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LADY ELKS DISTRICT & BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

The Stratford Lady Elks ended the district season with the District Championship on Tuesday, February 8, 2005. The Lady Elks then played Quanah at the West Texas Event Center on Monday, February 14, 2005 and came away with the Bi-District win 29-25. The Lady Elks will play the winner of the Sudan/Crosbyton game that was played at press-time. The Area game will most likely be played on Friday, February 18th. Stratford Lady Elks shown with their Bi-District trophy from left, Katelyn Reed, Shadley Audrain, Candie Bell, Yadira Ortega, Lindsay Stein, Allison Baskin, Deidre Tarver. In back from left, Kayla Robertson and Haley Buckles.

School Board Election

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 7, 2005. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so from February 5 through March 7, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. You may apply at the Superintendent's Office, 503 N. 8th Street, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Wednesday, April 29, 2005 and continue through May 3, 2005. Early voting will be conducted in the Administrative Office Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.

Board members whose term will expire are Ricky Reed and Joe Reinart. Holdover members are Gared McBryde, Patti Vincent, Brent Spurlock, Steve Hays and DeWain Traylor.

Date Set for Story Time at Library

The Sherman County Public Library will offer a shortened Spring Session of "Story Time" beginning Monday, February 14th followed with February 28, March 7 and March 21. Story Time will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:15 a.m. Programs are open to all children of Sherman County ages 3-5. Pre-enrollment is encouraged to allow for the purchase of adequate supplies. For more information, please contact Sandy Baskin at 366-2200.

Trees to be Available at SWCD

REMINDER: If you are interested in windbreak/landscape trees, call the Sherman County SWCD at 396-5517 ext. 3 as soon as possible. Orders must be placed by the first week in March.

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

Attention Junior Parents

Junior Parents-We will start making decorations for the Prom on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Wesley Spurlock's barn on Beaver Road next to the Ambulance Building. We need all Junior Parents to be there.

"Geriatrics on the Go Tuesday"

Tuesday, February 22, 2005 "Geriatrics on the Go" Mobile Health Fair will be in Stratford.

The mobile health fair will be at SCOT Hall from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with free educational information for seniors, caregivers of the elderly, family members caring for an aging loved one, healthcare professionals working with geriatric clients or students interested in geriatric nursing.

Free health screenings will include glucose, cholesterol screening, and blood pressure checks.

Amarillo College Nursing Students will be presenting information that will include: diabetes management, mental health issues and aging, controlling cholesterol, medication management, eating right, exercise for older adults, fall prevention and safety, hypertension/high blood pressure, osteoporosis education, caregiving and aging, men and prostate health, women and breast health, and snuff out smoking.

The fair co-sponsors are SCOT and Sherman County Extension Family and Consumer Science program. For more information, contact Susie Spurlock at 366-2122 or Lynn Wells at 396-2011 or Karen Russell, Amarillo College Division of Nursing at 806-356-3691.

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

Open House to be held

Tractor exhibit at Sherman County Depot Museum. The Board will host an Open House on Sunday, February 20th from 1 to 3 p.m. (cookies and coffee) will be served.

Exhibitors include: Jim Hartman, Mark Hartman, Kurt Hartman, Kelby Hartman, Dean Hauser, George Oakley, Walter Spurlock, Ann Wells & Jean Turner

Notice of Library Hours

The Sherman County Library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21, 2005 in observance of Presidents Day

Do Well, Be Well Class to be offered

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 March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5 at the Stratford EMS building. Class time will be 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost of the class will be \$10.00 per individual or couple. Financial assistance is available.

Topics of the class will include understanding about diabetes, meal planning, exercise, foot care, diabetic medicines, and blood glucose levels. Numerous health care and nutrition specialist will be guest speakers.

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 February 28, 2005. 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, Stratford Diabetes Coalition and Sherman County Family Living Committee.



Cheerleaders Raise Money for Angel Tree

The Stratford High School Varsity Cheerleaders sold Spirit Links at the State Pep Rally in December to raise money for the Angel Tree Fund. Shown above left to right are Haley Buckles, Deidre Tarver, Lindsey Stein, First State Bank Manager-Mary Cross, Cassi Garza and Allison Baskin.



Horsford Shows Grand Champion Heifer

Kaleb Horsford is shown above with his Grand Champion Heifer at the Sherman County Stock Show. Shown also is Jordan Johnson, holding the banner.

EQIP SIGN-UP

An EQIP sign-up is underway to cost share conservation practices on farms and ranches. Sign up will continue through March 18, 2005 for Sherman County.

Call the NRCS office for an appointment at 396-5517 ext. 3. Cost share is available for livestock water facilities, grass seeding and cross fencing and windbreaks. Irrigation practices include pipeline, sprinkler upgrades to LPIC and LEPA systems, new sprinklers to convert row water to sprinkler and converting row water to drip irrigation.

Signatures for ALL Owners and operators will be required at the time of sign-up.

CITY OF STRATFORD ELECTION MAY 7, 2005

The City of Stratford will hold an election Saturday, May 7, 2005 to fill three (3) two-year terms. The first day to file for a place on the ballot is February 7, 2005 and will continue until March 7, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. You may pick up your election packet at City Hall, 518 N. Third, Stratford, Texas between the hours 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance begins April 20, 2005 between the hours as listed above, and will also be conducted at City Hall.

Those terms expiring this year are Nancy Kimball, George Harding and Blake Confer. For further information contact City Hall at (806)366-5581.

Carter to Be Sworn In Feb. 28th At 3 pm

Terri B. Carter, New county judge will be sworn in on Monday, February 28th at 3 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Texhoma School Board Election

The Texhoma Texas Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on Saturday May 7, 2005. The first day to apply for a place on the ballot is Monday, February 5, 2005 and will continue through March 7, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. You may apply at the Superintendent's office, 5th and Denver Street, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. School will be closed on February 14, 2005 for vacation. Information concerning applications during this time will be posted on the window at the school.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 and continue through May 3, 2005. Early voting will be conducted at the Superintendent's office from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.

Board members whose term will expire are Vicki Freeman and Cody Cartwright. Holdover members are Jay Blume, Christina Smith, and Jay Murphy.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE, INC. THIRD ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Panhandle Alliance, Inc. will hold its third annual membership meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2005, at the Sherman County Barn in Stratford, TX at 7:00 P.M.

Panhandle Alliance, Inc. is a non-profit corporation organized to promote clean air, land, water, quality of life, sustainable development, and our rural way of life. The membership is composed primarily of rural residents of several counties in the Texas Panhandle.

The annual meeting is being held in accordance with the by-laws of Panhandle Alliance, Inc. A meal will be provided, followed by reports of the past year's activities and election of directors. Any other business of importance to the membership can be discussed at this time.

"We urge our members to attend their annual meeting to stay informed about the activities of Panhandle Alliance, and we also welcome anyone who may wish to join," states Steve Baskin, president of Panhandle Alliance, Inc.

Obits

Efrain F. Ortega Sr.

Efrain F. Ortega Sr., age 48 died February 7, 2005 in Dumas, Texas.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 10, 2005 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Stratford, Texas. Officiating was Fr. Johnson Vadkumchery, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stratford. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ortega was born November 28, 1956 in Chihuahua, Mexico. He had been a Stratford resident since 1989.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stratford. He married Maria Elizabeth Cervantes on October 3, 1972 in Mexico. He was a roll operator for Stratford Feedyard since 1989.

Mr. Ortega is survived by his wife: Elizabeth of the home. Four daughters: Angelica Balderrama, Sunray, TX, Diana Quintero, Guymon, OK, America Ortega of the Home and Yadira T. Ortega of the home. Four sons: Efrain Ortega Jr, of Sunray, Carlos I. Ortega of Dumas and Christian Ortega and Luis E. Ortega of the home. His parents: Mr. and Mrs. Liberato Ortega Sr., of Mexico. Three sisters: Guadalupe Hernandez and Blanca Paez, Mexico and Patricia Ruiz of Amarillo, Texas. Two brothers: Santos Ortega and Liberato Ortega Jr of Stratford and eight grandchildren.

Maurice Norman

Dumas, TX-Maurice Norman, age 97 died February 8, 2005 at Dumas, Texas.

Services were held on Thursday, February 10, 2005 at 2 p.m. at First Street Church of Christ, Dumas, Texas. Officiating were Mr. Art Lynch, minister of First Street Church of Christ of Dumas, assisted by Mr. Tim Norman minister of Church of Christ of Searcy, Arkansas and DeWayne Gion of 14th and Meredith Church of Christ, Dumas. Burial was in Northlawn Memorial Gardens, in Dumas under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Mr. Norman was born March 18, 1907 in Weatherford, OK. He was a Dumas resident since 1970.

He was a member of 14th and Meredith Church of Christ, Dumas. He married his first wife, Veola Lyon on August 25, 1928 in Sayre, OK. She preceded him in death on February 17, 1991. He married Reba Chandler on July 2, 1991 in Clayton, NM He taught school at Dumas Junior High. Coached girl's basketball at Friona, Stratford and Dalhart.

He is survived by his wife: Reba, of the home. One daughter: Joan Spivey of Dumas, two sons: Thomas Norman and wife Sue of Fredericksburg, TX, John Norman and wife, Glenda of Dumas. One brother: Dennis Norman, of Amarillo, two sisters: Ann Thurman, Fort Worth, TX and Lucille Cadell of Lubbock, TX one stepson Mack Meade of Amarillo. Four grandsons: Stanley Norman and wife, Denise, of Dumas, Pete Schuman and wife, Debra, Sunray, Robby Schuman, Amarillo; Tim Norman and wife, Tammy, Searcy, AK. Two

granddaughters: Johnette Clark & husband, Brent, Dumas and Ronda Hodges of Houston, Texas. 12 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to High Plains Children's Home and Family Services, Inc., P.O. Box 7448, Amarillo, TX 79114-9990.

Ben Opal Bidy

Ben Opal Bidy, age 93 died February 10, 2005 in Altus, Oklahoma. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, February 15, 2005 at 11 a.m. at Stratford Cemetery in Stratford with Rev. Gene Weinette, pastor of First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Mr. Bidy was born November 3, 1911 in Blair, Oklahoma.

He was the first of four children born to Dora and Albert Bidy. Ben and his family moved to Stratford, Texas in April of 1942. Ben worked on the ranch of WF Wigginton for a few years and then worked for King Equipment where he retired at the age of 65. After the death of his first wife, Virgie Isham Bidy, Ben married Opal Collins Bidy. Ben was a 32nd Degree Mason and was a member of the 1009 Masonic Lodge of Dumas, Texas for more than 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dora and Albert Bidy, wives Virgie Isham Bidy and Opal Collins Bidy, brother, Ray Bidy, sisters Oleta Hall and Frances Vann, sons Benny R. Bidy and Bruce A. Bidy.

Mr. Bidy is survived by son: Glen O. and Cleta Bidy of Altus, Oklahoma, Daughter Gayle and Idle Culberson, of Karvel, Colorado. Three grandsons: Barry Bidy, Steve Bidy and Bryan Bidy. Five granddaughters: Connie Barnes, Tammy Beaty, Connie Bidy, Kari Byrne, Charlotte Hardcastle and 12 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, which include George Harding of Stratford, JoWayne Summerour, Lori Funk of Dalhart and numerous friends.

SISD Board of Trustees Regular Session-Feb. 10th

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, February 10, 2005 in the High School library.

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

Board members present:

Joe Reinart
Ricky Reed
Gared McBryde
DeWain Traylor

Brent Spurlock Jim Taliaferro, Superintendent
Steve Hays

Patti Vincent was absent.

Guests present were Chief DeWayne Dennis - Stratford Police Department, Jennifer DeAnda - Mary Allen Elementary, Dinah Horsford, Tim Gilliland and Steve Haynes.

Mr. Gilliland led the invocation.

Mr. Taliaferro introduced the guests as presented above.

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

1. The following Elk football players have received honors:
Texas Sports Writers Association All State 1st Team Offense

1st Team Defense

Tyler Haynes - Receiver

Mark Miller - Defensive Lineman
Mark Miller - Tackle

Josh King - Quarterback

2nd Team Defense

3rd Team



Tarver Shoots Whitetail Buck

Stone Tarver shot this 7-point whitetail buck Saturday January 15th, 2005 during the final youth weekend for deer season. Stone got this deer with one shot right at dark and is his 1st Big Game Trophy. It was ten from the Christian Ranch. Stone is the 7-year-old son of Lee and Carolyn Tarver of Stratford.

"Everyone is Invited" Lutes Custom & Classic Body Shop II

"FREE"
Car Show Hamburger
Cookout on
Noon Saturday
February 19, 2005

Impressive Showings by
Dalhart Car Club
Amarillo Corvette Club

Cancer Survivors to Be Spotlighted

In the coming months, the Stratford Star will be spotlighting cancer survivors in our area. The upcoming Relay for Life will honor cancer survivors, raise cancer awareness, and raise funds to support the American Cancer Society. The first annual Stratford Relay for Life is set for Friday, June 3 at the Stratford track. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 1:00 a.m. the following morning. There will be non-stop entertainment, food, games, and walking, of course. The entire community is invited to this event. If you are interested in having a team for this event, call Desine Garza at 396-5336. If you are a survivor, please call Michelle Lutes at 396-2065 so you can receive a free t-shirt and sign up to walk in the survivors lap at the Relay. If you would like to volunteer to be interviewed for a cancer survivor story in the Stratford Star call Nikie Berry at 366-2421.

Offense
Ryan McDaniel - Linebacker

Tony Ruiz - Running Back

Academic All State
1st Team - Tyler Haynes
2nd Team - Josh King

Texas Prep Xtra All West Texas Team
1st Team Offense
Luis Trejo

2nd Team Offense
Trent Boyd

Honorable Mention
Offense
Josh King - Quarterback

2. The Elk Football team will receive a Special Achievement Award at the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame on Sunday, February 13th.



Vows Exchanged

Robin Dawn Hart and Donald Lee Hunt, Jr. were wed on November 25, 2004 on the sandy beaches in Tasmania, Australia. Robin is the daughter of Jeff and Sheila Hart and granddaughter of Glenn and Joyce Hart, all of Stratford. She graduated from Garland High School in 1997 and is currently working in property management. Donald is the son of Donald and Lena Hunt of Illinois. He graduated from Pontiac High School in 1988 and is currently working as a Visual Effect Artist. A celebration of their love for each other will be held in North Richland Hills, TX on February 19, 2005 where the couple resides.

Chamber News by Patty Tims

HELLO AGAIN

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank these businesses and families for renewing their memberships: O. Jay & Armita Lane, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Cheshier, Kerry & Brenda Bell and Sherman County Farm Bureau.

Without the support of these families and businesses, the Chamber of Commerce would not be able to serve the community of Stratford. Once again, thanks to all of you.

If you would like to become a member of the Chamber, please come by the office, Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, or call 366-2270. Help us make a difference.

WHO'S WHO

It's time to start thinking about who this year's Citizen of the Year should be. George Harding was last year's winner. In next week's paper, the entry form will be available. So, please, start thinking about whom you would consider for citizen of the year.

TEXAS ELECTRIC

Chuck Harbour is making great progress on his new building. The weather slowed construction for awhile, but since it has been nice lately they have taken advantage. Go by and see the progress, the building is located on the north corner of 3rd and HWY 287. Good luck with the progress.

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Holland Honored with Baby Shower

A baby shower honoring Candra Holland and baby boy-to-be was held in the home of Jeanne Holland on Saturday, February 12, 2005. Shown from left, Ruth Holland, Mikka Hall, Candra, Tana Pemberton, Linda Holland, and Beverly Pemberton.

Births

Jonathan and Keri Walden come with love their new daughter, Klaire Ryan. Klaire born on Saturday, February 2005 at 6:27 p.m. in Marillo, Texas. She weighed 8 7/8 oz and was 20 1/2 inches

and grandparents are Ken Barbie Wight and Philip Kristi Walden. Great-grandparents are Jeannie Wight Clayton, NM, Jimmy and Helen Summerour and Mary Lou Walden of Stratford. Klaire was born on the birthday of her late great-grandfather, E.C. "Hi" Jenkins.

SBA Loan Programs

The West Texas A&M University Small Business Development Center invites you to attend a free seminar by SBA Loan Specialist Scotty Arnold to hear about: SBA's CAPLine Program, information a business owner should have before applying for a loan, what the banker is looking for in a loan, and an overview of other services offered by the SBA. There will be a question and answer period where the SBA representative will be available to visit with the attendees one on one. Register by calling 806-372-5151 Date for this is February 24th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at SBDC offices at 2300 N. Western. The cost is free.

Have A Computer Question?

Chris Riffe will help with the answer at the Imagination Station, 202 N. Main on

Thursday's from 4:30 to 5:30 (If he is not called out on a job). The Imagination Station Lab is open to the public Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 4:00-6:00 and Sunday 2:00-5:00.

The Public is cordially invited to an
Open House
and
Reception
honoring
Sherman County
Judge Kim Crippen
as she leaves for her
new position in Austin, Texas

Wednesday, February 23, 2005
from 10:00 to 12 Noon
at the
Sherman County Courthouse
Stratford, Texas

Lunch & Learn Meeting Thursday

Lunch & Learn TEEA will meet Thursday, February 17 at 12 noon in the educational room of the County Extension Office. The program will be "Women's Prescription for Health". All members are

invited and guests are welcome also.

Lunch will be served at a cost of \$5.00 per person. Interested participants are asked to call the Extension Office at 366-2122 by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 16 so that adequate preparations can be made.

Educational programs conducted by the Sherman County Office of Texas

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*Prices are good for case lots only through February 19, 2005. See your local A&I Parts Center for details and for booking discounts on other Baldwin filter numbers.

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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 School 9:45 am (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service
Wed.: Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weinette
520 N. Main

Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic

Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master
6th & Pearl

Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)
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

Ernie Maiwald
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

James Washburn
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message

Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Brent Farney
702 N. 3rd

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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Miercoles (Wednesday)

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Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm
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The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

Have an Open Mind

Imagine being a lawyer in the White House. That place must be the mother of all pressure cookers. Perhaps this is why White House attorneys fall by the wayside. Vincent Foster was one. His suicide note is revealing. "I was not meant for the job or the spotlight of public life in Washington. Here ruining people is considered sport." Foster no doubt felt terrible guilt. He knew of no other way to alleviate the pain than ending his life. Another White House counsel went to jail for crimes committed in the Watergate scandal. He too can no longer practice law. His name is Charles Colson. When he received the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion he said, "I speak as one transformed by Jesus Christ, the living God. He is the way, the truth and the life. He has lived in me for 20 years. His presence is the sole explanation for whatever is praiseworthy in my work, the only reason for this award." Two lawyers caught in the web of intrigue, violence and guilt. Two ways to approach the agonizing results of violence. The followers of Jesus Christ exclaim, "Not one of us lives for himself, and not one of us dies for himself; for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord" (Romans 14:7-8).

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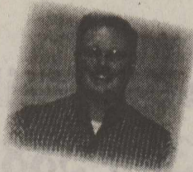
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- The Sherman County stock show was held January 28-29. Winners were as follows:
Grand Champion Swine - Walter Spurlock
Reserve Champion Swine - Chelsea Christian
Grand Champion Lamb - Chelsea Christian
Reserve Grand Champion Lamb - Chelsea Christian
Grand Champion Goat - Matt Correll
Reserve Champion Goat - Ransom Lermon
Grand Heifer - Kaleb Horsford
Reserve Champion Heifer - Calli Hamilton
Grand Champion Steer - Clayton Johnson
Reserve Champion Steer - Case Crabtree

Showmanship awards were presented to the following:

- Jr. Swine - Kyle Horsford
Jr. Goat - Rhyon Burton
Sr Swine - Tyler Haynes
Sr Goat - Craig Kautz
Jr. Lamb - Trevor Christian
Jr. Beef - Jordan Johnson
Sr. Lamb - Chelsea Christian
Sr Beef - Case Crabtree

- The junior high basketball teams have finished their seasons. Their records were as follows: 7th Boys - 5-4; 8th Boys - District Champions 10-3; 7th Girls - 3-7; 8th Girls 5-7.

- The speech team consisting of Rocio Molina, Jordan Taylor, Ryan Pendergrace, Austin Riffe, Trena

Maiwald, Evan Haile, Ashley Duschl, Staci Hays and Shiloh Dickenson competed in the Hereford Speech Tournament and placed 1st out of 20 teams. Evan Haile placed 1st in Poetry and Prose, Staci Hays placed 1st in Impromptu Speaking and Jordan Taylor was 2nd in LD Debate. Good work speech team.

- The speech team also competed at the Tascosa Speech tournament. Staci Hays placed 5th in Impromptu Speaking. This was a huge tournament with many class 5-A schools and Stratford was well represented.

- The Brass Sextet consisting of Allison Baskin, Ryan Ewers, Juliana Taliaferro, Michael Reinart, Jake Lawrence and Andrew Correll competed in the UIL Solo/Ensemble contest. They received a 1st division and will advance to the State UIL competition in May.

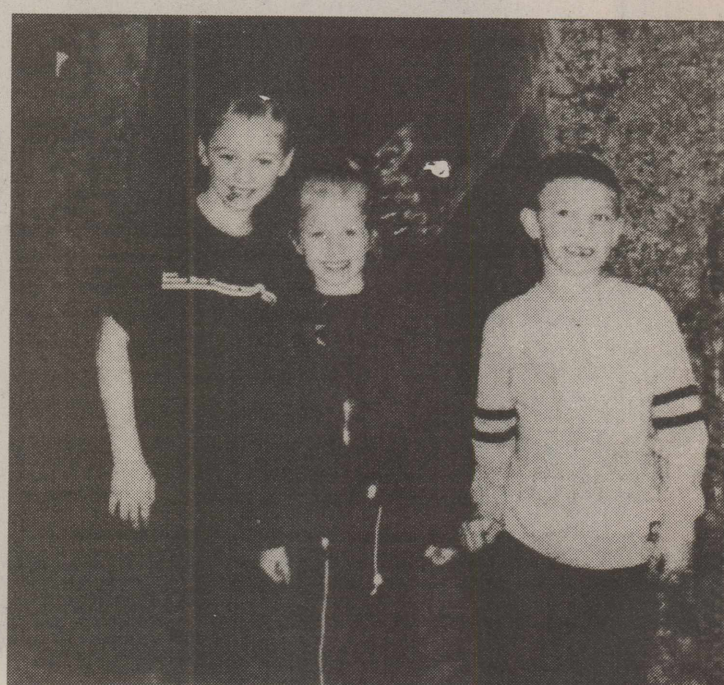
- Several 4-H and FFA members exhibited animals at the Fort Worth Stock Show. Placing animals in the premium sale were Walter Spurlock, 6th place Cross pig, Braden Hudson - 6th place Hampshire pig, Jordan Johnson - 1st place Shorthorn steer, Case Crabtree 2nd place steer, Clayton Johnson 2nd place steer, and Trevor

Christian 6th place steer.

- The Elks and Lady Elks have finished District play. The girls



L/R: Allie James, Aubrie Jamieson, Gage Brooks, Savannah Osmond, Bailey Cobb, Haven Hernandez, Karlene Arias, Meghan Brooks, and Hartlynn Smith. These youngsters competed in Chickasha, OK Saturday January 29th. Ten kids competed in three events and brought home 2 overall high scored trophies, 1 team trophy, 14 gold medals, 5 silver medals and 2 bronze medals. They recently competed in Muleshoe, TX. Way to go kids!!



L/R: Meghan Brooks, 9 year old daughter of Lance and Kelly Brooks, Allie James, 5 yr. old daughter of Trew and Cara James and Gage Brooks, 6 yr. old son of Lance and Kelly Brooks competed Saturday, January 29th in Chickasha, OK. Meghan placed 1st on floor, trampoline and double-mini. She also received the high score level 7 trophy. Allie placed 1st on floor, trampoline and double-mini. Gage place 1st on floor, 2nd on double-mini and 1st on trampoline. Gage received the high score trophy for level 4. Way to go kids!!!

will advance to the Bi-District playoffs. They will play Quanah on Monday, February 14 at the WT Event Center.

Chief DeWayne Dennis representing the Stratford Police Department spoke to the board concerning grant information he had researched and other possible projects. He thanked the board for letting him address the board.

Jennifer DeAnda gave the elementary report in Mrs. Williams's absence. She reported that the Valentine's Day parties will be on Monday. Several students have been out of school with sickness. TAKS preparation continues.

Mr. Gilliland gave the middle school report. He reported that he has had many students out with sickness. The County Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, February 10th. Sunny Russell won the Senior division and Deborah Molina was the runner up. Tyler Wright was the runner up in the Junior division. The Regional Spelling Bee will be in March. Junior High basketball season is complete, and track season has started. TAKS preparation continues.

Mr. Haynes gave the high school report. He reported that he has had several students out with sickness. He reported on the TAKS Initiative at the high school. This was an intense 4 day program where Mrs. Wells worked with 15 students concentrating on English.

Practice for the UIL Academic meet has began.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the transportation report. The cost per mile for transportation for the month was 39¢. He then gave the budget summary. Monthly expenditures are at 33.91% and revenue collected at 80.58%. Tax collections are at 95.95%. President Joe Reinart informed each board member of the total number of continuing education hours they had received and what they were deficient in. Open House has been scheduled for March 1st at the middle school and high school and March 3rd for the Mary Allen elementary. The District SBDM committee met today and will have a calendar to submit to the board for approval in April. The district enrollment is 628 with the Mary Allen having 256 students, the junior high having 175 students and the high school having 197. The school received several copier/scanner/fax machines through a grant at no cost to the school. These machines have been refurbished and will be distributed throughout the district.

Ricky Reed made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to accept the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Jennifer DeAnda, in the absence of Mrs. Williams, presented the Mary Allen Elementary Campus Plan. She discussed each goal with the

board and answered any questions they had. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to approve the Mary Allen Elementary Campus Plan. Discussion was held. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gilliland presented the Stratford Middle School Campus Plan. He answered questions the board had. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Gared McBryde seconded to approve the Middle School Campus Plan. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Haynes explained the Stratford High School Campus Plan in detail. He answered questions from the board. Joe Reinart made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to approve the High School Campus Plan. Motion carried 6-0.

Steve Hays made the motion and DeWain Trayler seconded to call for the School Board Trustee Election to be held on May 7, 2005. Motion carried 6-0.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to appoint Janice Sladek as election judge. Motion carried 6-0.

DeWain Trayler made the motion and Gared McBryde seconded to extend the contract of Steve Haynes through the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to extend the contract of Steve Haynes through the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

DeWain Trayler made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to extend the contract of Tim Gilliland through the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Ricky Reed made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to extend the contract of Mary Pat Williams through the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Joe Reinart made the motion and DeWain Trayler made the motion to renew the contract of Eddie Metcalf, Athletic Director/Head Football Coach. Motion carried 6-0.

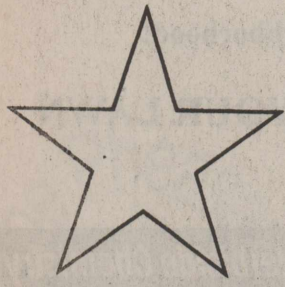
Brent Spurlock made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to renew the contract of Jessica Wheeler, Special Education Coordinator. Motion carried 6-0.

Steve Hays made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to renew the contract of Misti McBryde. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Gared McBryde abstaining.

Discussion was held on the replacing Route bus #6, finance, football field, facility projects and the meeting change.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

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For Sale 1996 Camper 25' travel trailer, coachman Catalina lite-Excellent condition, sleeps 6 Call evenings 366-3777. 3-3-c

For Sale: 2002 Chevy Pickup 4x4 LS Crew Cab w/matching shell. 48,000 miles Call evenings 366-3777. 3-3-c

For Sale: Pickup topper-'91 Ford Ext. Cab, fiberglass-3 windows w/locks-red. Can be seen at 402 S. Maple or call 396-2572 3-3-c

Help Wanted

Stratford Family Medical Clinic is in need of a full time nurse. Must be able to draw blood and start IV. Apply at the clinic or call 806-396-5583. Must be able to multitask. 2-3-tfn

Coldwater Manor has openings for R.N. or L.V.N. Apply in person with Chassidy, DON 2-24-c

Looking for dependable, reliable & loves to work with children. Fulltime/parttime position. Must apply in person. No phone calls please. Lollipop Junction 9-30-tfn

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

The St. Louis, Mo., wedding of Lori Hutchison to Michael Whitcraft was attended by several area relatives. Lori is the daughter of Sherri Hutchison, daughter of Thelma Smith, Dumas. She is the grandniece of Marylou McDaniel, cousin of Patti McDaniel, Denver, Mindy & Maura Hutchison, Lubbock, niece of Scott Hutchison, Lubbock.

Flower girl was Genesys McMillian, Dumas. Taylor McMillian gave out the bubble containers. With them was Stephanie Smith, their grandmother.

All of the above attended the Feb. 12 ceremony.

Marylou & Patti McDaniel visited with Berniece Martin, aunt, at Walker, MO and Alberta Sutton, 95 year old friend in Springfield, MO., on their way to the St. Louis Wedding.

Whit, Jean, Rustin and Kayla McDaniel had lunch with Jo June McDaniel, also Terry & Shelby McDaniel. Little 4 1/2 month old Kayla was dedicated Sunday in Dumas.

This is a "McDaniel" column! No one else home or didn't do anything!

Congratulations
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District and Bi-
District Champs
Good Luck
Friday

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FOR RENT...Office space on Main Street for rent. For information call (806)396-5541. 11-27-tfn

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For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished apt, 6th & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime, 396-5692 at nights. 1-28-tfn

Lost

Lost: Brown lab. Answers to Hersey. East on Hwy 15. Call Jon Hart at 876-2931. 2-17-c

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. The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter ("no kill" facility) currently has over 100 dogs and puppies available for adoption. These dogs are all sizes & range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed and/or neutered & have their shots. These dogs need a good home.

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.

Houses For Sale

For Sale: House and furnishings as a package. 1320 sq. ft. living; detached garage; sprinkler system. \$49500.00. Shown by appointment only. Trust Dept. 396-5521. 9-25-tfn

For Sale: 3BR, 1.75 bath home at 603 S. Fulton. 2 living areas, dining room, master bedroom with 2 walk in closets. Lots of closets and storage throughout the house. Large backyard with above ground swimming pool, metal storage shed and covered patio. 2 car garage. Brick and vinyl exterior for maintenance free up keep. Contact Rhonda Browne after 6:30 at 366-7597 or leave message. 12-9-tfn

3 Bdrm Brick, 2 baths on large corner lot. 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Located in Casa Bonita Addition. Call 366-2153 for appointment. 10-21-tfn

For Sale: Our home at 619 S. Pearl. 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

FOR SALE BY OWNER...Beautiful 4 bedroom home, large sized rooms, 3 full baths, office, large utility room, basement, covered patio, beautifully landscaped backyard. Wdeck. This house is located in a GREAT neighborhood!! 202 Kay Ave. Approx. 3800 sq. ft. Call 806-366-2482. 4-22-tfn

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For Sale: 604 S. Pearl, 3/1.75/2 1950 sq. Ft. w/2living areas, new C/H&A and tile. Large covered patio, workshop and shed. 366-3455 or 244-1296, \$78,000. 2-10-tfn

Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual report of the Earl N. and Conrad E. Riffe Memorial Scholarship Trust is available at the address noted below for inspection during normal business hours by an citizen who0 so requests within 180 days after publication of this notice of its availability.

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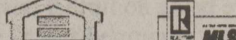
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Land for Sale

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

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3 bedroom 1.75 bath. This home has a new sewer line and has had carpet professionally cleaned. Move up to this beautiful house. Possible lease before purchase 89,900

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Very cute 1 bedroom .75 bath home that would make a great rental property. 15,000

2 bedroom 1 bath home, this would make a great starter home. 25,000

Nice 3 bedroom 2 bath home with a 1 car detached garage and a shop in the backyard. 50,000

This 3 bedroom 2 bath home is located in a prime location in a quite neighborhood and close to schools. 125,000

This 4 bedroom 1.5 bath home is a very nice corner lot with a great fence. C/H&A, sewer lines, and gas line all recently replaced. 60,000

For Sale by Owner: 4/2/3 home on corner lot. Custom built in 1995. New carpet, 20 x 20 finished basement, fireplace, ceramic tile in entry, utility, dining and kitchen, sprinkler system, open floor plan, approx. 3200 total sq. ft. Call 806-366-2303 evenings or leave a message. 11-4-tfn

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at First United Methodist Church, 520 N. Main, in Stratford on March 23, 2005.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

All exams are done by appointment only.

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Council Minutes

JANUARY 13, 2005

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session Thursday January 13, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: George Harding, Nan McWilliams, Bryan Mungia, Blake Confer, and Nancy Kimball.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Secretary; Earl Blair, Sandy Williams, Emergency Management Coordinator; Rob Elliott, City Attorney; Van Josselet & Lee Moore, Gaskill, Pharis, & Pharis L.L.P.; Fred Pronger, Mike Neill, J & L Equipment; Richard Bachman, Chamber of Commerce; Dwight Brandt & Justin Scarth, Brandt Engineers; Vince Viaille, First Southwest Company; Kathy Rendon, Dwayne Dennis, Chief of Police; and Gaynelle Riffe.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2004 Regular Meeting. Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Gaynelle Riffe was present to discuss Panhandle Days in Austin, February 28th. Gaynelle encourages attendance from the City.

New Chamber of Commerce President Richard Bauchman was present to request funds in the amount of \$349.33 from the Hotel/Motel Tax fund. George Harding motioned to approve the request for funds, Nancy Kimball seconded all in favor, motion carried.

Tim Hughes arrived at 6:13 p.m.

Sandy Williams, Sherman County Emergency Management Coordinator(EMC), was present to make the council aware of an emergency management meeting January 24, 2005 and urges many people to attend as their input is needed. Training information will also be discussed at this meeting.

Lee Moore and Van Josselet with Gaskill, Pharis, & Pharis L.L.P. were present to discuss the 2003-2004 fiscal year audit results. Lee Moore made the council aware that GASB 34 was affecting this year's audit. Discussion took place. Council then thanked Lee and Van.

Fred Pronger was present to discuss the sewer bill for Consumer's Company. Fred is requesting an adjustment to the last few months bill, due to the fact that the commercial sewer rate is now determined by averaging the water consumption over a 12 month period. Consumer's had a water leak and was never repaired. After further discussion, Nancy Kimball motioned to allow the adjustment of the sewer portion of the utility bill based upon prior year's consumption before the water leak occurred, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Dwight Brandt and Justin Scarth with Brandt Engineering

status of the East Wastewater

Treatment Plant (EWWTP). Dwight has sent a letter to TCEQ regarding the steps the City is and has taken towards the repairs to the East WWTP. Further discussion took place.

Vince Viaille with First Southwest Company was present to discuss Certificate of Obligations and other financing options for the repairs to the EWWTP. Other options for financing would be from the Water Development Board. Further discussion took place. Council then thanked Dwight, Justin and Vince for their time.

Mike Neill with J & L Equipment was present to provide the council information on the North Street Lift Station. Mike handed out information he had on regarding the Lift Station. Mike gave a brief description regarding the operation of the Lift Station. Information was given regarding the type of lift station, pumps, maintenance and time involved of the lift station. More discussion took place. Council thanked Mike for his time.

Council recessed at 8:25 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:37 P.M.

MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the first reading of the Municipal Court, Technology Fund Ordinance. George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Sandy Williams briefed the council on the Interlocal agreements and why the agreements are written, FEMA, Emergency Management and the Homeland Security are the main reasons behind the Interlocal agreements.

Bryan Mungia motioned to approve the Interlocal with City of Dumas, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Blake Confer motioned to approve the Interlocal with City of Sunray, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the Interlocal with City of Cactus, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Blake Confer motioned to approve the Interlocal with the City of Texhoma, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Bryan Mungia motioned to approve the Interlocal with the City of Dalhart, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Dwayne Dennis reported on a few problems reported to him via the public.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Sean Hardman reported on the following:

-A bid has been received on the pump house from J & L Equipment \$41,000

-Sherman County Development Committee town hall meeting

-Reminded the council of January 17th holiday, City Hall will be closed

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City Council
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-TML meeting in Amarillo January 20, 2004
 -Reported on property line discussion on North Side of the City

-Next month the Railroad will be closing the intersection at Hwy 287 for approximately 48 hours

-County would like for the City to help with costs on the repairs to the County's roller, since the city borrows this equipment at times, consensus of the council was to agree to pay half the cost of repairs

-Sherman County Development Committee with be holding its annual meeting January 26th at 11:30

-there will be an Incode, current municipal software, training next month, both LaRita Butler and Kathy Rendon will attend, and a part-time employee will be hired while they are gone

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Membership to the Stratford Gym was discussed. Item tabled until further information can be gathered.

Seal Coating with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc was discussed. George Harding stated he would like to have the city designate the streets needing attention. Discussion took place regarding the company which performed the seal coating several years ago. Further information will be gathered and presented back to the council.

Appointment of new member to the Sales Tax Corp. was tabled until the next regular monthly meeting.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the inter-local agreement for professional services with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC). George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Irrigation at the East Wastewater Treatment Plant (EWWTP) tail water pit was discussed. There is currently no power available; therefore, the cost of a generator would have to be considered. Sean Hardman obtained a price for a generator, but at this time, it is not necessary. No further discussion.

Council adjourned into executive session at 9:37 p.m. under section 551.074 to deliberate the job performance of the City Administrator, Sean Hardman.

Council reconvened out of executive session at 10:25 p.m.

Nancy Kimball motioned to incorporate Sean's compensation package into his annual salary, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Sean's compensation package is available at city hall.

George Harding motioned to approve the accounts payable, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the November & December financial statements, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

LaRita Butler

David Brown, Mayor
 City Secretary
 of Stratford

COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 31, 2005

Stratford City Council met in Special Session, Monday January 31, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Nan McWilliams, George Harding, Nancy Kimball, Blake Confer and Bryan Mungia.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator, LaRita Butler, City Secretary, Rob Elliott, City Attorney,

Dwight Brandt and Justin Scarth with Brandt Engineering.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Council convened into executive session at 6:04 p.m. under Section 551.072 to deliberate regarding real property.

Council reconvened out of executive session at 6:53 p.m.

George Harding motioned to allow Rob Elliott, City Attorney to contact Fred Griffin on behalf of City of Stratford, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

LaRita Butler

David Brown, Mayor
 City Secretary
 of Stratford

Private Pesticide
Applicator's
Testing To Be Held

Sherman County Texas Cooperative Extension will host a Private Pesticide Applicator's training and testing on February 24, 2005. The training will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Sherman county Exhibit Building, 501 S. Maple, Stratford, TX. The training materials will cost \$15.00. The testing will be conducted by the Texas Department of Agriculture at 1:00 p.m. in the same location. The certification steps to obtaining a private applicator's license is to participate in a 3 1/2 hr training by a certified instructor, achieve a 70 or better on the license exam, apply for license, and pay a \$50.00 fee. Please contact Leslie Neve at the Sherman County Extension Office, (806) 366-2081, to RSVP and obtain more information. Please RSVP by February 18, 2005 to ensure adequate training.

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Analysis: 18-0-12 with Trace Elements, Gallery and Team
 Three pre-emerge herbicides to give control of broadleaf and grassy weeds in Northern and Southern lawns. Effectively controls Dandelions and Crabgrass.

Coverage: 5.75 to 8.6 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft.



USE OF SPREADER FREE WITH PURCHASE



THANKS FOR 7 1/4 MILLION

In 2004 our customers and friends of Stratford and Sherman County purchased over \$7,250,000 of New Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance, on 103 lives. Thank you for 41st consecutive year new life insurance issued has been in excess of \$1,000,000.

We are very grateful for your confidence in us and our company. We promise to do our very best to look after the estates and security you have created with life insurance. This represents over \$66,000,000 in death benefit and more than 1,300 policies.

We consider it the highest privilege to be of service to you and your families.

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