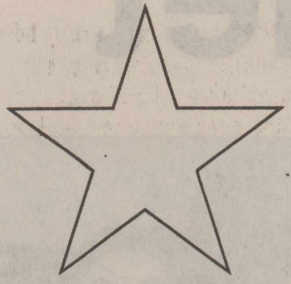
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6-24-c

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1-28-tfn

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3-4-tfn

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6-3-c

Yard Sale: Sat. June 5<sup>th</sup>, 109 S. Fulton. 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Good Stuff and nonsense.  
6-3-p

COLLECTIBLES and ANTIQUES Sale. Barb & Jeanie are cleaning deep: Friday only Sale- June 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 512 N. Pearl. Will also have 50 cents an item table.  
6-3-p

Garage Sale: Saturday, June 5 9 a.m. to ? 401 N. Third, (next to Church of Christ) Bread Machine, Cookware, Appliances, Clothes, misc. Including Decorator Items, Pressure canner (like new)  
6-3-c

## Houses For Sale

For Sale: Our home at 619 S. Pearl (we're moving to the farm). 2572 sq. ft. living area, 3 b, 2 b, fireplace, heated tile floor in den & kitchen, 2 car garage, separate storage garage, extra lg. Lot 366-5829 or 753-7775.  
4-22-tfn

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4-1-tfn

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9-25-tfn

HOUSE FOR SALE: 602 N. MAPLE, BRICK, 2700 SQ. FT. LIVING, DBL GARAGE, 3 BATHS, \$80,000. CALL: 396-5946  
3-4-TFN

For Sale: 3850 Sq. Ft. living area, 4 BR, 2 1/2 baths, basement, covered patio, 2 car garage, corner lot w/circle drive. 420 N. Chestnut. Call 806-396-2348.  
7-10-tfn

House For Sale or Lease: Recently remodeled 2500 sq. ft. house. 3 bdrm, 2 baths. Call for more information. 244-2155 or 333-7120.  
8-8-tfn

For Sale: 14 x 60 Trailer house, needs work, owner-financing possible. Call 396-2125.  
1-15-tfn

House & Acreage for Sale by Owner. 2400 Sq. Ft. House, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. 14.9 acres. 40'x60' metal bldg, roping arena, 3 horse sheds, detached 2 car garage. Shown by appointment only. 806-966-5219, 806-679-8015.  
8-21-tfn

House for Sale: 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath. Newly remodeled bathroom. 213 S. Fulton. Call 396-2398 or 432-940-6324  
6-24-c

## Land for Sale

Land for Sale: Section 66 and South 1/2 of Section 67 Block 8. Capital Syndicate sub-division Dallam County CRP to 9-30-2007. Contact Trust Dept. at First State Bank of Stratford 806-396-5521.  
10-23-tfn

## Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, Call

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- Ken Forthman-366-2586
- Patsy Harland-827-7568
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7-31-tfn

Home for Sale: 1216 NW 2nd, 2240 Sq. ft. 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, 2 living areas. Sprinkler system. New Windows & Heating System & Roof. 366-3520.  
5-27-tfn

320 N. Wall-2100 sq. ft-3 bd-3 bath-corner lot plus extra lot, \$95,000. Will show by appointment only 396-5521 or 366-3628.  
5-27-tfn

For Sale: N. Chestnut, small garage house on 30' lot. Call 806-396-5378 or 806-396-0466.  
6-17-c

## Cards of Thanks

Thank you to the many wonderful people of Stratford for the plants, flowers, cards, visits, memorials and prayers at the loss of my mom. God Bless you all,

Bill & Kay Mires  
Christina Johnson  
Family

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Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself.  
—A.H. Weiler  
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—Garrison Keillor  
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## 4-H Camp Creative

Camp Creative, a 4-H Camp will be July 6-8 on the campus for Texas Tech University in Lubbock. The camp is for 4-H members entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade through age 18 and for 4-H adult leaders who work youth.

Campers will experience college life and learn of the various careers available in the areas of Family Sciences. Campers will explore careers in Human Sciences, improve quality of relationships, develop self-confidence, poise, and leadership skills, and understand the management of a restaurant. Youth will also develop skills in purchasing and buying, explore the science of nutrition, and study principles of Fashion Design and Interior Design.

Cost of the camp for Sherman County 4-H members will be \$60.00. The last day to register for the camp is June 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Sherman County Extension Office. The camp is limited to 60 youth, so plan to register today to reserve your place at the camp.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, Sherman County FCS Agent at 366-2122.

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Safe, for a child, is his father's hand, holding him tight.  
—Marion C. Garretty  
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Anything will give up its secrets if you love it enough.  
—George Washington Carver  
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## Spirit Camp 2004 To Be Held June 7-10

Spirit Camp 2004 will be held June 7-10. Grades KG.-6<sup>th</sup> grade (as of Fall 2004), 9:00 a.m. - 12:00.

Camp Fee \$30.00 - \$25.00 camp fee if pre-register by May 20, 2004. \$25.00 camp fee for 2<sup>nd</sup> child in family. \$20.00 camp fee for 2<sup>nd</sup> child in family if pre-registered. \$10.00 camp t-shirt. For more information, Call ViAnn Reed 366-3334.

Campbell's® Chicken Broccoli Divan  
Prep Time: 10 min.  
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- 1 1/2 cups cubed cooked chicken
- 1 can (10 1/2 oz.) Campbell's® Cream of Chicken or 98% Fat Free Cream of Chicken Soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 tbsp. dry bread crumbs
- 1 tbsp. butter or margarine, melted
- PLACE broccoli and chicken in 9" pie plate or 2-qt. shallow baking dish.
- MIX soup and milk and pour over. Sprinkle with cheese.
- Mix bread crumbs with butter and sprinkle on top.
- BAKE at 450°F. for 20 min. or until hot. Serves 4.

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There is no cure for birth or death except to try to enjoy the interval.  
—George Santayana  
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## Pet of the Week



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

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

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Silence is argument carried on by other means.  
—Ernesto "Che" Guevara  
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Nobody can make you feel inferior without your consent.  
—Eleanor Roosevelt  
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Setting a good example for children takes all the fun out of middle age.  
—William Feather  
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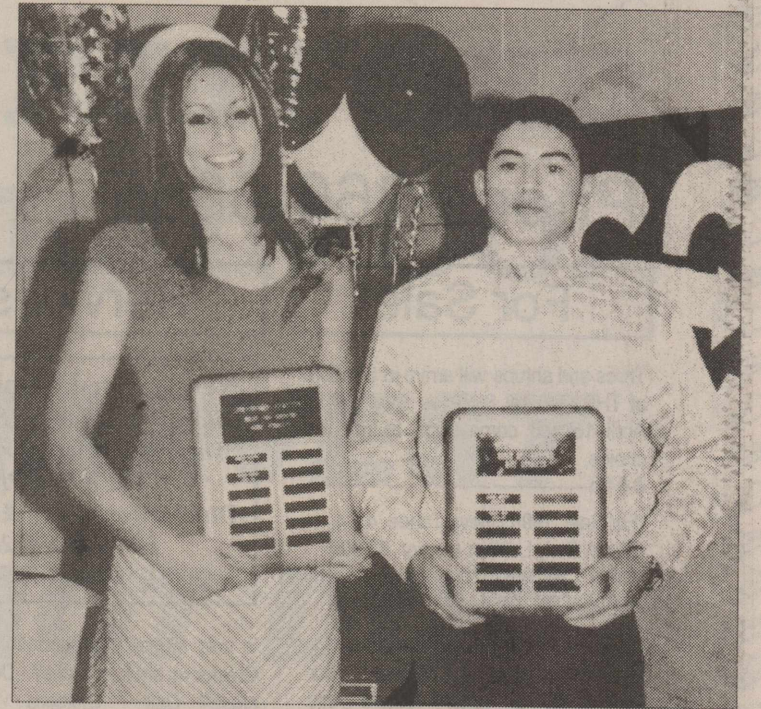
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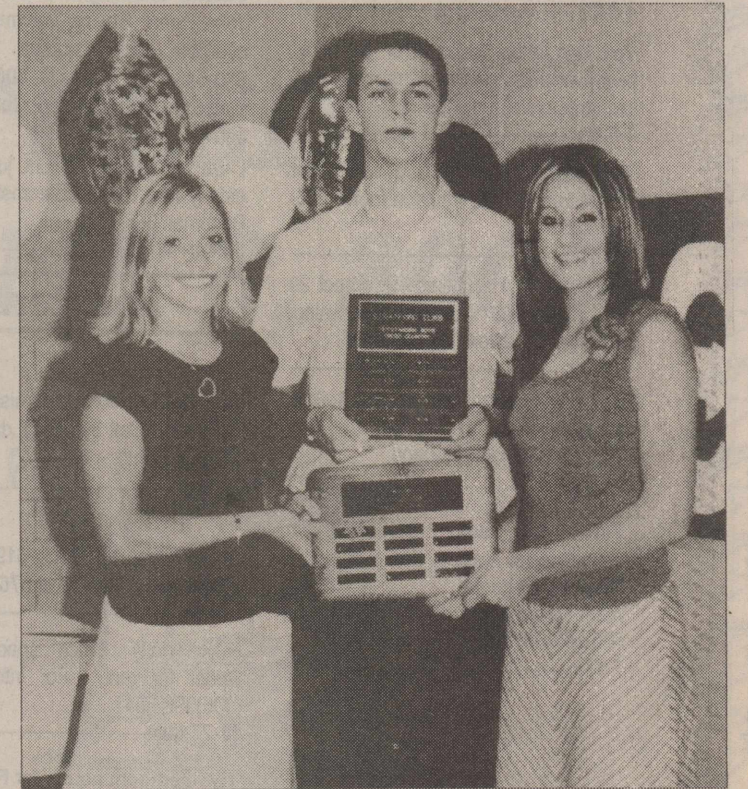
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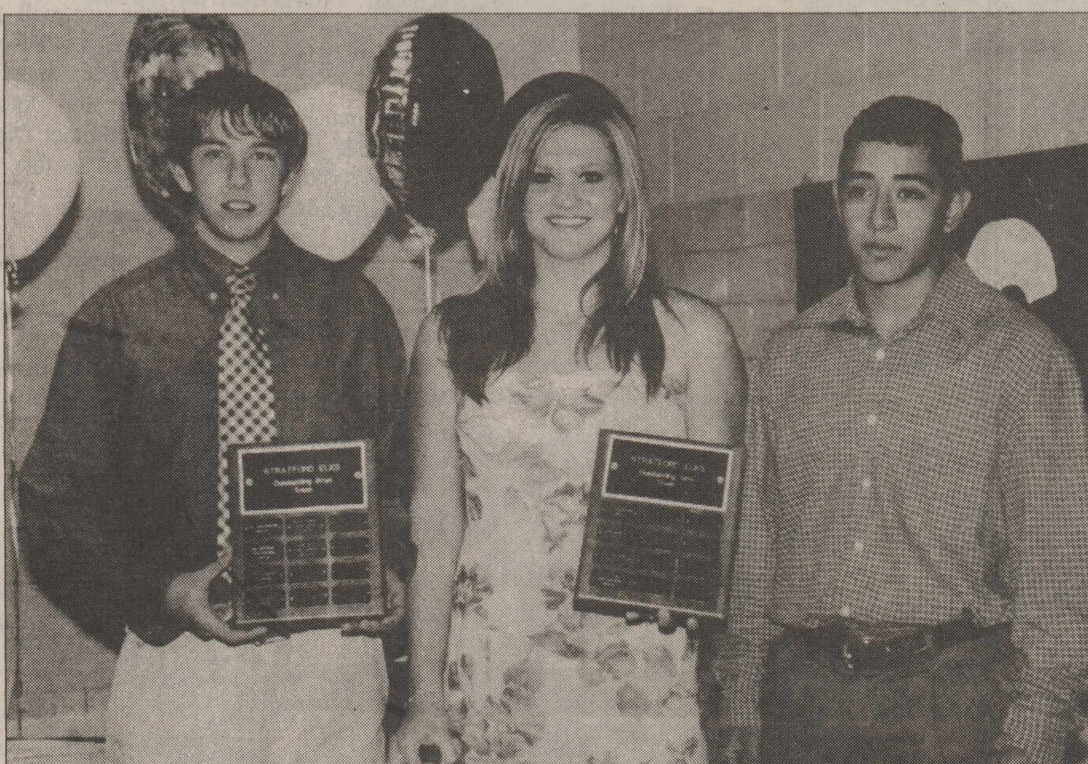
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Ashley  
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**Fighting Heart Awards**  
Travis Soto – Basketball, Amber Larance & Erin Ashley – Basketball,  
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May 17, 2004



**Outstanding Track**  
Case Crabtree, Deidre Tarver, Tony Ruiz



**Outstanding Football**  
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Offensive Lineman – Mark Miller