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## Cyclists Stop in Stratford

Crossroads Cycling Adventures making their annual trek from Los Angeles to Boston. 45 cyclists at the average age of 52 are making the 3415-mile ride as a challenge or to raise money for a cause in their community. The cyclists ride an average of 80 miles a day for seven weeks. The Stratford Dairy Queen is a rest stop for the group each year. They are looking forward to a four-lane US 54.

## Jamboree Meeting To Be Held Thursday

Stratford Jamboree meeting on Thursday, June 10 at 12:00 noon at the Imagination Station. Bring your own sack lunch.

## Birdhouses Birdhouses!!

Come join us at the Imagination Station on June 11th for the first session of our Main Street Art Program. We will be building and painting birdhouses from kits that George Harding has made. The cost is \$5.00 per person. The groups and times are:

5-8 year olds 1:00 p.m.  
9 and older 2:30 p.m.

It is not necessary to pre-register but it would be helpful to insure enough supplies. For pre-registration or questions please call Laurie Spurlock at 366-2772.

## 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 Puente 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.

## Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. Announces 2004 Membership Drive

The Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. has begun its 2004 Membership Drive. The SCDC is a non-profit organization. Dues, contributions, honorariums, and memorials are tax-deductible. Yearly dues are \$25.00 and the SCDC invites all who are interested in promoting Sherman County to become members.

The SCDC continues to focus attention on transportation in Sherman County. SCDC has and will continue to work to widen US. Highway 54 and US. Highway 287 and has offered marketing assistance to property owners at the intersection of US 54 and US. 287.

Work on the SUBWAY fast food establishment is hoped to begin in the near future. SCDC is researching the feasibility of a Bed and Breakfast. SCDC has three businesses that are part of our Revolving Loan Program. In April, SCDC was pleased to make the 2003 scheduled payment to individuals who invested in the Taylor Building Project. SCDC sponsors the Roundtable Meetings comprised of the Sherman County and the City of Stratford taxing entities. SCDC has had inquiries from dairy farms wishing to relocate to the Panhandle of Texas. The SCDC Board recognized the need to advertise Sherman County and is now compiling information and looking forward to having a Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. Web-Page on the internet this summer. To achieve an all inclusive Web-page SCDC has requested input from the taxing entities of Sherman County and Stratford, from the Stratford Ministerial Alliance, SCOT,

Imagination Station, Sherman County Appraisal District, High Ground of Texas, Sherman County Commissioners, Stratford Chamber of Commerce, and the Sherman County Cooperative Extension Office.

SCDC Board Members are Steve Hays, President; Gina Rae Whatley, Vice President; Kathie Altman, B.A. Donelson, Scott Buckles, Wesley Miller, and Sean Hardman. The SCDC wishes to thank everyone for their support of the organization and encourage your continued interest. Working Together We Can "GROW SHERMAN COUNTY".

## Interim Clinic Hours-June

Interim Clinic hours for June, 2004 for Stratford Family Medical Clinic are Wednesday June 9, Tuesday June 15, Thursday June 17, Wednesday, June 23, Thursday, June 24, Monday, June 28 and Wednesday, June 30 Elisa Flores N.P. will be at the clinic.

## Mourning Buttons Display at Depot Museum in June

Have you heard of Mourning Buttons? Visit the Depot Museum to see a new exhibit of Mourning Buttons. It is a collection by Carol Hendrix of Dalhart. Don't miss it. Come by soon.

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## ABC Camp-Imagination Station

ABC Camp at the Imagination Station. Laurie Spurlock, director, Mary Ann Spurlock, helper. Ten students making Cicada rattles getting ready for the 17-year reemergence of the insects this summer. Listen for their song in the summer evenings.

## SISD Board of Trustees Special Session May 24, 2004

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, May 24, 2004 in the High School library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Gareed McBryde, Brent Spurlock, Steve Johnson, Patti Vincent, Ricky Reed, Jim Taliaferro, Superintendent.

Board members absent: Ted Allen.

Guests present were DeWain Traylor. Mr. Taliaferro gave the invocation.

Votes from the school board election dated May 15, 2004 were canvassed. They were:

Joe Taylor 68  
Steve Hays 135  
Greg Wright 76

DeWain Traylor 108  
Ricky Reed made the motion to declare Steve Hays and DeWain Traylor victors in the race. Steve Johnson seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Patti Vincent made the motion to accept the resignation of Nan Ashley with regrets. Brent

Spurlock seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Steve Johnson made the motion to accept the resignation of Tanya Thiessen with regrets. Patti Vincent seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Brent Spurlock made the motion to accept the resignation of Jeff Witcher with regrets. Ricky Reed seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Considered employment of David Sutterfield as new coach. Discussion was held. Gareed McBryde made the motion to hire coach David Sutterfield as presented. Patti Vincent seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was held on staffing for the 2004-2005 school year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 AM.

## Gutterrez Receives 10 years

Lucy Gutterrez, who entered a guilty plea to a second-degree felony charge of Theft last week, was sentenced to confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for a period of 10 years by District Judge Ron Enns.

Lucy Gutterrez had been accused of stealing over \$400,000 from the City of Cactus by pilfering cash from the utility fund. In her confession she admitted that she had been taking cash from the cash box. In her confession she stated that she could only remember taking approximately \$59,000.00 of the money. She did not testify during her punishment hearing.

## 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, Palser'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 934-4797. Call Roger Wann at 935-3054 or Alvia Calvert at 935-9768 to sign up for the Poker Run.

## 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."

## Farneys win Half A beef-Baseball Association

The winning ticket for the 1/2 Beef for the Baseball Association was number 29 and it was sold by Alex Farney to his parents Robin and Brent Farney! Congratulations to the Farney's and thank you to all who supported this fundraiser.

## Benefit Dinner and silent auction For Sam and Diane (Gilbert) Mason to be held June 12

A benefit dinner, along with live and silent auction, for Sam & Diane (Gilbert) Mason, to help with mounting medical expenses will be held June 12th - 7:00 p.m. in Dalhart Texas at the Rita Blanca Lake Coliseum. The Mason's were in a car accident several months ago.

Raffle tickets are being sold now for a hand made Saddle, made & donated by Junior Gray. Tickets are \$20, or 6 for \$100. For Tickets, Call Junior Gray's Saddle Shop at 806-244-2054, Elza Pollard at Texas Sunbelt Services 806-244-3900, or Dale & Leslie Reagan at 806-366-2568.

**Obits**



**Jessie Hugh Hutcheson, Jr.**  
1929-2004

Jessie Hugh Hutcheson Jr., 74, of Texhoma, Oklahoma was received into the care of our Lord on June 1, 2004 while undergoing care at the Hospice Unit of the BSA Hospital in Amarillo. Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 4, 2004 at the Marella United Methodist Church in Marella, OK with Reverend Bea Kilborn, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Marella Cemetery. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers of Stratford.

Jess's life began at Gunstown, Mississippi as the sixth of twelve children born to Jessie Hugh Hutcheson Sr. and Mary Ann Martha Hays Hutcheson. As a child, Jess and his family moved to Texas where he resided many years. Jess had recently retired after serving 21 years as custodian in the Plainview School District of Cimarron County, Oklahoma. During his tenure, he touched the hearts of many students and faculty members in his special way.

He was preceded in death by both his parents, three brothers and one sister.

He is survived by his three sons, Allen Ray Hutcheson of Lancaster, California, Richard Hutcheson and Scott Hutcheson, both of Springtown, TX; a daughter, Donna Kay Poe and husband Walter Burton of Chandler, OK; three brothers, Jack D. Hutcheson and wife Mary Lou of Amarillo, Hays Hutcheson and wife Norma Joyce of Leslie, Arkansas, and Cecil Hutcheson and wife Beverly of Amarillo; four sisters, Floradene Morris and husband Fred of Umbarger, Birdie Mae Sharpe and husband Tommy Gene "Zeke" of Amarillo, Rosa Lee Parvin and husband Noel of Amarillo, and Lorene Hix of Dawn, TX; four grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Jess joyful spirit, sense of humor, laughter, smile and friendship will be greatly remembered by all who were blessed to share life with him. Goodbye for now, Dad and friend. We stand on God's promises. With all our love.

Our names are labels, plainly printed on the bottled essence of our past behavior.  
—Logan Pearsall Smith

Generations to come, it may well be, will scarce believe that such a man as this, ever in flesh and blood, walked upon this earth.  
—Albert Einstein on Gandhi

**Arts in the Area**

By Gaynelle Riffe

\*\*\* note new listing

- June 3- August 21 "Texas Legacies" (TEXAS) Monday Through Saturday Pioneer Amphitheatre, Palo Duro Canyon State Park 806-655-2181 1-877-587-TEXAS www.epictexas.com
- 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 12 OPSU Drama Camp Production "How to succeed in Business" Guymon Community Theatre "Heavenly Country" (Sundays) Pioneer Amphitheatre, Palo Duro Canyon State Park
- June 13 August 22 Broadway with Soul, Chana Smith Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- June 17-20 Youth Cowboy Poetry Gathering Cal Farley's Boys Ranch www.youthcowboypoeetry.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

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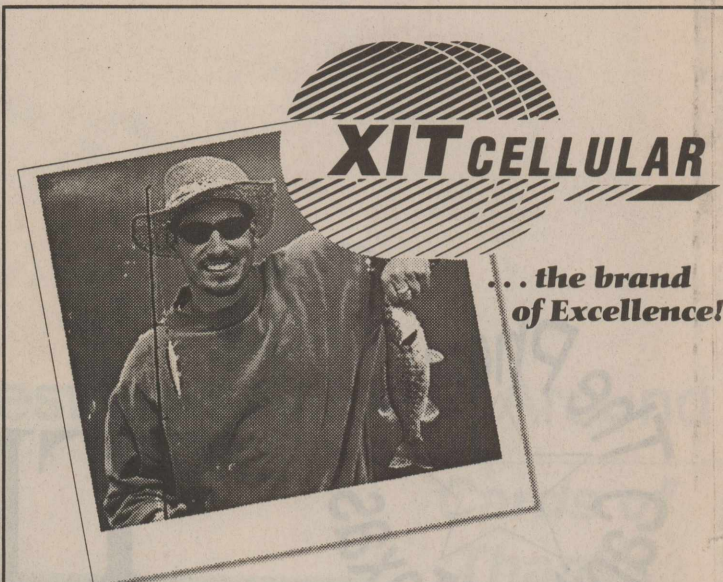
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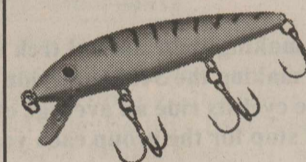
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Your feelings are important, aren't they? But do you ever let your feelings get in the way of doing what you know is right? For example, we tend to think of love and marriage in terms of feelings! So when the feelings seem to be gone, we believe that love is gone. Of course, love is not only a feeling. As Jesus says, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments" (John 14:15). Loving Jesus is much more than having a good feeling about him. Loving Jesus is a commitment to Him! By the same token, in marriage, you make promises. You recite vows to God and to your spouse! You are not at liberty to divorce your spouse when you think certain feelings are gone. God demands that you keep your word. "Pay what you vow! It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay" (Ecclesiastes 5:4-5). How often feelings get in the way of obeying God and doing what we really know is right! We also relate hypocrisy to how we feel. Because some people think love is a feeling, they also think when the feeling is gone, to stay with a husband or wife is hypocrisy. This misconception allows feelings to get in the way of doing right! What is right? Listen again to the Bible! "For I hate divorce," says the Lord" (Malachi 2:16). Now God does not ask you how you feel about your marriage vows. He tells you that He intends to hold you to those vows and that He hates divorce! As for hypocrisy, have you ever gotten out of bed when you didn't feel like it? Have you ever gone to work when you didn't feel like it? You weren't a hypocrite then were you? So don't allow your feelings to get in the way of doing right in more important areas of your life!

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**Kerrick Community Church**  
Pastor Roy Harris  
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**First Assembly of God**

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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  
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**St. Joseph Catholic**  
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.  
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
Larry Evans

N. 3rd & Chestnut  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
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Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
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Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

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## Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a barbecue Memorial Weekend. There were 80 who enjoyed Bill's cooking, than a reception with cake and trimmings given by their children. See picture and story elsewhere in paper. Mike McDaniel attended the wedding of Lynz and Roy in San Antonio June 5. He also went to Carlsbad, NM (A slight detour)

Kylee Gillenwaters had a fifth birthday party last weekend. Grandparents Bill & Donna took gifts to Amarillo. Patti McDaniel, Denver, Cliff Abbott of Lubbock, Mike & Marylou McDaniel were at Fred's Spread near Rye, CO. Memorial weekend, Donna Baker, Colorado City, hosted a supper. Gladys Arnold and Marylou McDaniel were installed Warder and Esther at Dalhart Order of the Eastern Star Saturday afternoon. Candace & Charles Sultemeier are Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

## Extension Education Clubs to Meet

The Southstar and Lunch and Learn Extension Education Clubs will have a joint meeting Tuesday, June 15 at 12 noon at the County Exhibit Building in Stratford. The program will be "What's Up Doc"-how to strengthen communication between you and your doctor. All members are invited and guests are welcome also. Lunch will be served compliments of the County TEEA Council and clubs. Interested participants are asked to call the Extension Office at 366-2122 by 5:00 p.m. Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> so that adequate preparations can be made.

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

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In art, nothing worth doing can be done without genius; in science, even a very moderate capacity can contribute to a supreme achievement.

—Bertrand Russell



## 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebrated

A come and go (western style) reception honoring Bill and Donna Gillenwaters 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary was held May 29 at the Kerrick Community Center. This was hosted by their children, which followed a Barbecue meal at noon.

Shown with Bill & Donna Gillenwaters at their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration from left, Jimmy & Sundry Gillenwaters, Bill & Donna, Stephanie & Duane Gillenwaters. In front from left, Tala and Dasan Gillenwaters (Duane & Stephanie's children) and Kylee Gillenwaters (Jimmy and Sundry's daughter).

## Club 70 More or Less meets in San Antonio

Club 70 More or Less met May 14-16 in San Antonio, Texas. We followed up on the scholarship idea from our last meeting. Scholarship criteria was discussed and approved. There have been deposits in the amount of \$1,096.00 made to the scholarship fund to date. You may mail your scholarship donations to John S. Lavake, P.O. Box 971, Stratford, TX 79084.

Those present for the meeting in San Antonio were: Jeff & Barbara Price, John & Nina Lavake Sandy & Anette Kimball, Tom & Deborah Pendleton, Mark & Patricia Lamb, Tim & Kristie Tanner, Becky McElroy, Debra Cornelson and Andrea Schop.

We had a great time in San Antonio. John had never seen the Alamo, so everyone went with him. We enjoyed the sights and sounds, old and new stories. Some of those who came said they would never miss another meeting. Some said they would never come to another one.

Debra Cornelson was admonished by the reporter. She was told to eat one snicker bar per day. She is to report back at the next meeting.

The reporter was surprised and pleased to meet Barbara Price after 25 years of promises. I thought she really didn't exist. She does and she is great!

Kristie, Patricia, Anette and Barbara were officially nominated and accepted as honorary Elkettes of Club 70 More or Less. As part of their initiation they had to listen to off color, politically incorrect and degrading jokes from the reporter.

We took a road trip on Saturday to Jeff & Barbara's ranch. It is a beautiful place, wonderful home, live water complete with a waterfall.

Saturday night we took a river boat ride. The captain said sit down and do not stand in the boat. Andrea stood and danced in the boat. It's not her fault, Becky & Patricia were the only ones who understood what the captain said.

The meeting in San Antonio; was the best meeting we have ever had. We accomplished a lot of business and our behavior was better. We were fairly loud though as we had people from other tables join us because we were having such a great time!

I want to say "Thank You" to Jeff for arranging and setting up this very special time together.

Respectfully submitted  
John Lavake, Reporter

## Baeza Named on ENMU Honor Roll

Portales-Sulema Baeza, an Eastern New Mexico University student from Stratford is among the 507 students on the 2004 spring semester Dean's Honor Roll.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll students must complete a minimum of 15 hours for the semester and maintain a 3.25 GPA. ENMU Opened in 1934 and today has an enrollment of approximately 3,500 on its main campus in Portales, Eastern, which also has a branch campus in Roswell and an instructional center in Ruidosa, offers 60 undergraduate and graduate programs.

Sulema is majoring in history.

## Divine Touch Through Massage Therapy Lori Mungia

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## Chamber News

By Patty Tims

### Empty-Nest Syndrome

Many mothers go through Empty-Nest Syndrome when their last child leaves home. Some of the symptoms that occur can be depression, excessive crying, feeling like the purpose of their life has no meaning, and a great sense of sadness and loss.

Empty-Nest Syndrome has left me with a feeling of not knowing what to do, sadness, and fear. I am not sure what my child needs for me to do for him or what I need to do for myself. I feel sadness or that sense of loss because my last child is going to be leaving home soon. And fear because I am on my own again. The person I know me as is a mother. I have lost touch with that girl I was before I had children.

I also look at this time a new journey or sense of self-discovery, which is exciting. Getting to know me again and not having to worry all the time about where my children are, who they are with, why their not home on time or what they are doing. I know I will still worry about my children, but this time it will be different. I know how my children were raised, and if they can survive me, they can survive anything.

Some people do not realize this is a normal reaction to experience when children leave home. What is not normal is crying excessively and feeling like your useful life has ended and depression has set in. I this occurs, seek professional help because this could be dangerous to your mental health. It helps to have a close friend to talk to about your feelings and go out and have some fun. Find out who you are and reconnect with that girl who lives deep down inside. The girl you knew before you had children. Now, all I have so say is, Go Girlfriend.

### Fourth of July

As you know, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration will be held on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at Pendleton Park. We invite all to participate in this celebration. If anyone would like to have a booth, please come by the office and we will get you set up. The booths are on a first come first serve basis and type of booth will be checked by the Chamber to ensure no duplications. For all of us folks who do not get to leave town on the fourth, this should be a chance to celebrate the fourth with friends and family, and we will not have to spend all that money on gas.

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Stratford Bi Products and The Stratford Star for their continued support and renewal of membership. If you or your company would like to become members of the Chamber of Commerce call 806-366-2260 or come by the office.

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