

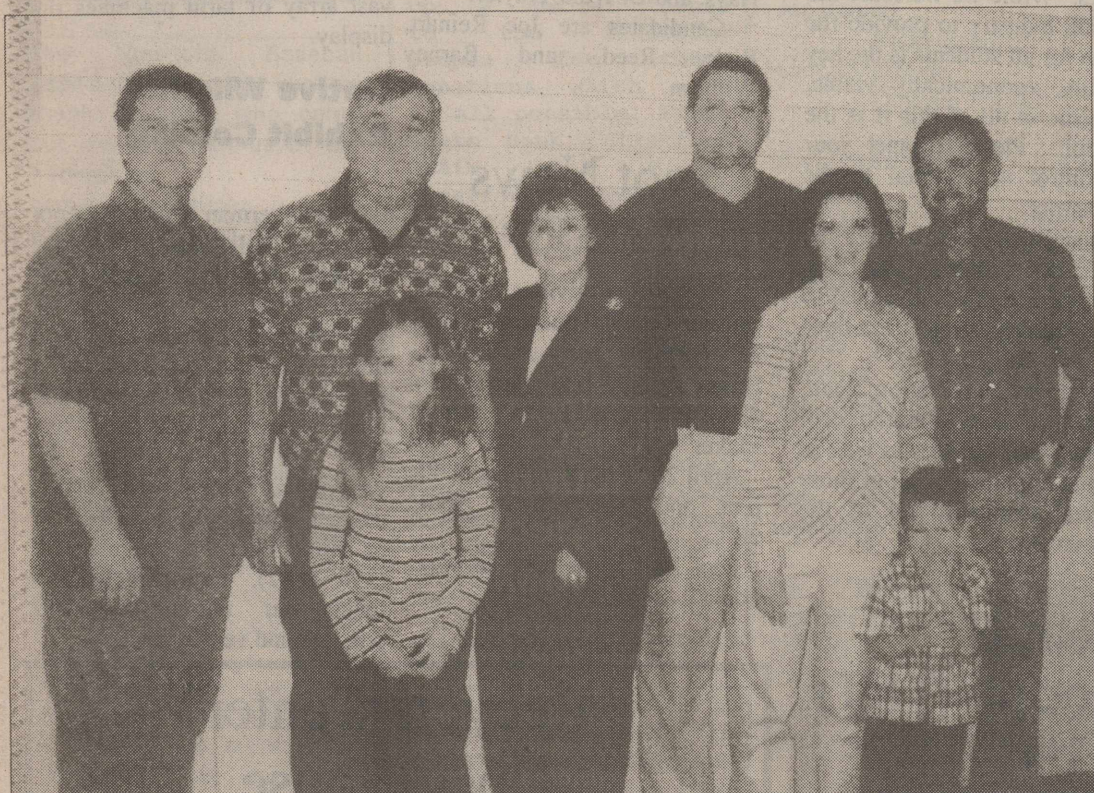
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## Williams Chosen as Citizen of the Year

Eddie Williams was the recipient of Citizen of the Year last Monday, April 11, 2005 at the annual Stratford Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Details of Eddie's Accomplishments are in Chamber News on page 2. Shown above are left, Edward Williams, Eddie, Baylee Williams, Sandy Williams, Robert Williams and Amy and Aaron Williams and Don Williams. Congratulations Eddie!



Mock Tornado Drill-story on page 7

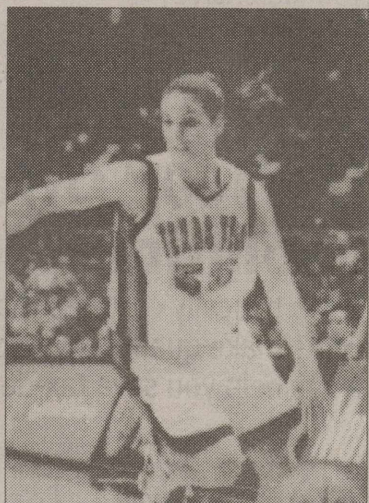
**EARLY DEADLINE**  
**For**  
**APRIL 28th EDITION**  
**Of the Star**  
**is**  
**FRIDAY,**  
**APRIL 22nd**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
**Due to**  
**Regional Golf Meet**

### Medical Fund for Mandy Helmuth @ 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank

There has been a medical fund set up at First State Bank for Mandy Helmuth, daughter of Jimmy and Tammie Helmuth. After the birth of her baby daughter she was diagnosed with Peripartum Cardiomyopathy (heart failure). If you would like to help with medical expenses please contact the 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank.

### Date Change for Annual Hamburger Cookout

Happy State Bank has changed the date of their annual hamburger cook out to Friday June 10, 2005. We want to encourage everyone to attend the open house of the new fire station on Sunday May 15, 2005. It is a great asset to our community and a tribute to many that have worked very hard.



### LAST CHANCE

This is your last chance to Have Prospectus Study Club cook for you. As you know we are "Cooling Up a Cure" to help raise funds for our Relay for Life team. We will gladly cook up you a cake, pie or batch of cookies. All items are \$10.00. You just tell us what you want and we will deliver!! We will be taking orders through April 27<sup>th</sup> for April 29<sup>th</sup> delivery. Contact Laurie Spurlock (366-2772) or Ashley Lavake (366-3648) to place your order. We appreciate your support.

### Robertson To Give Testimony

Shown at left is: Alesha Robertson, Texas Tech Lady Raider, who will be in Stratford on Friday evening, April 29<sup>th</sup> to present her Christian Testimony and her life as a Lady Raider. Hamburgers will be served at BA and LeRayne Donelson's Park south of town at 7:00 p.m. In case of bad weather the alternate site will be SCOT Hall. There is no charge for the event and is brought to you by the Stratford Education Foundation. Please bring a folding chair or blanket to sit on. Everyone is encouraged to attend with special emphasis on the youth of our community.

## Local Rabies Outbreaks a Concern

The Texas Panhandle is currently having a rabies outbreak, there have been 25 cases reported so far this year. (At this time last year, we had two reported cases.) Obviously, the best way to protect pets, livestock, and ultimately the humans who care for them is to vaccinate those animals and to keep the vaccinations current. Please be aware and spread the word that rabies is out there, and that animal owners; need to take precautions accordingly.

Farmers and ranchers are especially cautioned because they often treat their own ailing animals, and sometimes this means pushing a pill into an animal's mouth or reaching in to try to remove an obstruction, thus coming in contact with a quantity of saliva. Since it is not uncommon for farm and ranch workers to have cuts and abrasions on their hands, the contact with saliva is a concern for exposure to rabies. The use of gloves can help reduce this risk. It would also be a good idea to wear a face shield, as it has been known for a rabid animal to toss its head when being treated, flinging saliva into the eyes or onto the mucous membranes of the people treating it; this, too is a risk of exposure.

For more information please contact Leslie Neve, Sherman County Extension Agent-Agriculture at (806) 366-2081 or your local veterinarian.

### Happy State Bank Grand Opening of New Location

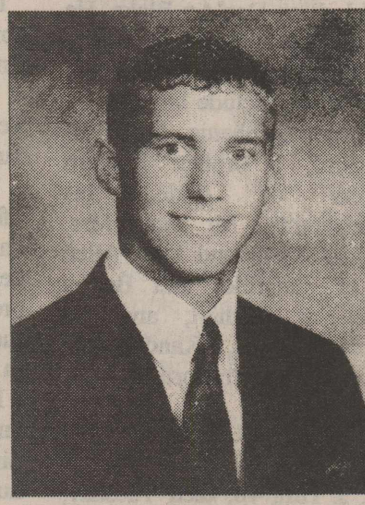
J. Pat Hickman, President & CEO of Happy State Bank, announces the grand opening of a new banking location in Downtown Amarillo. The Petroleum Building, 203 S. 8<sup>th</sup>, Suite 100, will be the newest home for Happy State Bank beginning April 18. This will be Happy State Bank's twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) full-service banking office and the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) in Amarillo.

The official ribbon cutting of the new location took place on Monday, April 18 at 10 a.m. Kerry Adair is the President of the Downtown Amarillo Branch. Steve Bowen is the Senior Vice President, alongside Marianne McCoy Curtis as Vice President

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Kayla Willard



Tyler Haynes

Valedictorian

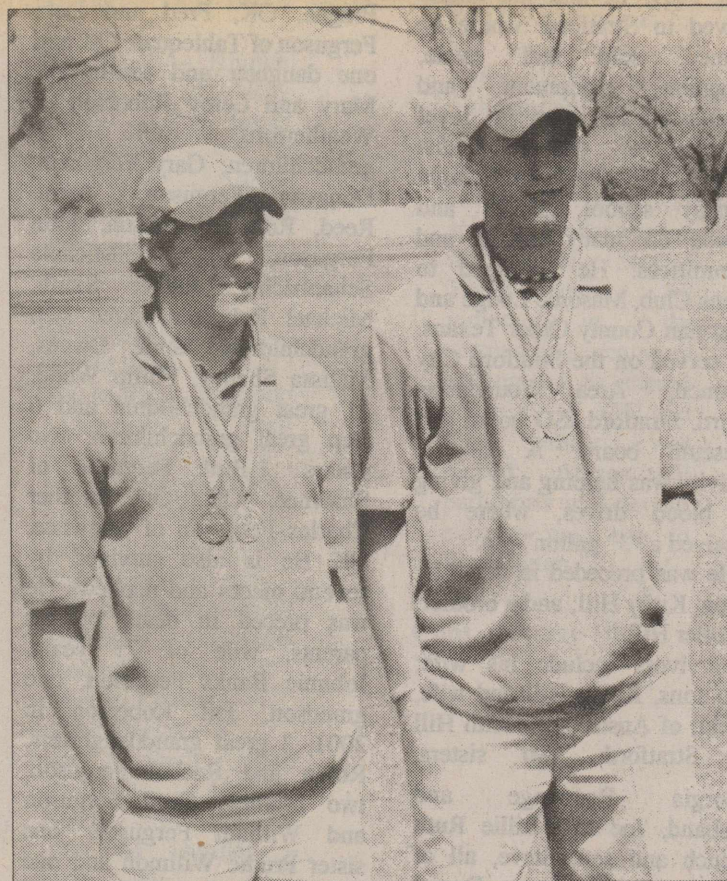
Salutatorian

## Top Seniors Announced

Stratford High is pleased to announce the Valedictorian of the Class of 2005 is Kayla Willard. Kayla is the daughter of Jay and Kelly Willard. Kayla's four year cumulative weighted grade-point average is 101.660. Kayla will attend Baylor University to pursue a course of study in forensic science.

The salutatorian this year is Tyler Haynes. He is the son of Steve and Linda Haynes, and he has a grade-point average of 100.909. Tyler plans to attend Texas Tech University to Major in finance to pursue a career in banking.

Kayla and Tyler's accomplishments on page 10



### Medalist

Tyler Haynes, right was 1<sup>st</sup> Individual Medalist at the District Golf Meet and Walter Spurlock was 2<sup>nd</sup> Individual Medalist



## District Champs

The Varsity boys golf team won the District Golf Meet held Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. They will advance to the Regional meet in Lubbock on Monday, April 25 and Tuesday, April 26, 2005. Shown from left, Coach Dusty Stewart, Josh King, Walter Spurlock, Tyler Haynes, Scott Hudson, and Robert Seawright.

Golf individual results Cont. on page 4

**PRAISE SERVICE**  
 7:30 P.M.  
 Each Wednesday  
 County Barn



## Obits

### Jeremy James Blake

Jeremy James Blake, 23, died Tuesday, April 12, 2005.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 16, 2005 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. James Washburn of Fellowship Baptist Church of Clarendon officiating. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Blake was born Sept. 17, 1981, in Pampa to William Earl And Lyllian Dee'An Blake. He attended school in Stratford, where he lived most of his life.

Survivors include his parents; a sister, Stephanie Blake of Stratford; a brother Richard Rogers of Addis; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Riehl and Lela Allen all of Amarillo, and Bertha Blake of Dalhart; and his special friends, Kandie and Alex Galla of Stratford.

### R. J. Hill

R. J. Hill, 78, died Tuesday, April 12, 2005.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 16, 2005 in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Billy Rammage, pastor of First Baptist Church of Clayton, NM and the Rev. Gene Weinette, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hill was born to Albert and Irene Hill on Oct. 13, 1926, in Guyton, OK. He lived in the Stratford area for 48 years. He graduated from Felt School in 1944. In 1945, he was drafted into the military and served for a year. On Aug. 28, 1948, he married Mary Taylor in Clayton. In 1949, he graduated from Panhandle A&M College in Goodwell, OK, where he taught agriculture classes for a short time. After moving to Texhoma he taught veterans classes.

In 1957, he and his family moved to Stratford, where he farmed, sold real estate, irrigation equipment and insurance. He was a loyal member of the Methodist Church in Stratford, taught Sunday school classes and served on many boards and committees. He belonged to Lions Club, Masonic Lodge and Sherman County Older Texans. He served on the Stratford City Council, Area Foundation board, Stratford ISD board and museum board. A favorite activity was helping and giving to blood drives, where he received a "3" gallon pin.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kirby Hill; and a brother, Chester Hill.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Kevin Hill and wife, Vicki, of Austin and Keith Hill of Stratford; two sisters, Georgia Rammage and husband, Joe and Billie Ruth French and son, Steve, all of Dalhart; a grandson, Daniel Hill; a granddaughter, Ashley Hill; a niece, Meredith Hill; and a nephew, J.R. Hill.

The family suggests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1289, Stratford, TX 79084; Coldwater Manor, PO Box 1189, Stratford, TX 79084; or Stratford Area Foundation in care of First State Bank, PO Box 48, Stratford, TX 79084.

### Dessie P. Hulén

Dessie P. Hulén, 78, died Friday, April 15, 2005 in Canyon.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> in Stratford Cemetery with the Rev. Greg Kinch, pastor of Southdown Baptist Church in Amarillo, officiating. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hulén was born in Oklahoma on October 29, 1926. She had been a resident of Stratford since 1965. She married Charles Hulén on Feb. 6, 1954 in Clayton, NM. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband on March 16, 2001, and a son Chuck Hulén in 1979.

Survivors include three sons, Eddie Bias and wife, Mittie, of Amarillo, Stanley Bias and wife, Jeanie, of Gonzales and Benjamin Hulén of Dalhart; a brother, Lester Samples of West Monroe, LA; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

### Daniel Nathan Simpson 1911-2005

Dalhart-Daniel Nathan Simpson, 94, of Dalhart, died Friday, April 15, 2005 in Dalhart. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. at the Stratford Cemetery under the directions of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Daniel Nathan Simpson was born to George M. Simpson and Emma Myers Simpson March 4, 1911 in Sherman County, Texas; eight miles North of Sunray. Mr. Simpson had been a farmer/rancher most of his life. He was eldest of five children. He was preceded in death by one sister and two brothers, his brother Henry Jacob Simpson fought and died in the Battle of the Bulge.

Mr. Simpson is survived by one sister Mary Virginia Simpson Wineberg and husband Robert of Dumas and their three children.

### Elmer Fred Ferguson

Elmer Fred Ferguson, age 95, died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at Maple Lawn Manor in Hydro, Oklahoma. He was born November 15, 1909 to George Larry and Roxie Mae (Harris) Ferguson in Wilzetta, Oklahoma. Elmer was a longtime Seminole resident. He worked in the oilfield during the 1920's during the Seminole oil boom. In the 1930s he owned and operated a barbershop in the Vamoosa area. He also did some farming and was later a carpenter. He married Johnnie Banks Oakes on September 22, 1933 in Maud, Oklahoma. They were married for 71 years. He is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law: Ronny and Esther Ferguson of Dumas, Texas; Bill and Sue Ferguson of Prague, OK; Fred and Debi Ferguson of Tahlequah, OK and one daughter and son-in-law: Mary and Leroy Roberson of Weatherford, OK, 8 grandchildren; Gary Ferguson, Donavan Ferguson, ViAnn Reed, Robert Ferguson, John Ferguson, Michele Schanbacher, Jenifer Smith, Michael Roberson, three step grandchildren: Jamie Owens, Melissa Shelley, Philip Wood, 21 great grandchildren and 6 step great grandchildren, two sisters: Ruth Ferguson of Shawnee, OK. One brother Charles Ferguson of Shawnee, OK He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife of 71 years, Johnnie Banks Ferguson, one grandson, Jeff Roberson in 2001, 2 great granddaughters, Robin and Rachel Ferguson, two brothers Cecil Ferguson and William Ferguson, one sister Prudie Willmon and one half sister Edith Wise. Services

for Mr. Ferguson were held at 4:00 p.m. Friday, April 15, 2005 at Swearingen Funeral Chapel with Roy Robertson officiating. Interment was at Wolf Cemetery in Seminole County, Oklahoma.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Kevin Hill and wife, Vicki, of Austin and Keith Hill of Stratford; two sisters, Georgia Rammage and husband, Joe and Billie Ruth French and son, Steve, all of Dalhart; a grandson, Daniel Hill; a granddaughter, Ashley Hill; a niece, Meredith Hill; and a nephew, J.R. Hill.

### Cotton Exhibit on Display at Local Bank

The Sherman/Moore County Cotton Exhibit will be on display at the Happy State Bank in Stratford April 13-20-2005. The exhibit highlights the results of both the Moore and Sherman County cotton variety test plots sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension in 2004. The exhibit shows the results of the test plots by comparing yields, gin turnout, fiber quality, and economics of cotton varieties under irrigated production systems. Stop by and pick up a copy of the current Sherman County Cotton Newsletter, "Cotton Corner" and examine the results of cotton production in the upper-northwest Texas Panhandle. For more information please contact Leslie Neve, Sherman County Agent-Agriculture at (806) 366-2081.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Patron:

Our legislators are busy in Austin with the very daunting task of funding our public school system. The current system of finance has been around several years and, because of conservative fiscal management, has served this district well. However change is on the horizon. Please be aware of some issues that are out there.

The state wide property tax initiative is designed to collect ad valorem taxes from local districts from Austin. This revenue would then be returned to the districts to fund their schools. Stratford ISD does not need the State of Texas in the middle of the collection of the local funds. Another issue to watch is the state wide calendar movement designed to mandate the start dates of districts with little or no consideration for local needs. The final issue to be aware of is vouchers. This concept is perhaps the most damaging funding issue facing public education. A strong, vibrant, economically sound society is a reflection of its workforce, which in turn is a reflection of its education system. Vouchers would allow funding sources for public schools to be used in private settings. While we welcome the opportunity to compete within the education industry to provide the best educational outcomes, public education for all students is the key to maintaining an educated and therefore, economically viable, productive society. If there is a main theme in all of this it is the issue of the maintenance of local control. Please contact your representatives and convey that local control is essential to the maintenance of the "independent" school district.

You will see some activity at Sam Bass Stadium over the next few weeks. The district will rework the surface of the field, provide drainage, as well as install an irrigation system designed to utilize our water more efficiently. This maintenance project has been planned for and is within the budget.

Last week the Emergency Management Coordination Team, headed up by Sandy Williams, conducted a mock tornado drill designed to test the efficiency of all the emergency services as well as Stratford ISD. I want to commend the professionalism of all of those that participated and convey my personal thanks to all of the volunteers that give of their time to protect us all.

J. Taliaferro

## Cancer Survivor Spotlight

I was diagnosed with colon cancer in February 1991, after ignoring symptoms for several weeks. As a result, a colostomy was necessary to insure removal of the cancer. Also, it was deemed necessary to have both chemotherapy and radiation for five months. Due to additional problems, three more operations were performed over the next two years.

My first reaction to the big "C" was "not me." Of course, with a family history of various cancers, I should not have been surprised. But as it sank in that it was for real, fear was the immediate reaction. Then it was a matter of accepting the diagnosis and following the doctor's advice. The thought of a colostomy for the rest of my life was hard to accept-but having a life made it easy to accept as second as second thought. Following the initial operation, I had three month check ups, followed by six month visits and then yearly checks. Colonoscopies were a yearly necessity for several years and now are on a two-year schedule, plus yearly doctor visits and lab work at the cancer center. I've been cancer free now for over fourteen years.

Family understanding and support have been invaluable throughout this process. And, I feel that a good attitude and outlook can work wonders. Having a colostomy has affected my life very little in reality. I can even find amusing occurrences at times because of it! But the biggest effect of this cancer has been the change in

my spiritual outlook. It's made me realize that life is indeed fragile. I've found new strength and direction through a renewed belief in God.

I urge everyone to accept what your body is trying to tell you. When something different occurs, have it checked out immediately; don't wait until more invasive work is required or even worse, have it be too late to be taken care of.

See you at the upcoming Stratford Relay for Life!

### SPIRIT Hwy 54 in Washington DC

Members of the SPIRIT Hwy 54 coalition visited Washington DC, April 12-14 to encourage the designation of the SPIRIT Hwy 54 to a high priority corridor. Coalition members from New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas made visits to Congressmen, Senators and the Federal Department of Transportation, to included Highway 54 SPIRIT in the new 6-year Transportation bill.

## Treat'N Troops (TNT) to be established in Stratford

I'm sure you are familiar with the program in Amarillo called Socks for Soldiers. It is a most worthwhile cause as we are all touched in some way, knowing a soldier fighting for our freedom.

Socks for Soldiers was started in Amarillo by a group at Paramount Terrace Christian Church. A grandmother received a letter from her grandson saying that he had been in the field for several weeks having a short supply of socks. (The soldiers' feet are effected in both summer and winter as they are wearing the same socks for long periods of time, due to the sand and perspiration, their feet become sore and irritated.) He had a dream about getting new, white, fluffy socks. Of this dream, Socks for Soldiers was born.

Citizens of Stratford would like to have a similar program for the troops that we have fighting for us. Our organization will be called Treat'n Troops (TNT). It will take the entire community banding together to make it a success. Each pastor has been contacted and a representative from his church will be a "contact" person. Every citizen needs to be involved. A list of "Treats" will be published in the Stratford Star and will be available from each church.

Soldiers from Stratford will be the first recipients of TNT. If you have an immediate family

member serving in Iraq, please contact your pastor or Sue Hudson to be put on the list of troops to be "treated". We will need the number of men and the number of women in your soldier's unit...they will each one receive a Treat.

Monitory donations will also have to be collected to be used for postage. The cost of sending an average shipment is between \$300 and \$400. As you can see, this is no small undertaking and we will need the cooperation of all of Stratford. We would like to see the schools involved as well as the churches and other local organizations.

An organizational meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the First United Methodist Church. If you would like to be a part of organizing and give your ideas, please be present.

## Trustee Election May 7, 2005

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a trustee election May 7, 2005 to fill two positions.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin Wednesday April 20, 2005 and will end Tuesday, May 3, 2005. Early voting will be conducted in the Business 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 Trayler.

Candidates are Joe Reinart, Ricky Reed, and Barney Wilborn.

## Scot News

By Jack Gore

Scot Hall Activities that are coming up are Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday party at 2 p.m. Bingo at 7:00 p.m. April 23<sup>rd</sup> dance from 8 to 11 p.m. "Music Maker"

April 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting 5:30 p.m. and Luncheon is April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Pool Hall to be open to play pool.

## Last Chance for Tractor Exhibit

The very popular Tractor Exhibit at the Depot Museum will not be there much longer. The exhibit was made possible by local folks who were willing to share their collections with the public. This exhibit will begin to "disappear" at the end of April, so the museum will host a "Last Chance to See" weekend. We will have a special showing of all the numerous and exciting tractors on display on Saturday, April 23, and Sunday, April 24 from 1:00 to 4:00 each afternoon. Please support your local museum and all those who helped with this exhibit by coming by and checking out the vast array of farm machines on display.

## Native Wildlife Exhibit Coming

The Sherman County Depot Museum will host a Native Wildlife Exhibit beginning in May. We would love to display your favorite mounted wildlife during the next few months. If you would be willing to share your preserved feathered and furry (or other) friends for viewing at the museum, please contact Ann Wells at 396-2527 or Millie Hacker at the museum (396-2582). Your contributions make our museum exhibits possible and very special.

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### Haynes Honored with Baby Shower

Mandi Haynes and soon to be baby boy were honored with a baby shower Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 in the home of Nina Lavake. Mandi and Chris are expecting in June. Shown above left to right are Jeanne Bell, Mika Bell, Geneva Bell, Mandi Haynes, Linda Haynes, Joy Haynes, Pat Wynn, Jennifer Lynn, and Cassie Blanton.



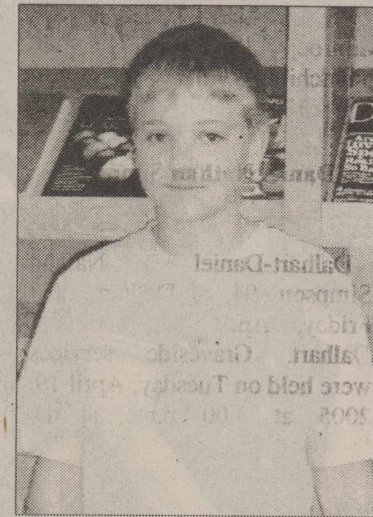
### Sides, Honored with Shower Sunday- April 17

Christina Sides, bride elect of Davy Brown was honored Sunday, April 17, 2005 with a Bridal Shower in the home of Verlie Norris. Shown at right left to right are: Kristin Brown, Rachel Sides, Christina, Janice Brown and Ima McAdams.

Week of the Young Child-Come Fly with Peter Pan-was held last week at The Imagination Station. A total of 275 children from Stratford, Gruver, Hartley and Dalhart came to our exhibit. Volunteers from Stratford made this event happen (we truly appreciate each and every one of you). Shown are kids playing the Mermaid Wrap and Weady, aka Kelly Brooks, reading the story of Peter Pan.



Assessment College Entrance examination. Duke TIP then provides the participants with comparative information concerning their academic abilities and resources for unique educational opportunities. The goal is to assist young people with excellent mathematical or verbal aptitude.



Eric Burton

The Duke University Talent Identification Program, also known as Duke TIP, was founded in 1980 and is dedicated to the cultivation and education of talented youth. The 7th Grade Talent Search identifies academically talented 7th graders based on standardized test scores (TAAS or TAKS) achieved while attending elementary or middle school.

The candidates are then invited to complete the ACT

completed the ACT test for the Duke TIP program: Eric Burton, Roy Allen, Kelsi Dennis, Shelby McDaniel, Janeth Reyes, Anthony Ruiz, Sunny Russell, and Elias Terrazas. Eric Burton, son of Sherwin and Connie Burton, is an honoree who qualified for State Recognition. A student qualifying for State Recognition scored in the top 25% of the Talent Search pool. Eric has been invited to a special recognition ceremony held at a university in Texas where he will receive a medallion embossed with the TIP logo. Way to go Eric!

For information of this or any other programs for the gifted and talented students at Stratford ISD, please contact Jessica Wheeler, Gifted and Talented Coordinator, at 366-3324.



**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

**La Mision Bautista**  
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401 S. Wall 396-5376  
Domingo-(Sunday)  
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)  
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Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm  
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## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

### God's Power, Your Prayers

One of the wonderful teachings of the Bible is the truth that God is in absolute control of all things. Do you rebel at this? Why? "Well, I can't believe in a God who brings about famine in Somalia, hurricanes in Florida, floods in Middle America and earthquakes in California." But "who are you, O man, who answers back to God? Does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?" (Romans 9:20-21). If this were not so, God would not be God. But God declares, "I am the Lord, and there is no other, the One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the Lord who does all these" (Isaiah 45:6-7). This does not mean God is an ogre who sadistically spews His wrath on people. It does mean God is intimately involved in everything, which takes place in your life and mine. You should be thankful for this. God is always close at hand. He is always accessible. He is always available to call on. Yes, you are in God's hands. There is no better place to be. It would be awful if God were not in control of everything. It would be awful if God could not answer your prayers!

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Pat Hartman, second from right, was named District Outstanding Club Woman at Top of Texas District meeting in Canyon. Pictured with her are Prospectus members Dorothy Haile, left, Margaret Reed, TFWC President Barbara Winningham, Pat and Marylou McDaniel.

### 2005 Annual Stewardship & Awards Banquet

The Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation Districts announces its Annual Stewardship and Awards Banquet has been set for April 27, 2005. The meal is set for noon at the Sherman County Barn. We will be having a catered bar-b-que lunch served at 12:00.

Awards will be given to the Conservation Farmer and Conservation Homemaker for 2005. We will also award prizes to the students from Stratford schools that placed in our Coloring, Poster, and Essay Contests. This year's first place essay winner will also be awarded a \$200 Scholarship.

We hope to see you, your family and friends at the Banquet. Remember - there is no charge for this great time. Please call the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 with your reservations.

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"We remain committed to our million-plus customers, and our thousands of agents and employees in the state. We look forward to actively serving their needs for years to come," said Hageman.

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We will build packs from your donations. You can donate one thing or several. The average cost for a mailing is \$300. Your cash donation will help with postage and needed supplies. Checks can be made to Treat'n Troops. All funds will be handled through the First United Methodist Church. Donations may be mailed to the church or to Sue Hudson. Drop boxes will be at the local churches or you may call 366-5916 or 396-2178 and your donations will be picked up.

If your organization is interested in providing a particular item, please call Sue Hudson for more information on items that can be donated in bulk.

### Golf

The Varsity boys golf team won the District meet held this past week and will advance to the Regional meet April 25-26 in Lubbock, TX. Tyler Haynes was 1<sup>st</sup> individual medalist and Walter Spurlock was 2<sup>nd</sup> individual medalist. Individual results as follows: Josh King - 85, 87 (made a hole-in-2 on par 5-double eagle); Walter Spurlock - 78, 80; Tyler Haynes - 78, 70; Scott Hudson - 95, 90; Robert Seawright - 92, 81.

The J.V. boys golf individual results from District. Connor Vincent - 103, 104; Eric Riffe - 95, 112; Landan Luna - 95, 94; Harrison Walden - 88, 95.

The Varsity girls golf team placed 7<sup>th</sup> at the District meet. Individual results as follows: Juliana Taliaferro - 104, 95; Merilee McDaniel - 116, 114; Whitney Garza - 117, 116; Kelsey Stein - 117, 109; Jordan Confer - 118, 112.

### Rush Information To Be Held

Amarillo Panhellenic will host a Rush Information Meeting on Sunday, April 24, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church 4100 South Coulter. Please enter the north, green canopied entrance. All high school senior women are interested in going through Rush should attend this meeting to receive important information on Rush packets and deadlines. A short discussion will be part of the meeting. For more information, please call Sandy Riney 806-359-6706. A short discussion will be part of the meeting. For more information, please call Sandy Riney 806-359-6706.

### New York Times Best Sellers at the Sherman County Public Library

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13. The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
19. The Serpent on the Crown by Elizabeth Peters
20. Killing Club by Marcia Walsh
21. Vanishing Point by Jodi Picoult
22. Angels and Demons by Dan Brown
23. Cold Service by Robert B. Parker
24. Hard Truth by Nevada Barr

### County-wide Extension Meeting Thursday

Lunch and Learn and Southstar TEE Clubs will meet Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon in the educational room of the County Extension Office. The program will be "Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft" All members are invited and guest 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, April 20<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.

There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it.

—Chinese Proverb

If you want your children to improve, let them overhear the nice things you say about them to others.

—Haim Ginott

### Hartman Named Outstanding Club Woman

Pat Hartman was named Outstanding Club Woman of the Year at the recent District Top of Texas, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. She was presented a plaque. Margaret Reed had the pleasure of introducing her.

Dorothy Haile and Marylou McDaniel, members of GFWC/Prospectus Study Club, also attended.

The club only entered a few programs but won on what they did enter. They won Outstanding Club Program, 1st. GFWC Public Affairs Community Safety Program, Special Award to Margaret Reed for District Chairman's Resume, Outstanding Federation Day Program.

Barbara Wining ham, State President, spoke at the meeting. TFWS meeting is April 28-30 at Beaumont, Texas. April 24 is Federation Day.

Dr. Bill Green, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, spoke on the Harold & Olive Bugbee gift of their home and \$750,000 to the museum. He had slides of the estate. Dalhart members concluded the meeting with a play, "The Women were always There." Mary Jo Ondracek had written the play.

At the March Club meeting Jimmy Lanning, an EMT of Stratford, gave an informative program on DNRs (Do not resuscitate).

The Texas Heritage program was about Texas First Ladies and the impact they made on the State. Linda Haynes told the stories of Lady Bird Johnson, Barbara and Laura Bush.

There will be a brisket dinner for the club on May 15. Watch for ad.

I don't believe professional athletes should be role models. I believe parents should be role models.  
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SPIRIT Hwy 54 visits Washington DC April 12, 2005 L/R Don & Gaynelle Riffe, Senator John Cornyn, Kristine Olsen.

### Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Congratulations to Lynn Wells for a special plaque she was awarded at the annual CASA 69 Volunteer Appreciation Banquet held at the Dalhart Country Club. It was given for her outstanding service as a CASA volunteer for over 18 years. Lynn was one of the first volunteers when CASA 69, Inc. was organized in 1986 and was the recipient of the Texas CASA Volunteer of the Year Award in 1993.

Jo June McDaniel, Whit & Jean McDaniel of Dumas, and Shelby McDaniel attended the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bob and Evangeline Wills at Wheeler, TX.

Marylou McDaniel and daughter Patti attended Opening Day of Rockies Baseball on April 4<sup>th</sup>. They won that game and then lost all the next games so far as of April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Rett Schoonover celebrated his 9<sup>th</sup> birthday with a pizza-slumber-less party! Guests were Reed, Justin, Braiden, Jesus and Trevor.

Bill & Pat Boren were guests of Dennis & Teresa Weber at Sheridan Lake, CO. where they bowled in a tournament Saturday. Then Sunday they made it back for Dalhart City Bowling Tourney.

Kylee and Kaiden recently stayed with their grandparents Bill & Donna Gillenwaters for a weekend as mother Sundry worked at the hospital.

Community sympathy to all those who have lost loved ones recently. R.J. Hill will be missed by Kerrick Community.

Ralph Hampton expects to come home from hospital Friday. At least that's what the doctors said. One of his nurses has been Terry Wagoner.

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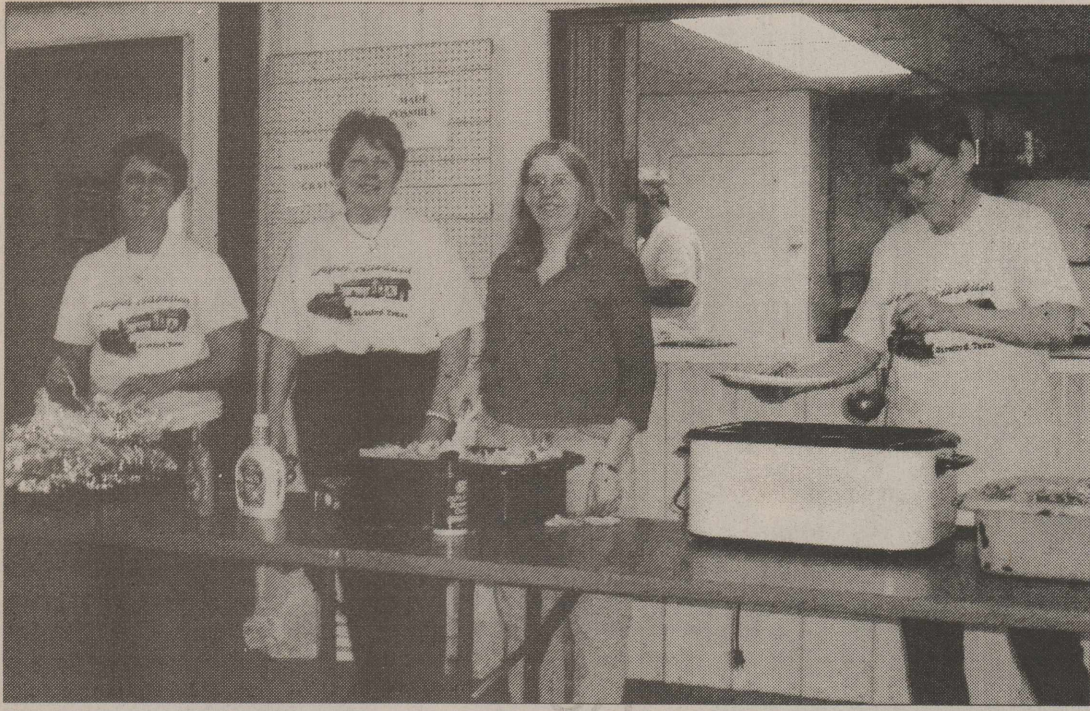
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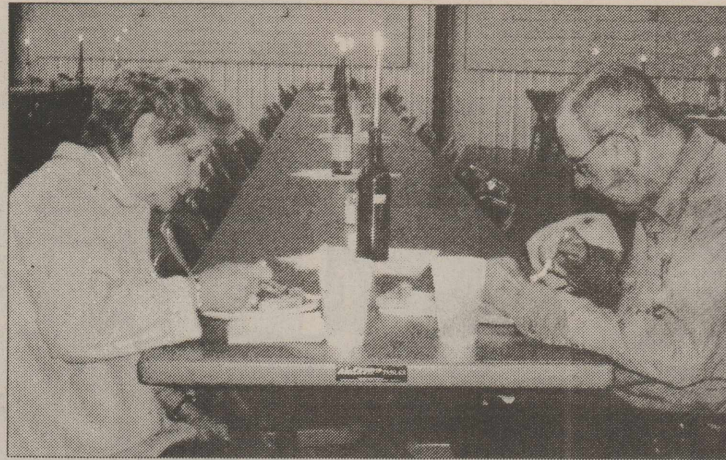
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## Depot Museum Spaghetti Dinner

Helping to serve at the Sherman County Depot Museum Spaghetti dinner held on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Sherman County Barn was Lynda Hauser, Ann Wells, Teresa Wells, and Pat Hartman. Sandy Tillery is in the kitchen.



Slim Garrison and his wife Mary were one of the first ones to arrive on Sunday to enjoy the delicious spaghetti dinner served by the Depot Museum Volunteers. This was a fundraiser for the Museum.



Marge Moore and Dorothy Haile, were the welcoming girls at the Depot Museum Spaghetti Dinner held on Sunday, April 17, 2005. There was a good turnout for the delicious meal.

### Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

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On Thursday, April 14, 2005 in Washington, D.C., U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison met with Mr. and Mrs. Don Riffe from Stratford, Texas, at a constituent coffee to discuss transportation priorities for the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, including the S.P.I.R.I.T. 54 Corridor. Photo courtesy of Brittany Eck

## Stratford Hospital Board to Hold An Election to Hire Two Directors

Stratford Hospital District will hold a Directors election on May 7, 2005 to fill two positions.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin Wednesday, April 20, 2005 and will end Tuesday, May 3, 2005. Early voting will be conducted in the Business office of Coldwater Manor during regular business hours each day.

Board members whose terms will expire are Wayne Smith and Betty Brown.

Candidates for the two positions to be filled are Wayne Smith, Kathleen Altman, Dwayne Plunk and Patty Tims.

## Military Photos Needed

Express Lane #5 needs photos of our local soldiers. If you have a son, daughter, grandchild, niece or nephew serving in the military please bring a 5 x 7 photo that we can post on our "Hero Wall". We will also want some info regarding your soldier. Please see Mellonee York at Express Lane #5 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

## 4-H & FFA Steer & Swine Validation Information

It is that time of year to order State 4-H and FFA Steer Validation Tags. Orders are due into the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2005. Validation will take place in June at a time and place to be determined. Please contact the Extension office and let us know how many tags we need to order.

The State Fair of Texas is requiring a validation for all 4-H and FFA projects in 2005. Swine validation Tag orders are due by Tuesday, May 10, 2005. Please contact Leslie Neve at (806) 366-2081 or Jackie Burkhalter at (806) 366-3333 to place your orders for State Fair Tags.

## Miss Beyond Imagination Pageant

Make your plans now to attend the "Miss Beyond Imagination" Pageant on April 30, 2005. Be entertained as your neighbors and friends provide a night of laughs and fun! This event will be at The Imagination Station, 202 Main, at 7:00 p.m. After the pageant we will be serving dessert and coffee. Ticket prices are \$8.00 a piece. All proceeds will benefit The Imagination Station. Here are some of the things we do for the community-Main Street Art (Summer), Drama Camp (Summer), CAMP ABC (Summer), Week of the Young Child (Spring), and Cultural Exhibit (Fall). We also provide a computer lab to the community and offer a variety of computer classes throughout the year. We are home to the Girl Scouts and allow the school to come use our facilities when needed. This fundraiser will ensure we stay in our community. We appreciate your support.

## 2005 Annuals On Sale

Order your 2005 annual today \$50.00. \$5.00 Addition charge if you wish to personalize your yearbook (i.e. Name, Graduation Year, etc.) Order by April 29. Late orders: \$55.00. Contact Ms. Wells or any Annual Staff Member. (806) 366-3335. Staff member- Haley Buckles, Jayme Wilhelm, Cheyenne Ziemann, Kayla Robertson, Lindsay Stein.

## Chamber News

By Patty Tims

### CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

This year's Citizen of the Year was awarded to Eddie Williams. Eddie Williams was born in Pueblo, Colorado May 20, 1950. Eddie moved to Stratford in 1956 along with his parents, sister and two brothers. Eddie's parents are Claude and Angie Williams, both deceased. Brothers are Don Williams of Amarillo, Texas and George Williams of Corpus Christie, TX. Judy Hutcherson is Eddie's sister who lives in Cerritos, CA.

Eddie is married to Sandy and they have two children, Edward Williams and his wife Cindy, and two children, who live in Plano, TX. Robert Williams and wife Amy live in Amarillo, TX with their two children. Following in his dad's footsteps, Eddie joined the Stratford Fire Department in May of 1971. He is now serving in his 34<sup>th</sup> year as a member and a good deal of that time as Fire Chief. Eddie was a charter instructor at the Canyon Area Fire School, now in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year. Believing that hard work and dedication will get you where you need to be has always been his ideal.

In August 1996, Eddied suggested to the members of the fire department that they begin a project of building a new fire station. Much research was done in the area of grants and finding none available, the members began a fund raising campaign. In April 2003 ground was broken on the new fire department building. July 12, 2003, with community volunteers at their side, businesses providing equipment, the fire station started to become a reality. Proving that it could be done, even if it took 8 years. Today the fire station is up and running. All because of the vision of one person, Eddie Williams. The Stratford Chamber of Commerce congratulates Eddie Williams, 2004 Citizen of the Year.

### CHAMBER BANQUET

This year's Chamber Banquet featured Scott Buckles, with his program "Envision the Future." Also included, a live auction with Aubrey Latham, XIT Auctions, Auctioneer. Jeff Kautz catered the meal, serving 8-oz ribeye steaks. Good entertainment, good food, and all around fun.

The Chamber would like to thank the children from Mary Allen elementary for coloring the centerpieces of the tables. Everyone enjoyed them and some of the parents even took their child's drawings. We would also like to thank all of those who came to the banquet and participated in the Auction.

Door prizes were: \$100.00 and stadium seats provided by the First State Bank, 2-\$50.00 scratch pads provided by the Happy Bank and Trust. \$75.00 of Tip Top Bucks, donated by the McBryde Ranch, \$50.00 of Tip Top Bucks donated by the Sherman County Development, which were donated back to the Chamber by Karen Riffe. Thank you so much Karen. Also, \$50.00 was donated to the fire department by Mayor, David Brown. Stratford is full of good people, willing to help the community. The Stratford Chamber of Commerce thanks those who support the Chamber and its events. Without you, we would not be able to continue our activities.

If you or your business would like to become a member of the Stratford Chamber of Commerce, please call, 806-366-2260, or come by the office at 305 N. Main.

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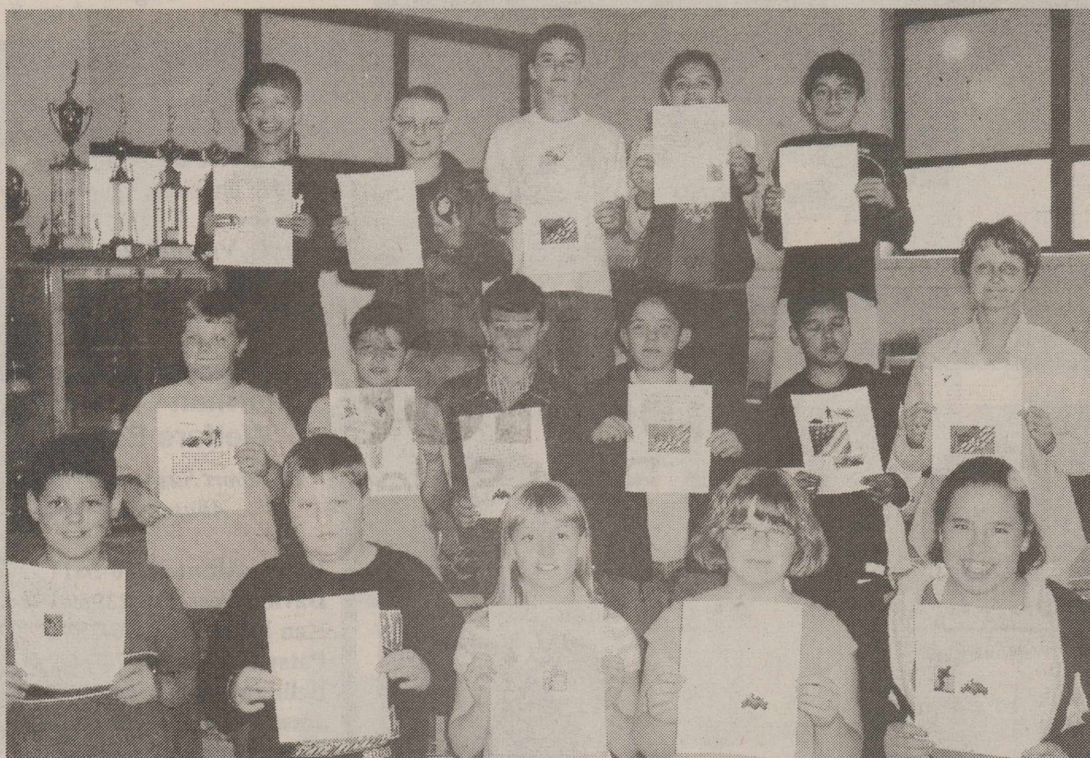
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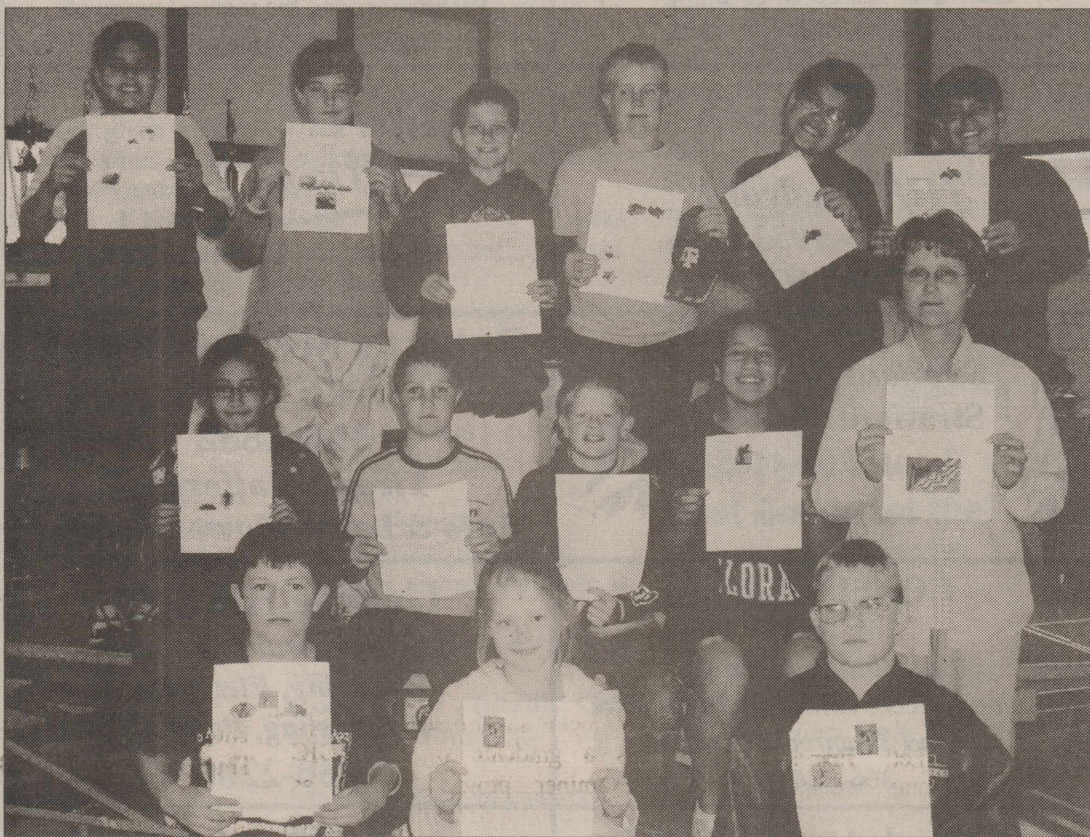
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**Letters to Iraq**

Mrs. Hauser's two Fifth Grade Keyboarding Classes have written letters to Wesley York again. Wesley is the son of Ted and Mellonee York and is serving our country with the U.S. Army in Iraq. The students used their newly acquired keyboarding skills to compose their letters. They also included color print and pictures from Microsoft Word Clip Art and printed the letters on the laser color printer. Those writing letters to Wesley include Ana Reyes, Daria Mayeux, Adriana Ibarra, Jared Saloga, Carina Michel, Pamela Gonzalez, Rebekah Pollack, Jesus Ruedas, Tori Rouse, Derek Vasquez, Perla Reta, Rhyon Burton, Chance Walker, Braden Hudson, Edgar Guerrero, Mark Hand, Marcos Garza, Nicolas Barajas, Rafael Guerra, Jacob Mariscal, Monica King, Mariah Mireles, Ransom Lermon, Julie York, Shannon Maiwald, Wyatt Smith, Haden Long, Gabriel Tarango, Braiden Palmer, Jordan Johnson, Skyler Sweitzer, Dylon Swim, Justin Mungia, Ruben Duran, Lidia Mendoza, and Mrs. Hauser.



**Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show Held**

Calli Hamilton served as Mistress of Ceremonies at the Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show held Tuesday, April 12 in Stratford. 4-H members participating in the show were Shiloh Dickenson, Jennie Spurlock, Sunny Russell, and Mary Ann Spurlock. Jessica Lomax of Texhoma also competed in the achievement event of the 4-H Clothing and Textiles project.

**SHERMAN COUNTY 4-H FASHION SHOW HELD**

Five Sherman County 4-H clothing project members competed in the county 4-H Fashion Show held April 12<sup>th</sup> in Stratford.

Participants were Mary Ann Spurlock, Jessica Lomax, Jennie Spurlock, Sunny Russell, and Shiloh Dickenson.

The Fashion Show teaches youth self-confidence in modeling, clothing construction and care skills, buying skills, textiles, fibers, and fabrics, and self-expression through clothing. Connie Burton, Cindy Russell, Reyna Everett, Calli Hamilton, and Mandy Lomax served as volunteer leaders for the project assisted by project members parents under the direction of the Texas Cooperative Extension.

Selected to represent Sherman County at the District 1 4-H Fashion Show to be held May 7 at Frank Phillips College in Borger will be: Shiloh Dickenson, Senior-Buying

Casual Daywear; Jennie Spurlock, Intermediate-Buying Dressy Daywear; and Sunny Russell, Intermediate-Buying Casual Daywear; Junior qualifiers for District are: Jessica Lomax, Junior Construction-Active Playwear and Mary Ann Spurlock, Junior

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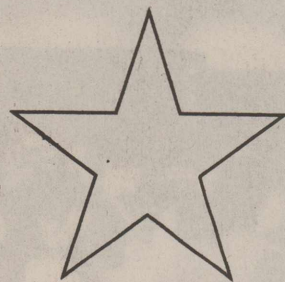
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Used Tire Sale-Many Sizes starting at \$5.00. Duncan Chevrolet 806-366-5557. 4-21-c

## Help Wanted

Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) will work for private duty clients. Need your vitals checked, help around your house, or a ride to the doctor, store, beautician, even out of town. Call Debbie at (806) 366-2588 or (806) 930-4705. Reasonable Prices! 5-19-c

## Wanted

Want to do babysitting in my home this summer. For more information call 366-3766, ask for Crystal Pitti. 4-28-c

## Garage Sales

Garage Sale: Saturday, April 23rd from 9 a.m. to 7:11 N. 4th. 4-21-c

Garage Sale: In alley behind 311 N. Maple St. Friday, April 22, noon until 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 23, 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. 4-21-c

## Human Interest

(NU) - Arkansas-based Heifer International has received the 2004 Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize, officials recently announced. At \$1 million, the Hilton prize is the world's largest humanitarian award. "The million-dollar Hilton Prize will be a powerful tool in Heifer's fight against hunger and poverty," said Jo Luck, president and CEO of Heifer International. In 38 U.S. states and 50 countries, Heifer is providing animals, along with training in environmentally sound agricultural practices, and other resources to assure that self-reliance will be passed on from generation to generation. For more information, visit [www.hiltonfoundation.org](http://www.hiltonfoundation.org) or [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

## Services

SANDY'S 'ROUN-TUIT' SERVICE Home Repair, Welding, Painting, Odd jobs, Mower Repair. No job too small. "If you can't get around to it," CALL SANDY! 753-7354 or 727-4692 9-16-tfn

I will do little handiwork jobs for the elderly at a reasonable cost. Call Dick Bachman 366-7679. 8-19-tfn

I will be picking up trash, cleaning lots, yards, and mowing. If you need any of these services call 396-2305. 4-28-c

Spring is here!!  
It's time to start thinking of mowing your lawn  
If you need it mowed call us  
Lanning Lawncare Services  
Reasonable rates  
Call Justin Lanning @366-2506  
4-21-c

## For Rent

### PHEASANT RIDGE APARTMENTS

1319 & 1320 N. Chestnut  
Stratford, Texas

Newly remodeled  
Very spacious, 2 bedroom  
New appliances  
Central heating & air-  
Washer/Dryer hookups  
Clean, comfortable & convenient  
Professionally managed  
**SENIOR DISCOUNT**

806-244-3418

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

For Rent: 1 Bedroom completely furnished house for Rent. Call 396-2125. 4-7-tfn

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

## 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 thee food. All of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

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The quickest way for a parent to get a child's attention is to sit down and look comfortable.  
—Lane Olinghouse  
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## Houses For Sale

For Sale: 305 N. 3rd, 2 bdrm, laundry room, CH/A, detached garage, storage building, nice location \$20,000. Call 930-0734 or 930-5613. 3-31-tfn

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

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

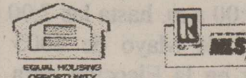
3 Bdrm Brick, 2 baths on large corner lot 1201 NW 2nd St Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Located in Casa Bonita Addition. Call 366-2153 for appointment. 10-21-tfn

For Sale: 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

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: Nice 3 br. 1.75 bath brick home at 408 N. Fulton. Ready to move into. Updated kitchen and bathrooms. CH/A, attached garage, new attic insulation, large fenced in backyard. Stove, washer, dryer and new built in dishwasher stay. Great neighborhood \$55,000. Call 366-3111. 3-24-tfn

Ad Rem Land Co.  
803 S Bliss  
Dumas, TX 79029  
806-935-7364



Very Motivated Seller! 3 B/R, 1 1/2 baths, large master suite, walk in shower. Double garage with workshop and C/H&A. Reduced to \$85,000

Move Up to this Beautiful Home! 3 B/R, 1 1/2 baths, 2 living areas, and a large adjacent lot for parking, on the east side. \$89,000

Home with Style! 2 B/R, 1 1/2 baths, with large living and dining areas. Hardwood floors, and updated baths. \$78,900

Very Cute! 1 B/R, 3/4 bath home, would make a great rental property. \$15,000

Great Starter Home, or Possible Investment Property! 2 B/R, 1 bath. \$25,000

Shop in Backyard! Nice 3 B/R, 2 bath with 1 car detached garage. Reduced to \$45,000

Prime Location! This 3 B/R, 2 bath home is located in a quiet neighborhood and close to schools. \$125,000

Corner Lot! This 4 B/R, 1 1/2 bath home has had C/H&A, sewer lines, and gas line has all been recently replaced. \$60,000

For Sale-Nice 3 br. 1.75 bath brick home at 408 N. Fulton. Ready to move into. Updated kitchen and bathrooms. CH/A, attached garage, new attic insulation, large fenced in backyard. Stove, washer, dryer and new built in dishwasher stay. Great neighborhood. \$55,000. Call 366-3111. 3-31-tfn

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Don't handicap your children by making their lives easy.  
—Robert A. Heinlein  
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**EARLY DEADLINE**  
For  
**APRIL 28th**  
EDITION  
Of the Star  
is  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 22nd**  
4:00 p.m.  
Due to  
**Regional Golf Meet**

## Auto

(NU) - With today's busy schedules and high-tech vehicles, most drivers are left with neither the time nor inclination for an afternoon of tinkering on their cars. According to the experts at the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), good communication between the repair shop and the customer can help ensure satisfactory service. ASE offers the following tips to help the repair process go smoothly: Follow the recommended service schedules and keep a log of all repairs and service; inspect your car frequently; and be prepared to describe your car's symptoms to the technician. To learn more, visit [www.ase.com](http://www.ase.com).

## Bank

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Adair is a graduate of West Texas State University earning a B.S. in Business. Adair serves on the West Texas A&M Foundation Board, the Discovery Center Board, the Amarillo Better Business Bureau Torch Award Committee, the Randall County Courthouse Restoration Board and is a member of the Amarillo Rotary Club. He and his wife, Anita, have three children, Austin 16; Alex 14 and Kori, 9. They are active in First Baptist Church, Canyon.

Bowen is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Finance. He is currently serving on the Amarillo Independent School District's Gifted and Talent Advisory Committee. Bowen

just completed a three-year term on the Texas Panhandle Regional Development Commission, most recently serving as president of the organization. He serves as a Deacon at First Baptist Church of Amarillo. He and his wife, Stephanie, have three sons Brad, 16; Trey 13 and Parker 9.

McCoy Curtis is a graduate of the University of Texas-Permian Basin with a Bachelor's of Finance. She also is a graduate of the FDIC examiner program. She has been employed by Happy State Bank for three years. McCoy Curtis is actively involved as a Director with the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation. She is also active in Body of Christ - Amarillo South. She and her husband, have two children, Spencer, 16 and Skylar, 11.

The \$360 Million Happy State Bank has additional offices in Happy, Canyon, Stratford, Dumas, Dalhart, Panhandle and Sunray in addition to its Amarillo offices at 3423 Sency Road, 3131 Bell Street, 500 Tascosa Road, and 5050 S. Western St.

The Downtown Branch is one more location that Happy State Bank Customers can receive excellent service.

## Home

(NU) - Appearances make an all-important first impression. In fact, there is a proven relationship between a home's perceived value and the appearance of its front door. You can upgrade your home's look and perceived value by replacing its entry door. Jeld-Wen offers an IWP Aurora Old World custom fiberglass door that combines the rich look and feel of wood with rustic hardware accents. This door requires no maintenance and has a limited lifetime warranty. For more, visit [www.jeld-wen.com](http://www.jeld-wen.com).

## Legal Notices

### Sherman County Sheriff's Office Notice of Impoundment of Estray

On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005, I impounded the following estray:  
Kind, Bovine  
Breed, Mixed  
Color, White faced red neck  
Sex, Heifer  
Age, Long yearling  
Size, 800 lbs.  
Brand, earmark or other identifiers, Branded High on the left hip, with a red ear tag with white letters 4

and on the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2005, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Sherman County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Sherman County, Texas for the owner of said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the day 27<sup>th</sup> of April, 2005, said estray will be sold at public auction at Dalhart, Texas.

Witness my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

Jack Haile  
Sheriff of Sherman County, Texas.

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### Stratford Independent School District Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District requests proposals from interested vendors for a new four door midsize car. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Office at (806) 366-3302.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 PM May 9, 2005. Any requests for proposals after this date will not be accepted. The proposals may be mailed to Stratford ISD, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, Faxed to 806-366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendent office at 503 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened on May 9, 2005 at 2:00 PM. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, April 21, and Thursday, April 28, 2005.

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The end product of child raising is not the child but the parent.  
—Frank Pittman  
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# Mock Tornado Disaster Exercise Held

Sherman County Emergency Management in conjunction with Stratford ISD sponsored a mock tornado disaster exercise April 14, 2005. The exercise objectives were to provide first responders, SISD administration and faculty and public officials a practical experience in dealing with major disasters. First responders' goals were to assess damages, search and rescue of the injured, medical treatment of the injured, communications and traffic and scene control.

First responders participating in the exercise were: Stratford Fire Department, Stratford EMS, Stratford Police Department, Sherman county Sheriff Department, Sherman County Judge Carter and Justice of Peace Letha Batis, Stratford Mayor David Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem George Harding and City Administrator Sean Hardman and Texas Department of Transportation and Greg Wright, Storm Chaser.

Mr. Taliaferro and faculty are to be commended for their active participation in this exercise. The five students who volunteered to be the injured victims were: Katelyn Reed, Luke Haile, Tony Ruiz, Harrison Walden and Kimberly Melton. They did a great job. LaRenda Wright and Randy Williams provided the realistic "hysterical" parents. Thanks to Doris Parsons for taking pictures.

This exercise which was conducted as a part of the Sherman County Emergency Management Plan will be reported to the Texas Department of Emergency Management.



**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

The State of Texas

To Tommie Lee Elliott, his unknown heirs, persons, successors and assigns, defendant in the cause numbered and entitled below.

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 69<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Sherman County, at the courthouse in Stratford, Texas at or before 10:00 a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from 4-5, 2005, the date of issuance of this citation, by filing a written answer to plaintiffs' petition that was filed in the court on 4-5, 2005, numbered 4612 on the docket of the court, and entitled Steve Flynt and Jan Flynt, plaintiffs, v. Tommie Lee Elliott, his unknown heirs, persons, successors and assigns, defendant.

The nature of this suit, briefly stated is one of trespass to try title, in which plaintiff, for cause of action, would respectfully show the court that:

On or about October 9, 1980, Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's predecessor's in interest, were in actual possession of the above-described premises. On that date, defendants unlawfully entered upon the subject property and now continues to withhold possession from Plaintiff. Defendants claim some right, title, estate, or interest in these premises, which is adverse to plaintiff's ownership interest. This claim constitutes a cloud on plaintiff's title. Plaintiff's request judgment for title and possession of the land, and for such other and further relief to which he is entitled, as more full shown by plaintiff's petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve it and

make due return according to the requirement of law, and the mandates of this citation.

Issued under my hand and the seal of the court at Stratford, Sherman County, Texas, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

M. L. Albert  
Clerk of the 69<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court  
Sherman County, Texas  
Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, April 14, 2005, Thursday, April 21, 2005, Thursday, April 28, 2005 and Thursday, May 5, 2005.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Sherman Co. will be taking sealed bids for a wrecked 2002 Ford Crown Victory patrol car, salvage only. Bids must be sealed and received by the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office before 5:00 p.m. on May 6, 2005. Bids may be delivered in person at the Sheriff's office, 701 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., or mailed to P.O. Box 526, Stratford, TX 79084. Sherman Co. reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Sheriff Jack Haile, Sherman Co. Texas.  
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**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION**

To the Registered Voters of Stratford, Texas: Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 7, 2005, for voting in a General election, to elect (3) positions of Alderman, two year terms.

Locations of Polling Places- All precincts will vote at City Hall.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at 518 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>, City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 20, 2005 and ending on May 3, 2005.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Kathy Rendon, P.O. Box 188, Stratford, Texas 79084.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than

the close of business on April 29, 2005.

Candidates are Blake Confer, Nancy Kimball, George Harding and Keri Harris

Issued this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005.

Signed David A. Brown,  
Signature of Presiding Officer.  
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**AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL**

A los votantes registrados del Stratford Texas

Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7<sup>th</sup> de Mayo de 2005 para votar en la Eleccion para Tres funcionarios pr un periodo de dos anos.

Direccion(es) De Las Casillas Electorales- All precincts will vote at City Hall

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en 518 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>, City Hall entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el Abril 20, 2005 y terminando el May 3, 2005

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Kathy Rendon, P.O. Box 188, Stratford, Tx 79084.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el Abril 29, 2005.

Emitada este dia 15<sup>th</sup> de march, 2005.

Candidates are Blake Confer, Nancy Kimball, George Harding and Keri Harris

Firma del Oficial que Preside- David A. Brown.

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Stratford's Brownie Girl Scout Troop 261 and Junior Girl Scout Troop 980 did the opening Flag Ceremony for Girl Scout Day. The event was held in Amarillo at the Civic Center on Saturday, April 9. Over 300 people attended this event. Girls from Brownie Girl Scout Troop 261 attending were: Violet Conway, Madeline Drake, Britney Garza, Desinya Garza, Magaly Guerrero, Erin Huggins, Lindy Paris, Kelsey Pickens, Mary Ann Spurlock and Emily York. Girls from Junior Girl Scout Troop 980 attending were: Mariah Mirales, Monica Ramos and Julie York. Parents attending were: Jeanette Artho, Lupe Conway, Desine Garza, Marie Guerrero, Laurie Spurlock and Mellonee York. Shown above, Mary Green, Membership Specialist with Girl Scouts Five Star Council giving tips to the girls before the flag ceremony.



Brownie Girl Scout Troop 261 and Junior Girl Scout Troop 980 received donations to send Girl Scout Cookies to the soldiers in Iraq. Special thanks go to: First State Bank, Happy State Bank, Stratford Feedyard, Madden Oil Co. of Liberal, Kansas, Duncan Chevrolet, Stratford Grain, Ted and Mellonee York and many local residents of Stratford. This was one of the service projects that the Girl Scouts in Stratford have done. Shown above, Brownie Troop 261 and Junior Girl Scout Troop 980 pictured with some of the cookies. Twenty cases of cookies were donated.

# SUNRAY CO-OP

## Official Notice

### 66th Annual Meeting

- Friday, May 6, 2005
- Sunray High School
- Meal Served 6:00 PM—7:00 PM
- Dividend Checks
- Business Meeting Begins 7:00 PM Sharp
- \* Report to Members

\* Renown speaker & Author Jim Olson  
Former undercover agent for the CIA

\* Door Prizes

- Yearly Highlights

* Sales	\$93,802,417
* Net Savings	\$1,604,205
* Old Equity Revolvement	\$250,000
* Current Years Portion	\$242,730
* Settled Estates	\$87,471
* Market Plus Cash Rebate	\$460,000
<b>Total Fiscal Year CASH</b>	
<b>Revolvement to Members</b>	<b>\$1,040,201</b>



## Sunray Co-op

*"Members Come Join The Celebration"*



## Cards of Thanks

It is difficult to express enough appreciation for all the kindness shown to us at this time of loss. We just thank everyone who called, prayed, visited, brought food, flowers, offered assistance, helped in any way with the memorial service, or just supported us through it all. To all you wonderful people, all we can say is "Thank You, and God bless each and every one!"

The R.J. Hill family

I would like to thank whoever mowed my alley for me, it was greatly appreciated.

Bess Stone

The Sherman County Depot Museum Board would like to thank all who attended our Spaghetti Dinner last Sunday, making it a big success. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for bringing the desserts and to our Board members for cooking, serving, and cleaning up. A special thanks to the following people for their donations which made it all possible: First State Bank, Stratford Grain, A&I Parts, Stratford Feedyard, Dettle Feedlot, Walter Lasley Feedyard, Happy State Bank, Farm Bureau, Thriftway, Iowa Vet Supply, W&C Land and Cattle, Western Organics, Let's Make Arrangements, Brown's Meat Locker, Express Lane-Gopher's, Cindy Russell's Art classes, Imagination Station, Gaynelle Riffe, and the Stratford Star.

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone for all the love, support and prayers during and after the loss of our beloved Elaine. We appreciate all cards, food, love and prayers shared with us during this time. May God Bless.

Sincerely the Gurley Family

The Stratford Baseball Association would like to thank everyone who came out and ate with us at our hamburger cookout/fundraiser. We would also like to thank our generous donors who helped make this event possible. Thanks to Cimarron Feeders, First State Bank of Stratford, The Red Door, Thriftway, Happy State Bank, Betty's, Let's Make Arrangements, Stratford Cheerleaders, Express Lanes, Ted Allen, and Marsha Wright's Mary Kay. A very special thanks to Jeff Kautz for doing an excellent job of cooking the burgers.....they were GREAT! We also appreciate all the people who made the homemade ice cream. It's always a big hit with everyone. We would also like to thank the people who made donations to us at the cookout. This league would not be possible without the generosity of this great community. Thank you again for your support this year.

Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for the honor of Citizen of the Year for 2004. It has been my privilege to be a part of the community and work with the volunteer fire department.

Eddie Williams

Only 24 more Days of school

## Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

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|-----------------------|--|
| April 20-23           | "A Farewell Salute to the Branding Iron Theatre" WTA&MU Branding Iron Theatre 806-651-2799 |
| April 23              | "Always A Texas Playboy" 8:00 p.m. Dalhart Community LaRita Theatre 244-5646               |
| April 23              | "La Boheme" Amarillo Opera Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-7464                          |
| April 24              | Amarillo Youth Choir Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-1100                                |
| April 26-27           | "42nd Street" Broadway Series Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096                       |
| April 30 ***          | "Miss Beyond Imagination" Beauty? Pageant The Imagination Station 202 Main St.             |
| April 29,30 May 1,5-7 | "All's Well That Ends Well" Shakespeare 7:30 1-3:00 Amarillo College Theatre 806-371-5359  |
| May 5-7               | Greater Southwest Music Festival Various locations 806-373-5093                            |
| May 5-22              | "Jesus Christ Superstar" Musical Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991                      |
| May 6-8               | "Guys and Dolls" AC Youth Theatre Amarillo College Ordway Auditorium 806-371-5353          |

## SISD Board of Trustees Minutes

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 in the High School library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Board members present:

Joe Reinart  
Ricky Reed  
Gared McBryde  
DeWain Trayler

Brent Spurlock Patti  
Vincent  
Steve Hays  
Jim Taliaferro,  
Superintendent

Guests present were Dinah Horsford, Tim Gilliland, Mary Pat Williams, and Belinda Hamilton.

Mrs. Williams led the invocation.

Mr. Taliaferro introduced Belinda Hamilton. She is the District Improvement Committee Chairperson and will present the District Improvement Plan to the board.

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

1. Mark Miller has been selected to play in the Greenbelt Bowl in Childress in June.
2. Josh King has been selected to play in the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star football game in San Antonio in July.
3. The following exhibitors placed animals in the Houston livestock show sale; Brady Bell - 10<sup>th</sup> place Berkshire, Kyle Horsford - 14<sup>th</sup> place Berkshire, and April Kautz - Hampshire. Kaleb Horsford participated in the calf scramble at the Houston Rodeo. He caught a calf and received a \$1000 certificate to purchase a heifer, raise it for a year and return to Houston next year to exhibit it.
4. The One Act Play competed in the district meet. The play did not advance but the following received honors: Evan Haile - Best Actress, Allison Baskin and Jayme Wilhelm - Honorable Mention All-Star Cast, April Kautz - Best Stage Manager, and Emily Shafer - Best Sound.

5. Results of the High School UIL Academic Meet are as follows:

**Number Sense:**  
Brandon Davis - 5<sup>th</sup>, Team - Brandon Davis, Thomas Griffin, Juliana Taliaferro, Harrison Walden - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Place - Coach Carla Griffin**  
**Current Issues and Events - Case Crabtree - 4<sup>th</sup> - Alt to Regional - Coach Linda Young**  
**Computer Applications - Juliana Taliaferro - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Alt to Regional, Cheyenne Ziemann - 6<sup>th</sup> Place - Coach Tami King**

**Accounting - Brady Bell - 5<sup>th</sup>, Brittany Hudson - 6<sup>th</sup>, Team - Brady Bell, Brittany Hudson, Josh King, Tyler Haynes - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Coach Tami King**  
**Spelling - Haley Buckles - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Regional Qualifier, Allison Buckles - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Regional Qualifier, Juliana Taliaferro - 5<sup>th</sup>, Team - 1<sup>st</sup> - Regional Qualifier - Yadira Ortega - additional team member - Coach Judy Stoy**  
**Feature Writing - Craig Reinart - 5<sup>th</sup> - Coach Linda Young**  
**Poetry Interpretation - Staci Hays - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Regional Qualifier, Merilee McDaniels - 4<sup>th</sup> - Alt to Regionals, Coach - Terri Teig**  
**Prose Interpretation - Evan Haile - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Regional Qualifier, Allison Baskin - 4<sup>th</sup> - Alt to Regionals - Coach Terri Teig**  
**Social Studies - Brant Cummings - 4<sup>th</sup> - Alt to Regional, Team - Brant Cummings, Maira Argomaniz, Caleb Brown, Sandra Barraza - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Coach Ronna Riffe**  
**Lincoln-Douglas Debate - Jordan Taylor - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Regional Qualifier - Coach Terri Teig**

Congratulations to all students who participated and good luck at Regionals.

6. The Jr. High District Track Meet was held on Saturday, April 2. As a team, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls were 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> girls were 2<sup>nd</sup>, and both the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys

were district champs. Individual results were as follows:

**7<sup>th</sup> Girls**  
400 M Relay - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
100 M Hurdles - Angie Rosales - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
800 M Relay - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
200 M hurdles - Angie Rosales - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
200 M Dash - Channing Ziemann - 5<sup>th</sup>, Cambra Swim - 6<sup>th</sup>  
1600 M Relay - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Discus - Channing Ziemann - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunny Russell - 4<sup>th</sup>  
Shot Put - Sunny Russell - 6<sup>th</sup>  
Triple Jump - Angie Rosales - 6<sup>th</sup>  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls**  
400 M Relay - 1<sup>st</sup>  
800 M Run - Perla Rueda - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sierra Valenzuela - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Rachel Martinez - 4<sup>th</sup>  
110 Hurdles - Becky Rosales - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Margarita Rocha - 5<sup>th</sup>  
100 M Dash - Mary Lou Maldonado - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Stephanie Bell - 6<sup>th</sup>  
800 Relay - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
200 M Dash - Deborah Molina - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1600 M Relay - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Discus - Stephanie Bell - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chandra Hawkins - 4<sup>th</sup>  
Long Jump - Perla Rueda - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Becky Rosales - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Shot Put - Jessica Meroney - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys**  
400 M Relay - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
800 M Run - Roy Allen - 1<sup>st</sup>  
110 M Hurdles - Oscar Sausamedo - 1<sup>st</sup>  
100 M Dash - Elias Terrazas - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Victor Carrera - 6<sup>th</sup>  
800 M Relay - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
200 M Hurdles - Clinton Keener - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Blu Pruitt - 4<sup>th</sup>  
1600 M Run - Justin Smith - 1<sup>st</sup>, Roy Allen - 4<sup>th</sup>, Luis Ortega - 6<sup>th</sup>  
1600 M Relay - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Discus - Victor Carrera - 1<sup>st</sup>, Elias Terrazas - 5<sup>th</sup>  
High Jump - Clinton Keener - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Justin Smith - 5<sup>th</sup>  
Pole Vault - Clinton Keener - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Roy Allen - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Justin Smith - 4<sup>th</sup>  
Shot Put - Victor Carrera - 1<sup>st</sup>, Elias Terrazas - 5<sup>th</sup>  
Triple Jump - Blu Pruitt - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys**  
400 M Relay - 1<sup>st</sup>  
800 M Run - Armando Valenzuela - 1<sup>st</sup>, Matt Valenzuela - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Hector Marquez - 5<sup>th</sup>  
100 M Hurdles - Justin Lanning - 4<sup>th</sup>, Kaleb Horsford - 5<sup>th</sup>  
100 M Dash - Raul Gonzales - 1<sup>st</sup>, Angel Resendes - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Manuel Chavoya - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
800 M Relay - 1<sup>st</sup>  
400 M Dash - Raul Gonzales - 1<sup>st</sup>, Jay Hacker - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
200 M Hurdles - Valenzuela - 3<sup>rd</sup>

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Justin Lanning - 4<sup>th</sup>, Kaleb Horsford - 5<sup>th</sup>  
200 M Dash - Nelson Rodriguez - 1<sup>st</sup>, Manuel Chavoya - 5<sup>th</sup>  
1600 M Run - Valenzuela - 1<sup>st</sup>, Hector Marquez - 4<sup>th</sup>  
1600 M Relay - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Discus - Kaleb Horsford - 1<sup>st</sup>, Pepe Licon - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Servando Torres - 4<sup>th</sup>  
High Jump - Nelson Rodriguez - 4<sup>th</sup>, Justin Lanning - 5<sup>th</sup>, Kaleb Horsford - 6<sup>th</sup>  
Long Jump - Nelson Rodriguez - 1<sup>st</sup>, Angel Resendes - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Raul Gonzales - 4<sup>th</sup>

Pole Vault - Valenzuela - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Shot Put - Brent Reed - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jonathan Jacquez - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Servando Torres - 6<sup>th</sup>  
Triple Jump - Angel Resendes - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Justin Lanning - 6<sup>th</sup>

7. Yadira Ortega was selected to the Globe News 1A Super Team for basketball.

8. Tony Ruiz(track), Kristen Crabtree(track) and Tyler Haynes(golf) have been selected to the Amarillo National Bank Athlete of the Week Honor Roll.

9. The following students have qualified to be in the National Honor Society: Brittany Hudson, Lindsay Stein, Maira Argomaniz, Allison Baskin, Brady Bell, Haley Buckles, Andrew Correll, Case Crabtree, Staci Hays, Josh Lanning, Walter Spurlock, Jordan Taylor, Connor Vincent, and Cheyenne Ziemann.

10. Kayla Willard is the 2005 Valedictorian for the senior class and Tyler Haynes is the Salutatorian.

11. Allison Baskin was the winner of the XIT sponsored Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour. All juniors in the surrounding area were encouraged to submit an essay to XIT and one winner was picked. Allison will participate in 4 day all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

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# 2005 Guymon Pioneer RODEO

## May 6th - 8th

SEABOARD  
JAMES and the OKLAHOMA HORSE COUNCIL

ADVANCE TICKETS  
On Sale NOW through April 30th  
ONLY \$8  
\$12 at the Gate

Friday 7:30pm  
Saturday 12:00pm  
Sunday 1:00pm

FREE with two cans  
\$5 at gate for ages  
Box seats available for

**Tickets Available at these locations:**

**Beaver:**  
PTCI

**Boise City:**  
PTCI

**Goodwell:**  
1st National Bank

**Guymon:**  
Homeland  
Kitchen Mart  
PDQ  
PTCI

**Standard Supply**

**Hooker:**  
Tri-County Electric

**Laverne:**  
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**Liberal:**  
Crazy House

**Perryton:**  
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**Spearman:**  
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Kayla has attended the Scholastic Banquet my freshman, sophomore, and junior years and plans on it this year also. She was a member of the school band that got 5<sup>th</sup> place at the State Marching Contest. She was also a member of a saxophone quartet that received a 3 on a scale of 1 to 5 at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest. She participated in UIL Computer Applications and got 4<sup>th</sup> place. She has been nominated for the National Honor Roll and is the president of the National Honor Society. She also received a high score in the UIL Science Contest, although not high enough to place, and was voted Who's Who in Science.

Kayla has participated in Band, UIL Computer Applications, UIL Calculator Applications, UIL Science, and UIL Mathematics.

Her work experience consists of Summer Help at Mungia's Heating and Air. She answered the phone and ran errands at the Mungias' office in Guymon during the summer of her sophomore year. Her junior year Summer help, First

National Bank of Dalhart, she helped with the bookkeeping department and in the front answering phones and running errands whenever she was needed. Her senior year she helped after school at Let's Make Arrangements. She is in the Diversified Career Program at school, which allows her to leave at two o'clock everyday to go to her job at Let's Make Arrangements. She cleans up the store after lunch, runs errands and helps wherever she is needed.

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Tyler Jordan Haynes extracurricular activities consisted of Varsity football II, III, IV Varsity Basketball I, II, III, IV, Varsity Golf I, II, III, IV FFA, I, II, III, IV Jr. PGA Golf Tour, Waco Starburst Jr. Golf Tournament and Texas-Oklahoma Jr. Golf Tournament.

Tyler awards received are Football-All District 2002, 2003, 2004; Academic All District, 2002-2003-2004; Hon. Mention All State 2002; Amarillo Globe News Class A Super Team, 2002-2004; Quarterfinal Champs 2001; Area Champs 2002; Regional Champs 2003; State Runner-up 2004; All State, First Team Receiver, 2004; Academic All State, First Team, 2004.

Basketball awards: Semi-Finalist 2002; District Champs 2003; All District 2003, 2004, 2005; Academic All District 2002, 2003, 2004; SHS Most Valuable Player 2003.

Golf-Regional Qualifier 2002, 2003, 2004; State Medallist Qualifier 2003-2004; District 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Medallist 2003; District 1<sup>st</sup> place Medallist 2004; Regional 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Medallist 2004; Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee Award for Golf, May 2004; SHS Outstanding Golfer 2002, 2003, 2004.

FFA-Jr. Creed Speaking; FFA Quiz; Swine Production Award; Houston Livestock Show and Sale; San Antonio Livestock Show and Sale.

University Interscholastic League Academics: Regional Number Sense Team Qualifier 2002, 2003; Districts Runner Up Accounting Team 2004, 2005 and District Champ and Regional Editorial Qualifier 2004.

Tyler attended the Scholastic Banquet every year while in High School. And was National Honor Society 2004, 2005.

He is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Stratford. A member of the Sr. High United Methodist Youth. Loves playing golf and spending time with family and friends.

Congratulations Allison.

12. Eight Junior High students have been selected to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Eric Burton, Roy Allen, Kelsi Dennis, Shelby McDaniel, Janeth Reyes, Anthony Ruiz, Sunny Russell, and Elias Terrazas were identified as academically talented based on standardized test scores (TAAS or TAKS). They will take the college ACT test. Eric Burton scored in the top 25% of the Talent Search Pool. Eric will be honored at a special recognition ceremony held at a university in Texas. Congratulations to these students.

13. The Big Blue Band participated in the UIL Concert and Sightreading contest at Boys Ranch. The high school band received a I in the concert contest and a II in the sightreading contest. The junior high band also competed They received a II in concert and a II in sightreading.

14. The following Lady Elk basketball players were named to the Honorable Mention All District basketball team: Brittany Hudson, Deidre Tarver, Katelyn Reed and Shadley Audrain.

15. The track, golf and tennis district meet results will be

recognized in the May minutes.

Mrs. Williams gave the elementary report. Every student at the Mary Allen Elementary received a school t-shirt. She thanked Greg Wright for the design work on the shirt. She passed the weekly bulletin. The reading and math TAKS test will be next week. Mrs. Williams will be in Amarillo on Wednesday morning to receive the Title I Achievement award.

Mr. Gilliland gave the middle school report. He passed around a booklet on the child abuse assembly that the middle school will be attending. It will be centered around bullying. He mentioned that Eric Burton will be honored at a recognition ceremony for his achievement through the Duke Talent Identification Program. Junior high cheerleader tryouts will be on Friday. Brooke Barnard is the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Valedictorian and Deborah Molina is the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Salutatorian. He then passed out a plan for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> scheduling next year allowing more time for TAKS subjects.

Mr. Taliaferro reported that Mr. Haynes was at the District Golf meet. He also reported that the boys golf team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in district and will be advancing to the regional golf meet.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the transportation report. The cost per mile for transportation for the month was 48¢. He then gave the budget summary. Monthly expenditures are at 49.52% and revenue collected at 87.85%. Tax collections are at 97.39%. Current enrollment is as follows: Mary Allen Elementary - 258, middle school - 174 and high school - 198. He discussed the TASB Spring workshop on May 18<sup>th</sup> with the board. The board then signed up for jobs at the scholastic banquet. All

banquets will begin at 7:00 PM. The school board team building session will be on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The school district will participate in

a mock disaster on Thursday. He discussed trading in the 1990 van and purchasing a car for the district. The board requested that the van be sold at an auction.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to accept the consent agenda with amendments. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Taliaferro went over the Memorandum of Agreement between Stratford ISD and Sherman County Emergency Management. Ricky Reed made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to accept the agreement. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Taliaferro explained the bank depository contract. This contract can be extended for 2 years. Ricky Reed made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to extend the depository contract with First State Bank Stratford for an additional 2 years. Motion carried 4-0-3 with DeWain Trayler, Garec McBryde and Brent Spurlock abstaining.

Steve Hays made the motion and Garec McBryde seconded to allow the board to authorize the superintendent to certify and submit the application certifications, designation and all other federal documents. Motion carried 7-0.

Ricky Reed made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to approve the 2006 Sherman County Appraisal District budget. Motion carried 7-0.

Belinda Hamilton, District Improvement Committee Chairperson, presented the 2004-2005 District Improvement Plan. The board asked questions that they had

about the document. Garec McBryde made the motion and DeWain Trayler seconded to approve the 2004-2005 Stratford ISD District Plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0

The board took a short recess at 8:09 PM.

Steve Hays moved that the board adopt the (local) policies contained within the reconstructed TASB Localized Policy Manual effective April 12, 2005 and repeal all previous policies. Patti Vincent seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

DeWain Trayler made the motion and Garec McBryde seconded to accept the TEA First Day of Instruction Waiver. Motion carried 7-0.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to approve the 2005-2005 Stratford ISD School Calendar. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Taliaferro read the proposal received for the football field renovations. They were as follows: Sprinkler System/Reseeding Football Field

Dirt Work on Football Field  
G & G Operators \$15,000.00  
SISD will be responsible for locating dirt and for the cost of dirt.

Amarillo Lawn Sprinkler Co.

Sprinkler System \$13,400.00  
Reseeding Field \$ 8,480.00

TOTAL \$21,880.00

B & G Lawn Care  
Sprinkler System \$15,531.71  
Reseeding Field \$9,646.00  
TOTAL \$25,177.75

Dirt Work on Football Field  
G & G Operators \$15,000.00  
SISD will be responsible for locating dirt and for the cost of dirt.

Patti Vincent made the motion and Garec McBryde seconded to accept the Amarillo Lawn Care proposal in the amount of \$21,880.00 and the G & G Operators proposal in the amount of \$15,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Joe Reinart made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to

Common Sense Parenting

This month the Sherman County Child Welfare Board is focusing on the family. The best advocate and child welfare specialist that child has is his own parents. A child's first teachers are his parents. Parenting can be one of the most rewarding responsibilities that we have but it can also be one of the toughest jobs on the market today. I heard that families can be a lot like the home of the three bears. Father bear sat down at the table, looked at his empty bowl, and said, "Somebody's been eating my soup and they've eaten it all up." Baby bear sat down at the table, looked at his empty bowl, and said, "Somebody's been eating my soup, and they've eaten it all up." Mommy bear finally said, "Would you both shut-up your complaining, I haven't poured the soup yet!" Yes, families can be difficult places to live. I guess that's why there is a billion dollar industry in published material from so called experts and now a popular TV show about the Super Nanny. While we can find some good advice from popular books and perhaps even a TV program (I'll admit, I've used some of the techniques from the show), I want to ask the question, "Whatever happen to just plain common sense?"

We live in a community that prides itself on common sense knowledge. We don't have too many rocket scientists in our midst but we certainly have some folks that have grown up with the invaluable resource of "common sense." I would like to take of few lines of this article and few moments of your time to point out few principles to "common sense parenting."

**Only 24 more Days of school**

add the ag science position. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Garec McBryde seconded to add the staffing position of reading specialist/test coordinator at the Mary Allen elementary. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve Hays made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to sell 2 school buses and the 2000 van. Motion carried 7-0.

Patti Vincent made the motion and Garec McBryde seconded to accept the letter of resignation of Dan Hembree with regrets. Joe Reinart read the letter of resignation from Dan Hembree. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held on the summer maintenance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

First, Values are caught not taught. Children's minds, their intellects and even their character are molded by what they see and hear. Kids internalize far more than they hear. They pick up on their parent's behavior and internalize it. Experts call this, "incidental learning"-A process by which children identify with and imitate their parents. Often we tell our children to "do as I say, not as I do," but they can't help it. They learn by example. We desire to teach our children the difference between right and wrong, but we must also be willing to live it in front of them. We may tell them that lying, cheating and breaking the law are wrong, but they understand it not really wrong when the radar detector in our car goes off helping us do the very thing we told them not to do. Your children will value what you value...monkey see, monkey do. Set the pattern, lead by example.

Secondly, loving discipline is needed. For year, many secular child psychologists told us that loving discipline is damaging. In recent years, they have backtracked as the behaviors of teenagers run out of control. For those of us who grew up with loving parents that disciplined out of love, we already knew this. We were not damaged by discipline but deterred from unacceptable behavior. Boundaries and consequences are healthy for good child development. A mother and father were talking about their neighbors in front of their six-year son. They spoke about how their neighbors were having a difficult time getting control of their young son. Hearing their conversation their six year spoke with wisdom when he asked, "How big are their parents?" The point is our children need parents not friends. I would say that when you become a parent

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Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children; now I have six children, and no theories.

—John Wilmot

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you will become their best friend.

Thirdly, Failure is Okay. Albert Mohler suggests in an article, "Coddled by a generation of Baby Boomers, today's parents have turned into hyper-protectors. Kids are not allowed to play, because they might get hurt. In today's highly competitive environment, kids have to excel at everything, even if parents have to actually do the work or negotiate an assisted success. The routine play of childhood—even the pointless chatter, nonsense, and aimless play of children—is now considered wasted time or worse. "Messing up" is simply out of style..." Hara Marano explains. "Although error and experimentation are the true mothers of success, parents are taking pains to remove failure from the equation." It's ok if your children fail. If they succeed all the time, they will never understand how to get back up when life knocks them down. Marano goes on to explain that we are raising a generation of wimps.

Psychological distress is rampant on college campuses and observers are zeroing in on the culprit. It is parental pampering. "Smothered by parental attention and decision-making during childhood and adolescence, these young people arrive on the college campus without the ability to make their own decisions, live with their choices, learn from their experiences, and grapple with the issues of adult life."

While we are charged with the responsibility of providing for and protecting our children from harm and evil, we are not to shield them from reality. We are not always to make it better for them. We must let them learn from failure and deal with the

problems of life, not run from them.

Certainly, these three principles are not exhaustive but common sense parenting is imperative.

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Battle of the Quartets

The 4Given Quartet will be performing in the "Battle of the Quartets" this Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. at San Jacinto Baptist Church in Amarillo. Please come out for night of great singing from some of the areas best talent!

Tornado Plan to Survive!

\*PLAN AHEAD! Designate a spot in your home and make sure the entire family knows where to go and what to bring. Have an emergency kit on hand, be sure to include batteries, a flashlight, battery-operated radio, medications and bottled water. Make sure these things are in your designated area.

\*STAY INFORMED by following updates on radio or television. Our local stations do an excellent job of relaying weather-related information on a timely basis.

\*LEARN THE DIFFERENCE between a tornado watch and a tornado warning. A tornado watch means "watch the sky". A tornado warning means a tornado is likely to develop or a tornado has been indicated on radar.

THE SIRENS SO NOT SOUND WHEN A TORNADO WARNING IS ISSUED...THEY ARE ONLY SOUNDED WHEN A TORNADO HAS BEEN SPOTTED ON THE GROUND IN OR AROUND THE STRATFORD AREA.

Sirens Sound-Now What!

\*LISTEN: If you hear the sirens, take cover immediately in strong shelter. If you do not have a basement or storm cellar, move to an interior room in your home such as a closet, bathroom or a room without windows.

\*TAKE ACTION: Exit your mobile home and take shelter in a nearby building. If no building is nearby, lie flat in a ditch or ravine.

\*GET OUT! Never stay inside your car. Leave the car and lie flat in a ditch or ravine. Never get in your car to seek shelter elsewhere (Note: the courthouse is not a tornado shelter).

GET LOW! If you are in open country, take cover on low, protected ground.