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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.

Candidates are Joe Reinart and Ricky Reed.

What people say you cannot do, you try and find that you can.
—Henry Thoreau

SHS Blood Drive March 3

Stratford High School and Coffee Memorial Blood Drive will be held Thursday, March 3, 2005, 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Old Gym. T-shirts to all donors.

ACT Test Deadline

The ACT Test will be administered at Stratford High School on Saturday, April 9, 2005. The postmark deadline for students wanting to take this test is March 4, 2005. Registration packets and review materials can be picked up in the counselor's office at Stratford High School.

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

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.

Weather Spotter's Class to be held March 15, 2005, 7 p.m. at the Stratford EMS Building. The program is presented by the National Weather Service from Amarillo and provides training in spotting and identifying threatening weather conditions.

This class is sponsored by Sherman County Emergency Management and is open to all citizens interested in weather safety. You may contact Sandy Williams @806-366-3245 for further information.

XIT Rural Telephone to Host 54th Annual Membership Meeting

The XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has scheduled its 54th Annual Membership meeting of its rural landline telephone members for Wednesday, March 9th. The meeting will be held at the Rita Blanca Lake Coliseum. Rural landline members and invited guests' registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed with a luncheon catered by Bar H Steak House, Dalhart, Texas. The menu will consist of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, and hot rolls. A delicious chocolate cake with fudge sauce will be served for dessert. This year, members and invited guests will again be treated to a sit-down dinner served by XIT's management and employees. Serving will begin at 11:45 a.m.

Patronage Capital Credit checks will be handed out to members as they register. This refund will include the remaining 45% of the 1995 allocation and 43% of the 1996 allocation. The checks will be given to qualifying members upon registration at the annual meeting. Checks can only be given to the actual member or the authorized voting delegate for a business. A member does not have to be present at this meeting to receive this refund. All checks, not given in person, will be mailed shortly after the meeting.

The recipients of the 2005 XIT Rural Telephone Educational Program will be announced. This is the sixth year that XIT has offered this program to rural members' graduating seniors. The business session will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a welcome to the

membership and an introduction of the guests by James Spurlock, President of the XIT Board of Directors. The business meeting will conclude with the election of directors and the drawing of door prizes.

This year, approximately \$3,400 worth of door prizes will be given to attending members. There will be six grand prizes awarded: 1 - \$500 Cash Prize and 5 - \$100 Cash Prizes. There will also be a kids' drawing. This is for members' children or grandchildren who are 12 years or younger. Members are reminded that they must be present to win.

The purpose of the annual meeting is to elect directors for each district - to present for approval the reports for the previous fiscal year, and to transact such other business that might come before the meeting.

According to the bylaws, a written notice will be mailed from the business office not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the meeting. This notice was mailed to all active members of the Cooperative on February 18th.

A quorum must be present in order for the business meeting to convene. Based upon the total number of the Cooperative's members, fifty members or two percent of the members present, whichever is larger, constitutes a quorum.

The officers and board members are: James Spurlock, President; Glenn Olson, Vice President; Gary Finch, Secretary-Treasurer; James R. Wilson, E.H. Little, J.W. McClellan, Jr., Kenneth Stanley, T.F. Baskin, III and Walter E. Lasley.

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SCDC Seeking Land for Dairies

The Sherman County Development Committee is looking at the prospects of bringing dairies into Sherman County. To be successful in this venture we are searching for county landowners that are interested in selling their land should a dairy decide to locate to the area. According to engineering specs, the land should have the following points to be considered by the dairymen:

1. Land has to be at least ½ mile from any occupied facility.
2. Access to feed to be purchased.
3. Reasonable access to 3-Phase power.
4. Good roads.
5. Prefer land with north-to-south slope; but any can be considered.
6. Acreage: Prefer at least ¼ sections and larger.

A dairy permit, whether in process or already approved, establishes an attractive incentive when talking with a dairyman. The cost of the permit is \$6,500 which most farmers or ranchers recoup when their land sells.

The SCDC is gathering information to distribute to dairymen wishing to relocate. If you would like to be included and you think your land meets

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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.

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.



Judge Crippen Honored with Reception

Sherman County Judge Kim Crippen was given an Open House and Reception on Wednesday, February 23, 2005 at the Sherman County Courthouse in Stratford from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. She will be taking on a new position in Austin, Texas. Shown above left to right are County Commissioners with Judge Crippen, Randy Williams, Judge Crippen, David Hass, Tommy Asher and Steve Pemberton.



New Judge Sworn In Monday

District Clerk M.L. Albert is shown at left swearing in Terri B. Carter, new county judge for Sherman County. The ceremony took place on Monday, February 28, 2005 at 3 p.m. in the Courtroom.



Fundraiser Dinner for Stassi Baugus

Stassi Baugus, daughter of Carlton and Shawna Baugus of Stratford, has been nominated and selected to serve as a Student Ambassador for the People to People Student Ambassador Program out of Spokane, Washington. She will be traveling to four countries in Europe for the month of June and represent Stratford and the United States. She will be one of 40 students from Texas that will meet with officials of the countries, and take part in several educational activities. She will be eligible to receive academic credit for this event, she will be required to keep an ongoing journal, and will be able to share her experience with different groups. In order to help her with her tuition we will be having a fundraising dinner for SUNDAY, MARCH 6 FROM 12:00 TO 2:00 P.M. IT WILL BE HELD AT THE COUNT BARN. SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO COOK SUNDAY LUNCH !!!PLEASE JOIN US!! WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!!

THE General Store To Hold Grand Re-opening Celebration

THE General Store, 515 N. Poplar, will celebrate the grand re-opening of its new store addition and their 18th Anniversary on March 9, 2005. They have been in business since March 10, 1987. Festivities for the event will include lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and many prizes, clinics and drawings.

THE General Store recently adopted the Do it Best retail design program from its wholesale supplier Do it Best Corp. The program combines store design, merchandising, signage and décor to create a dynamic shopping atmosphere and generate customer traffic.

515 N. Poplar has been the location of THE General Store since September 1989. The stores product mix has grown, prompting the much-needed addition. The retailer offers product lines for both do-it-yourselfers and the professional contractors.

THE General Store is anticipating a great turn out for their special event on March 9, 2005 and is looking forward to serving their customers for many more years to come.

Attention Junior Parents

Junior Parents-We will be meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wesley Spurlocks barn on Beaver Road next to the Ambulance Building. We NEED all Junior Parents to be there.

Relay For Life

Relay for Life is an event to help raise money for the American Cancer Society. It is a community wide event and all are asked to participate.

TEAMS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THE EVENT POSSIBLE. Our goal is to have at least 15 teams with 10-15 members on a team. If interested in being a team captain or being on a team, contact Desine Garza at 396-5336 for more information. HELP STOMP OUT CANCER!

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 8:00a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00p.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.

Obits

Hazel Brown Martin

Longview, TX—Hazel Brown Martin was born in 1901 in Lamesa, TX. She graduated from Southwest Texas College in 1950 and attended Cornell. Her family, including ten brothers and sisters, helped pioneer the Panhandle and settled in Sherman County. She worked for the University of California as a county agent in Santa Barbara for 25 years.

She was preceded in death by her son, William; and grandson, Christopher Watkins.

Mrs. Martin is survived by her daughter, Patricia Watkins of Longview; and five grandchildren, Charles Watkins of LaGrange, Theodore Martin of Amarillo, Mary Pat Williams of Stratford, Kathleen Serle of Lyons, KS and Denver Martin of Lubbock. Proudly independent, she raised two fine children alone during the Great Depression while educating herself and forging a career. Her interests include politics, travel, reading, birds and gardening. She will be missed by all who knew her. At her request, there will be no memorial service.

Sylvia Roper McAdam

Amarillo, TX—Sylvia Roper McAdam, age 80 died February 26, 2005.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at Covenant of Joy Christian Church with Pastor Mike Williams of covenant of Joy Christian Church and Msgr. Joseph Tash of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church officiating.

Graveside service was held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2005 in Memorial Park Cemetery in Dalhart, Texas under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mrs. McAdam was born in Guymon, Oklahoma on May 4, 1924. She attended school and graduated from Stratford High School. She married Emory D. Roper in 1941. He passed away in 1980. She later married Ray McAdam of Dalhart. He passed away in 1999. Together, they owned and operated the Kirby Sales and Service in Dalhart. She had been a resident of Amarillo since 1996. Mrs. McAdam was a volunteer at the VA Nursing Home for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Dalhart and Covenant of Joy Christian Church in Amarillo.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands and a dear and loving friend: Jack Herbert.

Survivors: 1 daughter: Joanne Roper Fairbanks & husband Raymond of Amarillo; 2 sons: E. Dean Roper and wife Carmen of Amarillo and Don Roper & wife Anne of Edmond, OK; 1 sister, Sue West of Waco; 2 brothers: Luther Blades of Amarillo and Alton Blades of Sunray; 9 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to: Odyssey Health Care, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, Texas 79101

Until you try, you don't know what you can't do.
—Henry James

Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor:

Never ever put off going to see family nor friends. In September I flew to Austin to visit a very dear friend. We had both graduated from Stratford High school in 1941. We both celebrated our 80th birthday in September. And it was time to get together and spending time remembering.

We had kept in contact all through the years. She had three children as did I. In retrospect we were soul mates.

I spent 4 wonderful days with my friend remember, laughing, going non-stop and now I am so glad for those four days. I left with the hope that she, her brother, and two of her family would come this way come spring or early summer. Her brother had a friend who lives her in Stratford, Billy Cox. That is not going to happen, or at least my friend will not be coming.

Peggy Whetstone Kiger met her maker on February 23, 2005. She had been a resident of the Manor, 4100 Jackson Blvd for only a few months. She is survived by her son Steven Kiger and family Maryland, a daughter Marcia and her family and son Philip Kiger and family of Austin, Texas.

Peggy was a lifetime member of the First Presbyterian Church, a loving mother, grandmother and friend.

Her service was held Sunday afternoon, 2:30 p.m. and her final resting-place next to her husband, Harold.

Again, don't put off keeping in touch with friends and spending quality time with your family.

Joyce Ann Lasley

Sherman County 4-H Members Compete at Major Livestock Shows

Sherman County 4-H members competed at the San Antonio Livestock Show held on February 13-19, 2005. Clayton Johnson exhibited his Maine-Anjou steer to a fourth place finish, and earned a sale position in the Premium Sale. Danton Sutterfield placed fifth with his Hampshire barrow. Katahrina Pendergrace, Preston Burr, and Haley Buckles all exhibited barrows.

Two 4-H members exhibited their barrows at the San Angelo Stock Show, Jacob Edmond and Brent Reed. This event was held February 22-26, 2005. Congratulations to all of these 4-H members on a job well done!!

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

March 2-6	"Two Gentleman of Verona" William Shakespeare WTA&MU Branding Iron Theatre 806-651-2799
March 4-6 11-13	"Annie" Guymon Community Theatre
March 4,5, 10-12	Student Directed One-Act Plays 7:30 p.m. Amarillo College Theatre 806-371-5359
March 5	Amarillo Symphony, Bobby Shew, Jazz trumpet Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-8782
March 10	Harrington String Quartet First Presbyterian church 806-376-8782
March 10-20	"Getting Away With Murder" Mystery Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
March 15	Royal Lipizzaner Stallions Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-4297
March 29-30	"Miss Sigon" Broadway Series Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
April 1-3	"Hank The Cow Dog" ALT Academy Amarillo Little Theatre Main Stage 806-355-9991
April 1	West Texas A&M U Showcase of Music Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-651-2840

Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

Believe it or not, another month has passed, so it's time to remind ourselves of this month's activities at SCOT Hall.

There are craft classes on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 5 p.m.; Bingo is on 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7 p.m.; game night will be Friday, March 11, at 7; the birthday party will be Thursday March 7th at 2 p.m.; board meeting will be March 22 at 5:30 p.m. and the luncheon will be the 24th.

The next educational program, "Surfing the Internet 101", will be at the Imagination Station on March 21, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Andy Crocker will lead the class, which will be limited to 12 persons. There will be a sign-up sheet at SCOT Hall.

Line dancing is still happening on Mondays at 5:30 p.m., with practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m.

The February luncheon was great, as usual, with good food, beautiful table decorations, and good visiting the program was excellent, with lovely music by Diantha Down and an informative presentation about the Dalhart assisted living center, given by Loree Elliott. The center will be open in a few months, and it sounds like it will be a great place. We appreciate all who made the luncheon a big success.

Now we can look forward to our March luncheon, with more good food and entertainment. Ellen Tiller is our new program chairman, and we know that she will do a good job. We just learned that a group will go to Guymon on Sunday,

March 6, to see the production, "Annie". The bus will leave at 1 p.m., so we need to be at SCOT Hall by 12:45. There will be a sign-up sheet at SCOT Hall, so get on the go list!

New York Times Best Sellers at the Sherman County Public Library

1. Honeymoon by James Patterson
2. The Broker by John Grisham
3. The DaVinci Code by Dan Brown
4. The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
5. State of Fear by Michael Crichton
6. Blood Money by Greg Iles
7. Conviction by Richard North Patterson
8. I Am Charlotte Simmons by Tom Wolfe
9. A Salty Piece of Land by Jimmy Buffett

Stratford Patriots compete in Basketball

Our Special Olympic Basketball teams brought home a total of 9 medals in the Pampa tournament and 9 medals in the Hereford tournament.

We had 3 athletes compete in team Play:

- Matt Powers-Pampa-1st place
Hereford-2nd place
- Wade Plunk-Pampa-1st place
Hereford-1st place
- Tyler Pickens-Pampa-1st place
Hereford-3rd place

We had 6 athletes compete in individual basketball skills.

- Brian Zinck-Pampa-2nd place
Hereford-2nd place
- Seth Kimbrell-Pampa-3rd place
Hereford-1st place
- Steven Kimbrell-Pampa-1st place
Hereford-1st place
- Jessica Johnson-Pampa-1st place
Hereford-1st place
- Linda McKinney-Pampa-3rd place
Hereford-1st place
- Ashley Short-Pampa-2nd place
Hereford-2nd place

These athletes did a wonderful job and had a great time. When you see these young athletes around town, ask them about their medals. They will proudly tell you all about them!

All of these athletes will be competing this coming weekend, March 4-6, in Amarillo at the Regional Basketball Tournament. The competition will be at the Amarillo High School and various other schools. If you are in Amarillo, stop by and watch these athletes compete!

Force without mind falls by its own weight.

—Horace

Understanding comes through communication, and through understanding we find the way to peace.

—Ralph C. Smedley

Grand Re-opening

THE General Store

**515 N Poplar
Stratford, TX
March 9, 2005**

**Please join us for
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ribbon cutting**

**Barbeque lunch 11 to 1:30
18th anniversary cake**

This coupon entitles you to

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During the GRAND RE-OPENING

THE General Store

Limit \$200 Good only March 9, 2005 Not applicable to previous purchases
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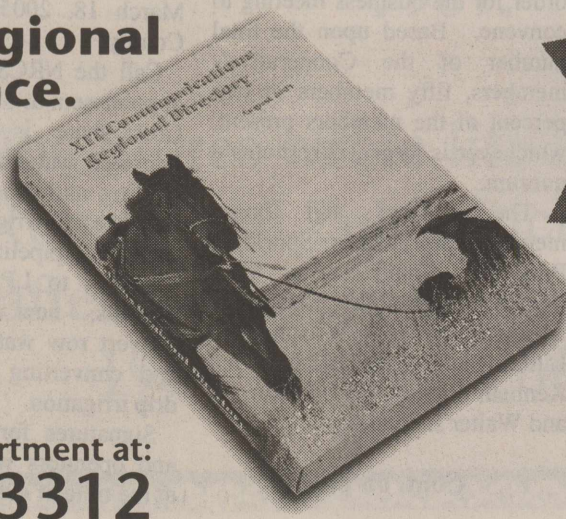
List of towns and communities in the directory.

Adrian	Boys Ranch	Bunkerhill
Cactus/Etter	Channing	Coldwater
Dalhart	Dumas	Hartley
Kerrick	Lautz	Middlewater
Stevens	Stratford	Sunray
Texline	Vega	Wildorado

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- Super Bold & Super Bold Red in Yellow Pages
- Webpage advertising on xit.net with directory ads of \$500 or more

The Amarillo/Canyon listings will be in a separate section. Directories will not be distributed in Amarillo or Canyon.

Please call the Marketing Department at:
384-3311 or 1-800-232-3312



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Communications

Approximately 22,500 copies will be distributed to the area. So don't miss this opportunity to reach ALL of your potential customers.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

June McDaniel is home ten days in Dumas vital. Boren and Sheryl O'Brien marillo flew to New York concert by Ronan Tynan at ague, Long Island. Fans in from all over. They it in and out between as.

bbie Danner funeral ces were held Feb. 23 at ghton, KS. Pallbearers ded Terry, Kelly & Brady onover. l and Donna Gillenwaters in Freedom Saturday to heir grandson Dasan sing contest. Results not known

They kept grandchildren Kylee and Kaiden a couple of days as their parents Jimmy and Sunday got ready to move into a new home at Bushland.

It requires a great deal of boldness and a great deal of caution to make a great fortune, and when you have got it, it requires ten times as much wit to keep it.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

More people should learn to tell their dollars where to go instead of asking them where they went
—Roger W. Babson

MARCH 15, 2005
SALES CLOSING DATE FOR
MULTI-PERIL CROP INSURANCE ON
CORN, COTTON, GRAIN SORGHUM
(SUMMER CROPS)
Allen-Tarver Insurance Agency 205 N. Main St.
Stratford, TX
Carolyn A. Tarver-Agent 806-396-5810

Chamber News

By Patty Tims

GRAND OPENING

THE General Store is ready for the Grand Opening, which will be March 9, 2005. Ribbon cutting will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a BBQ Dinner. Ronnie and Zelda encourage everyone to attend this event. The Chamber of Commerce proudly supports this business and efforts to improve the quality of services provided to our community.

HELLO AGAIN

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank these businesses and families for renewing their membership: Morrison Funeral Directors. 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.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Below is a nomination form for Citizen of the Year. Please take the time to fill this out and return it to the Chamber of Commerce by March 8th. We appreciate and welcome all entries.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL BANQUET

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be April 11, 2005 this year. Due to illness, the tickets were not available last week. The banquet theme this year will be "Envision the Future", with Scott Buckles presenting the program. There will also be a live charity auction, with Aubrey Latham, auctioneer, XIT Auctions. We encourage everyone to attend this event.

**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM
STRATFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2005
PLEASE HAVE ENTRIES IN BY MARCH 8, 2005**

NAME: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION: _____

IF YOU THINK THIS PERSON SHOULD BE NOMINATED FOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: _____

NAME & PHONE # OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE ATTACHED

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Riffe Nominated Woman of Distinction

Brownie Girl Scout Troop #261 presented Gaynelle Riffe with flowers. The flowers were a gift and to inform Gaynelle that she was nominated as a Woman of Distinction. This award is from Girl Scouts Five Star Council. The award presentation will be in Amarillo in March. Pictured with Gaynelle is: bottom row Devan Powers, Kelsey Pickens, Linday Paris, Desinya Garza. Top row: Emily York, Britney Garza, Madeline Drake, Magally Guerrero and Violet Conway.

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Always vote for a principle, though you vote alone, and you may cherish the sweet reflection that your vote is never lost.
—John Quincy Adams

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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401 S. Wall 396-5376
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Miercoles (Wednesday)
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Servicio De Oraction 6:00 pm
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm
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The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

Seeking & Finding

There are many people in the world today who are bearing burdens far too great for them. What kind of burdens are they? Well, Jesus talks about them in Luke 11:46. He is talking to the church lawyers. They are the worst kind! He says to them, "Woe to you lawyers as well! For you weigh men down with burdens hard to bear." These church lawyers believe in salvation by works. They weigh people down with the burden of trying to measure up. It is the burden of proving yourself to God. The only problem is, you have to be perfect. It is a burden too hard to bear. There are a lot of people today who think they have something to prove. They think they have to prove themselves. In the process they find out that it is a heavy burden. They wind up with frayed nerves and ulcers. The thing is, these heavy burdens show us that we are frail. They show us we are weak. They show us our own inabilities and sinfulness. But when this happens, we should recognize those weaknesses and sins. Trying to hide them only compounds the burden. You see, Jesus Christ offers Himself to people who recognize their own frailties and sinfulness. Listen! "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28-29). Now when you accept the invitation of Christ, you quit trying to prove yourself. It is too big a burden. Rather you trust in Jesus Christ. You find God through a confession of sin and faith in Christ.

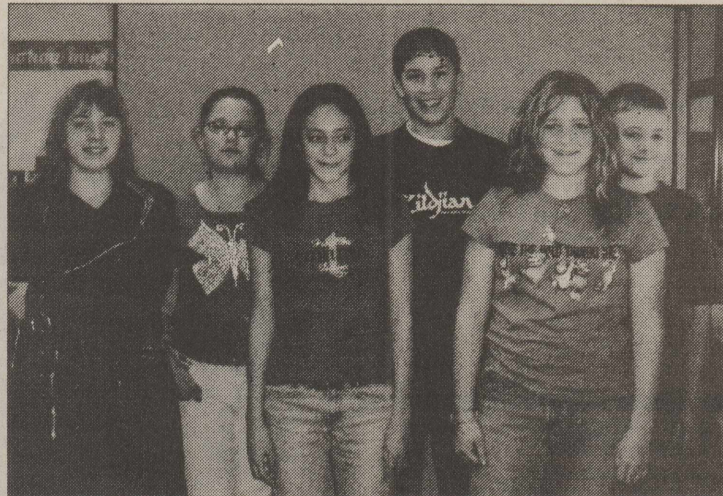
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Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.
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Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday



Jr. Division Spelling Bee participants seated from left: Perla Reta, Lindsy Confer, Heidi Brooks. Standing from left, Derek Vasquez, Tyler Wright, Jr. division runner-up and Mark Hand.



Sr. division spellers L-R: Miranda Mayeux, Chrystal Thompson, Deborah Molina, Sr. Division runner-up, Connor Aduddell; Sunny Russell, Sr. division Sherman County Champion and Eric Burton.

Industry, economy, honesty and kindness form a quartet of virtue that will never be improved upon.

—James Oliver

Nature does not bestow virtue; to be good is an art.

—Seneca

Sherman County Spelling Bee

The Sherman County Spelling Bee was held on February 10, 2005 at the First United Methodist Church in Stratford. Students from Texhoma schools competed with Stratford students for the Sherman County championship. Jr. Division participants were Tyler Wright, Jr. division runner-up; Lindsy Confer; Heidi Brooks; Derek Vasquez; Mark Hand; and Perla Reta. Sr. division spellers were Sunny Russell, sr. division Sherman County champion; Deborah Molina, sr. division runner-up; Miranda Mayeux; Connor Aduddell; Eric Burton; and Chrystal Thompson.

As Sr. division champion Sunny will be participating in the Regional Spelling Bee at Canyon High School on March 5, 2005. The winner of that competition will participate in the 2005 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

Congratulations to all of these students on a job well done, and good luck to Sunny as she competes in the regional bee.

Thaxton Found Guilty

On February 24, 2005 in the 69th District Court of Dallam County, Dalhart, Texas Brenda Thaxton was found guilty of Injury to a Child By Omission, a felony of the First Degree and was sentenced by District Judge Ron Enns to 20 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Ms. Thaxton's charges stem from the 2001 death of her 2-year-old son Noah Thaxton. Ms. Thaxton's live-in boyfriend, Nathan Felder, was previously convicted of the Capital Murder of Noah, whom he beat to death, and was sentenced to life in prison. Ms. Thaxton was charged because she had a duty to protect her son, knew that he was in danger, and failed to take any action or seek assistance to protect Noah from harm.



Sherman County 4H Beef Quiz Bowl

The Sherman County 4-H Beef Quiz Bowl Teams took top honors at the District 1 competition held Saturday, February 26, 2005 in Borger. Team members in the Jr. Division were Ryan Dahl, Kyle Horsford, Matt Freeman, and Anne Freeman. Team members in the Sr. Division were Pete Dahl, Kaleb Horsford, Dereck Nye, and Shiloh Dickenson. The Sr. Team will advance to State 4-H round up to be held at Texas A&M University on June 6-10, 2005. This contest will include teams from the State of Texas. Congratulations to all of these 4-H members!!

LOLLIPOP JUNCTION SMALL TALK

Welcome to Lollipop Junction news center. As soon as you enter your neighborhood Lollipop Junction Childcare facility, you'll know why families trust us with their most prized possessions, their children. It's a place where kids feel secure. Where play is a priority but where that play is designed to develop children's social and academic/school prep needs. This is what makes us different.

Here at Lollipop, we have been busy this month. We celebrated Valentine's Day with a party and valentine card exchange. It was certainly a day with friends and fun. Another fun day was the Tractor Exhibit at the Depot Museum. What a special outing and learning experience for all involved.

Not only are there learning opportunities for the children of Lollipop, but for the caregivers as well. The staff of Lollipop Junction attended training on Food and Nutrition and also one on Center Curriculum this month.

A new face has popped up at Lollipop. Her name is Martha Morillon. She comes with smiles and enthusiasm to help care for our little ones. We're happy to have her as an addition to our staff.

More good news for Lollipop Junction from the state department. With great reviews, The Texas Department of Family and Protective Service Childcare Licensing Center visited our facility and left with NO deficiencies.

Have you heard...Mrs. Adriana has had her baby. It's a girl! We're happy for her and her family.

As you can see we're more than just a babysitter. We're out and about, actively engaged in a curriculum and simply having fun. Check here every month to see what is happening at Lollipop Junction!

CHILD FIND.....



Is the ongoing process of locating children With disabilities from birth through age 21.

If you suspect your child has significant delays in learning, behavior, motor skills, speech, vision or hearing contact your school district (806) 366-3320

504 CHILD FIND NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Stratford ISD has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate, and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504 programs, please contact the District's Section 5-4 Coordinator Jessica Wheeler at 366-3324 or by mail at P.O. Box 108, Stratford, Texas 79084.

Mary Allen Elementary Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks 3rd grade

Boston Hudson, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Aurelio Lozano, Preston Burr, Ellie Daniels, Elena Rueda, Delila Rosales, Ben Gilliland, Marisol Zamudio, Ricky Garay, Erin Huggins, Britney Garza, Sterling Audrain, Janette Daniels, Hunter Everett, Suzzette Palma, Emily York, Carlos Trejo, Nathan Bennett-Farris, Tiffany Jimenez-Torres, Mary Ann Spurlock

Mary Allen Elementary Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks 4th Grade

Nicolas LaFuente, Christian Confer, Myrka Tobias, Reed Schoonover, Ethan Shields, Grayson Gonzalez, Alex Asher, Teri Imler-Harris, Meghan Brooks, Elizabeth Reyes, Haydee Rojas, M'Lynn Wells, Itzel Salcido, Zachary Farney

AVISO DE IDENTIFICACION DE ESTUDIANTES INCAPACITADOS BAJO LA SECCION 504

Bajo la Seccion 504 del Decreto de Rehabilitacion de 1973, Stratford ISD esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y proporcionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a los estudiantes incapacitados que califican bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas informacion sobre los derechos de padres de niños incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificacion, y colocacion de niños en el programa de Seccion 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con el Coordinador de 504 del Distrito Jessica Wheeler, al numero 366-3324 o por correo a la siguiente direccion: P.O. Box 108, Stratford, Texas 79084.

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, Call

Kathie Altman-366-5611
David Cross-396-2396
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On February 3rd, the Nominating Committee consisting of Valerie Diller, Carl French, Ed Lathem, Bonnie McKie, A.E. Pronger, Jr. and Wallace Bridwell met at the

headquarters of XIT Telephone in Dalhart to submit nominations for three directorships. A.E. Pronger, Jr. was selected as chairman of the Nominating Committee. Nominations for the following districts were: District

I, Dallam County - Glenn Olson; District II, Hartley County - James R. Wilson, and District III, Sherman County - Walter E. Lasley. Members vote only for nominees from the district in which they reside or the district in which they have telephone service. All members must be present at the annual meeting to vote since no proxy voting is permitted. Either a husband or wife is eligible to vote at the

annual meeting, but only one vote is allowed per membership. XIT Rural Telephone needs constant input from its membership in order to provide the best possible service at the lowest price. This promises to be a special meeting! So, XIT rural landline members, mark your calendars and plan to attend your 54th Annual Meeting Celebration and take an active part in the decision making of your Cooperative.

Statement for Publication			
TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT			
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE			
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004			
Data Control Codes		10 General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,388,032	\$ 13,615
5800	State Program Revenues	104,021	23,043
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	167,253
5020	Total Revenues	1,492,053	203,911
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011	Instruction	627,446	114,572
0012	Instructional Resources & Media Services	6,874	221
0013	Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	8,332	9,618
0021	Instructional Leadership	-	4,482
0023	School Leadership	97,381	3,357
0033	Health Services	386	-
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	32,959	1,668
0035	Food Services	-	106,247
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,430	-
0041	General Administration	163,590	1,690
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	122,044	1,782
0053	Data Processing Services	9,466	-
Intergovernmental:			
0051	Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	364,032	-
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	29,619	-
6030	Total Expenditures	1,463,559	243,637
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	28,494	(39,726)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7912	Sale of Real and Personal Property	5,000	-
7915	Transfers In	-	39,726
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(39,725)	-
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(34,725)	39,726
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	(6,231)	-
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	347,119	-
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 340,888	\$ 340,888

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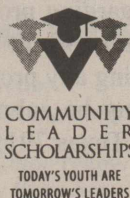
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