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Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Friday, August 19 at the City Park from 7-9 p.m. Everyone Welcome - 6th - 12th Grade. Come enjoy a band, speaker, food, fun, and prizes!

Study Club Selling Elk Banners

Prospectus Study Club is selling Elk Banners this fall. This is a fund raiser for the Scholarship Fund. This fund gives scholarships annually to graduating seniors. Prospectus has been providing Stratford seniors with college scholarships since 1958.

The banners will cost \$30.00 and are available from any Prospectus member, or you can contact D'Lynn Reed or Patti Vincent.

SEASON FOOTBALL TICKETS ON SALE NOW

The 2005 Football Season is upon us...two-a-days began on Monday, August 1 and the Elks are eager to play ball! Season football tickets will go on sale Wednesday, August 10 in the office of the Superintendent. Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Seating will be held for previous owners until Thursday, August 25. After that date seats will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

There are 5 home games this year. Cost of seats for the season: Adults: \$15.00 Child-\$10.00

We are hoping for another great season and the Elks look forward to your support. For more information or to hold your seat call Penny at 366-3305. Go Elks!

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

2005 Football Shirts On Sale

The 2005 Football Shirts are now on sale. Pick-up an order form from any school office or call 366-3324. Orders must be turned in by August 19th.

Lunch and Learn Meeting Thursday

Lunch and Learn TEEA will meet Thursday, August 18 at 12 noon in the educational room of the County Extension Office. The program will be "Which Diet is the Best". All members are invited and guests are welcome also.

Lunch will be served at a cost of \$5.00 per person. Interested participants are asked to call the Extension Office at 366-2122 by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 17 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.



Farm Bureau Queen

Shown above left is Sherman County Farm Bureau Queen-Calli Hamilton, Cheyenne Ziemann-Participant and Sherman County Farm Bureau Talent-Heather Seiler. They will go on to compete in the District at Borger.

4-H Achievement Banquet August 22

By Susie Spurlock

Sherman County 4-H'ers will be recognized for their accomplishments at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet to be held August 22nd at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. A highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the 2005 Gold Star Award recipients, the highest honor given to a 4-H member.

The banquet will begin at 7:00 p.m. with covered dish meal. The banquet is being coordinated by adult leaders Desiree Davis and Cindy Dickenson. These leaders are being assisted by members of the Sherman County 4-H Council.

The planning committee and 4-H Council members will meet on Sunday, August 21 at 1:00 p.m. to decorate for the banquet. For more information, contact Susie Spurlock at the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122.

XIT A&M Club to Meet Aug. 20

XIT A&M Club Ice Cream Social at Veterans Memorial Park in Dalhart on Saturday, August 20th at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite ice cream or dessert.

Friendly Home Program August 25

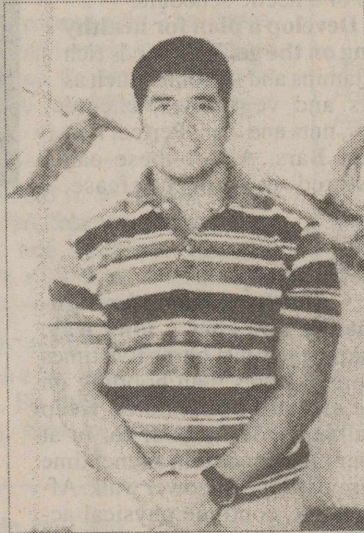
By Susie Spurlock

Owning a home is part of the American Dream. However, as we get older, our American dream home may need to change to accommodate our changing bodies. Whether you own or rent your home, keep in mind the fact that you may have special needs as you grow older.

To assist Sherman County residents in knowing how to make their homes more accommodating, Home Friendly Home, will be presented on Thursday, August 25 at 1:30 p.m. at SCOT Hall in Stratford.

The educational program will provide information to residents on universal design principles, how to make simple, relatively low-cost home improvements that can make their home easier to live in. Program participants will be able to identify risks associated with falls in the home. Connie Biddy and Susie Spurlock will be leading the discussion and exhibiting articles that can be purchased locally to make homes more friendly.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 806-366-2122. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.



Gomez Interview

By JA Lasley

Recently I had the privilege in visiting with Sergeant 1st Class Alfonso Gomez, Jr. affectionately called "Jr." He graduated from Stratford High School. He traded a football scholarship to join the Army, 13 years ago.

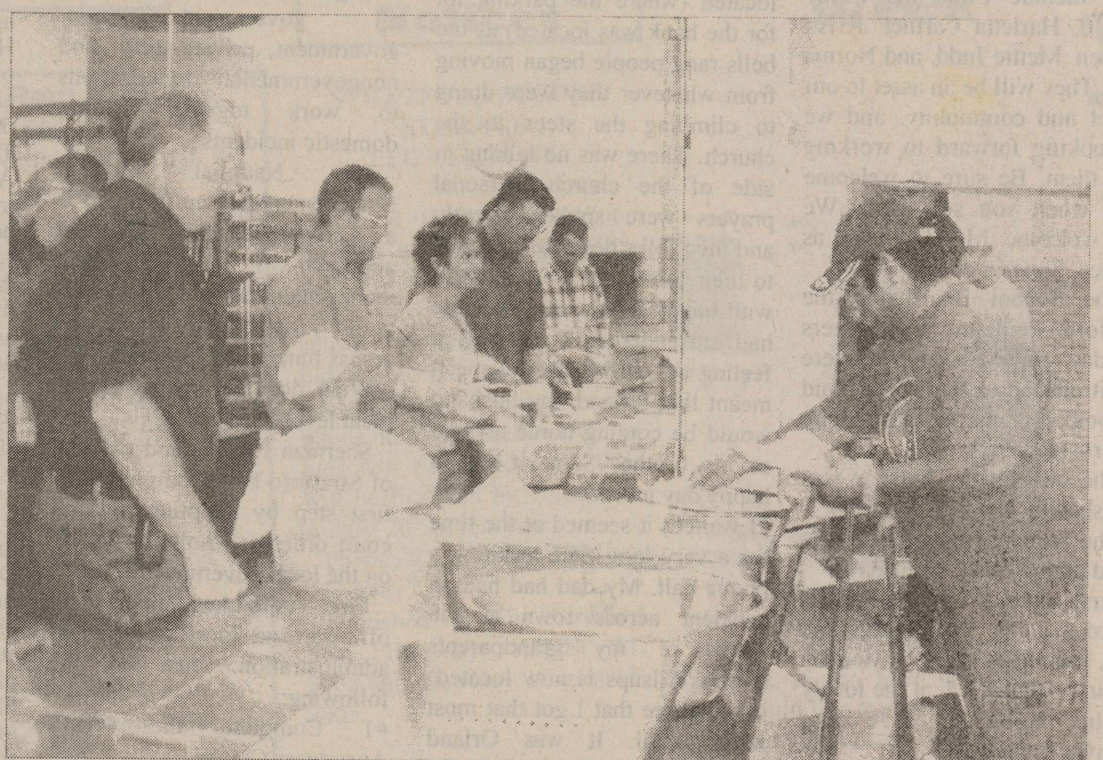
I wanted to learn first hand several questions regarding the Iraqi War and Jr. was all that I expected.

My first question was "Was this war necessary?" (Jr.) "Absolutely this war was and is! Take what we learned with 911, do we want the enemy to come here (again) on our American Soil with car bombs parked out and about our public schools killing innocent children? I don't want my three boys facing this kind of murder."

Next, what opinion did he have regarding the media? "Well they seldom tell what training side by side with Iraqi's learning how to deal with becoming an independent country, or we soldiers giving the youngsters a simple pencil. It's a prize, for it means education-freedom! Instead the media gives only numbers of comrades lost in battle; however, those brave souls felt as I did and volunteered to defend the United States of America. I hurt for their loss of fine young men and women, but I honor them."

Then I asked Jr. "Is President Bush and his cabinet doing their job?" (Jr.) "Absolutely. Let me ask anyone-do we want bloodshed here on American soil? We had 911 and look what is taking place in Great Britain. In order to keep the fighting elsewhere, we as the Armed Forces are there protecting, my family and yours. Absolutely our President is and has been on rack these two years plus, and we are in for as long as it takes. We are working with the Iraqi people to help themselves. It will take time, bloodshed, losses, but our enemies will be defeated. Trust me. We are doing a dam good job! The 'bad' Muslims hate the world that practices Christianity. There are however some very good Muslims that I have

worked with. They are seeking peace, the same as we Americans." I asked him, "When will it end?" (Jr.) "A time table is not predictable. There will be more losses, but every soldier that volunteered as I did when we took the oath to protect America and what it stands for "Freedom" Jr. and his wife Mandi, Reese, Rowan and Walker live in Fayetteville, N.C. and Jr is stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.



Back to School Hamburger Supper Held

A Back to School Hamburger supper was held on Monday, August 15th. The supper was held in the High School Cafeteria. After the supper the community was invited to meet the high school Elk Football teams, the Lady Elk Cross Country team and the Cheerleaders. Ice cream was served by the cheerleaders.



*Only 129 more days until
Christmas, 2005*

Stratford ISD "Gold Card" Available to those 62 years of age & above

Stratford ISD is proud to offer a "Gold Card" for all citizens who are 62 years of age or older. This card will admit one person to all "home" UIL events. You may pick up a "Gold Card" in the Office of the Superintendent Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We would be happy to mail you one by calling us at 366-3305. The Stratford ISD appreciates your support of the students and faculty of this district. We look forward to seeing you this year. "Gold Cards" are good for a lifetime, unless lost or damaged. Gold Cards are not for the Reserved Football Seating Section. Those tickets must be purchased.

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Cooking School To Be Held

Needing assistance in preparing low fat, low sodium, low sugar and low cholesterol dishes and meals? Come join Cooking Well with Diabetes Cooking School to be held in Stratford August 16, 23, & 30th. The Three week cooking school will focus on food preparation skills with less fat, sugar, cholesterol and sodium. The cooking school will be conducted from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the home of Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. Cooking Well with Diabetes Cooking School is designed to help not only the person with diabetes, but also anyone who prepares food for those with diabetes. Cost of the school is \$10.00 per person and is limited to 8 participants.

Extension educational programs conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

For more information or to enroll in the class, contact the Sherman County Extension Office at 806-366-2122 or come by 701 N. 3rd Street in Stratford. Registration deadline for the class is August 12th.

Sunray Lions Club 37th Annual SUNRAY FUNDAY

Come join the fun in Sunray, Texas on August 20, 2005 for the 37th annual Sunray Funday Celebration. A parade down Main Street kicks off the day's events beginning at 10:00 a.m. Following the parade, the celebration will move to a new location this year, the Sunray Community Park on E. 7th Street. NOTE: shuttle service will be available. The Sunray Lions will be serving their famous barbecue cooked by the BEAST. Moore County's longest rural mobile cooker. Serving will begin promptly at 11:27 a.m. and continue until 1:07 p.m. With every barbecue ticket purchased, you will also receive a chance to win a 32" RCA TV donated by Broxson's in Sunray. Ticket prices are \$6.00 in advance and \$7.00 on Funday. There will be games, entertainment, food, crafts, and much more. A variety of booths for crafts, games, etc. will be available for rental.

So bring your lawn chairs and blankets and join in the celebration. We look forward to seeing you in Sunray on August 20.

For more information contact: Funday Chairman-Sue Pierson at 948-1414. Booth Rental-Greg Smith at 948-4111 and Parade entry-H.A. Carter at 948-4121.

ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

Welcome to Elk Tales. Hopefully this will be a weekly column about activities at Stratford ISD.

The teachers are back at work. We started Monday, August 8. We had In-service days and a Teacher Work Day. We have several teachers and aides who are new to the school. They include Clint and Cindy Seward, Harletta Carthel, Kristi Walden, Mettie Judd, and Norma Ruiz. They will be an asset to our school and community, and we are looking forward to working with them. Be sure to welcome them when you see them. We also welcome Mr. Gilliland as our new Superintendent.

The School Board fed the Stratford community hamburgers Monday, August 8, and we were all introduced to the Varsity and JV football teams and the Varsity Cheerleaders.

The staff lunch Thursday was furnished by Happy State Bank.

The Student Council served a baked potato lunch on Friday.

First State Bank of Stratford hosted a picnic for all staff and their families on Monday evening, August 15, at the lovely country home of B.A. and LeRayne Donelson.

All the food was delicious and we want to say a big "Thank you" to all who contributed. Isn't it great to teach in a system where the community is so appreciative?

The Cheerleaders are selling Football T-Shirts and the students will bring home order forms. Watch for them!

Barbara Haile's classes will be studying the Shurley sentence classification so they can utilize it throughout the year.

The staff of Stratford ISD is looking forward to a meaningful and productive year. We appreciate our students, parents, and the entire community. Thank you for your support!

Head Back to School Safely With These Auto Tips

By Trisha Hessinger
For NewsUSA

(NU) - Across America, students are jumping in their cars and driving back to class. What better way to send your students back to school than to arm them with proper car care knowledge and a well-maintained vehicle?

Guest Commentary

The following tips will help educate drivers about car care and safety basics — an important part of every young driver's education.

• **Check the fluids.** Ensure that the vehicle's main fluids are routinely checked and filled to recommended levels. The main fluids are: antifreeze/coolant, brake fluid, window washer fluid, engine oil, automatic transmission fluid, power steering fluid and gas.

• **Pay attention to the tires.** Stopping on wet roads can take up to four times longer than on dry surfaces. Plus, if the tire tread is worn, the tires may hydroplane, or skim over the road with little or no traction. Help avoid this situation by checking tires regularly.

Properly inflate all four tires,

plus your spare, to the vehicle manufacturer's recommended levels. Tires can lose up to 1 pound of air pressure per square inch per month. Use an accurate tire gauge to check tire air pressure monthly and only do it when the car is cool — meaning when it has been driven less than 1 mile or has not moved in at least three hours.

To check the tires' tread, perform this simple test in several areas of the tire: Place a U.S. penny into a tread groove with Lincoln's head facing down. If you can see the top of Lincoln's head, the tire should be replaced.

• **Consider the owner's manual the "textbook" for learning about the vehicle.** Follow the vehicle manufacturer's maintenance schedule in the owner's manual or pick up a free schedule at your local Firestone Complete Auto Care center.

• **Be ready for emergencies.** Keep an emergency kit in your car for any unexpected breakdowns or accidents.

Trisha Hessinger is a national spokeswoman for Firestone Complete Auto Care's award-winning Car Care Academy program. For more information on the program, visit www.MasterCareUSA.com.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor

I Remember

I vividly recall VD Day. When word came that the Japanese had surrendered I was working at Albert's Grocery on main where the First State Bank is located now. The church bells at First Christian Church was located (where the parking lot for the bank was located) as the bells rang people began moving from whatever they were doing to climbing the steps to the church. There was no talking in side of the church, personal prayers were spoken silently and then folks began going back to their jobs or to their vehicles with happy hearts, the Japanese had surrendered. There was a feeling of victory. But to me it meant that Orland, my husband would be coming home as well as his brother Sam. It was a happy day indeed.

I waited; it seemed at the time for a very long time awaiting a phone call. My dad had had an accident across town at the home of my grandparents (where Allsup's is now located) it was there that I got that most waited call. It was Orland calling to say they were on the west coast but were taking the USS Drayton 366 to the east coast where it would be scrapped. By the time the Drayton arrived on the east coast Orland had enough points to be discharged (Sam was discharged 2 months later). Orland was discharged in Norman, Oklahoma the first of September 1945.

While out to sea the Drayton was hit by the Japanese suicide plane, this was in late March or early April that the Drayton was in Oakland for repairs and Orland and Sam had first leave. The one thing Orland wanted to

do and did was throw a mushy snowball on the 4th of May upon returning the Drayton and going out to sea Orland received the Bronze Star for having saved three men's lives, one of the three was his brother Sam R. This all occurred in April 1944.

Yes, 60 years ago is vivid in my mind

JA Lasley

National Incident Management System

By Sandy Williams

On February 28, 2003, President Bush issued to Homeland Security Secretary a Presidential Directive to develop and administer a national system to manage emergency incidents to enable all government, non-government, private-sector and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents.

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) is a comprehensive, national approach to incident management that is applicable at all jurisdictional levels and across functional disciplines.

What does this mean on the local level?

Sherman County and the city of Stratford have completed the first step by adopting through court order or resolution NIMS on the local government level.

First responders, chief local officials and local government administration must do the following:

- #1 Complete the NIMS Awareness Course.
- #2 Establish a baseline to determine areas of incident management on the local level.
- #3 Establish a timeframe for implementing the full NIMS strategy.
- #4 Institutionalizing the local use of the Incident Command System (ICS) if that has not already been done.

NIMS will be included in the

Sherman County Emergency Operations Plan.

Sherman County Emergency Management Coordinator Sandy Williams is working with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to bring the NIMS training and certification to Stratford for training on the local level.

My formula for success is rise early, work late and strike oil.
—John Paul Getty

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Simple Steps to Refuel While On the Go

(NU) - In a country where snacks come out of vending machines and dinners are frequently served through drive-through windows, nutritious choices can often be limited.

In a survey of 1,880 adults aged 24 and older conducted by Harris Interactive Inc., 90 percent of respondents indicated that they eat meals or snacks on the go and 60 percent do so on a daily basis. The survey took place between April 11 and April 13, 2005; its margin of error is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The survey results also show that many people cite on-the-go activities — traveling, for instance — as reasons for falling off of the health-and-wellness wagon.

While a hectic schedule can hinder your efforts to eat well, small adjustments to your daily routine can greatly contribute to overall healthy living.

Carolyn O'Neil, a registered dietitian and co-author of "The Dish on Eating Healthy and Being Fabulous!" says that small changes can lead to long-term success as they gradually become part of your everyday lifestyle. She offers the following tips on maintaining a healthy lifestyle in spite of a hectic schedule.

• **Develop a plan for healthy eating on the go.** Pack foods rich in vitamins and minerals, such as fruits and vegetables, cheese sticks, nuts and ZonePerfect Nutrition Bars. All of these can be stored in your briefcase,

backpack or purse.

• **A little exercise throughout the day goes a long way.** Taking the stairs burns five times more calories than hopping on the elevator or escalator. Keep walking shoes in your car or at your office and fit in a lunchtime or midafternoon power walk. After work, continue physical activity by playing with the kids or taking the dog for a nightly stroll.

• **Choose treats that are sweet — and nutritious.** The survey also found that 96 percent of American adults crave snacks at some point during the day. Fresh-cut strawberries dipped in low-fat or nonfat yogurt, apple slices slathered with a tablespoon of peanut butter or, for chocolate lovers, Chocolate Caramel Cluster ZonePerfect Nutrition Bars are great-tasting, nutritious and protein-packed options that will satisfy your cravings.

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Good Mood Food

Creating Nutritious Snacks Kids Crave

(NAPS)—For as long as kids have been pleading for tasty treats in their school lunches, parents have been searching for ways to get them to eat more nutritious foods during meals and snack-time. Today, more parents are "raisin" their awareness, researching options and packing kids' lunches with wholesome treats kids love to eat.

A recent Snack Survey by Nestlé Raisinets found that 80 percent of parents include fruit in their kids' lunches, but 50 percent of kids usually trade that item for candy, cookies or other treats. So, how can parents be sure they're giving their kids more nutritious snacks that they would rather eat than trade away? Following are some creative ideas for parents packing their kids' lunches:

- Include dried fruits—such as apricots, pineapples, plums and raisins—they're easy to pack, can be eaten on-the-go, and can provide kids with a good source of iron, potassium, and vitamin A. Best of all, they're foods that kids already love to eat.

- For chocolate-loving kids, parents can provide a better snack alternative, such as Nestlé Raisinets; milk chocolate-covered raisins which have 30 percent less fat than other leading candy brands. Chocolate-covered raisins pass the most important test—



Chocolate-covered raisins are a "better for you" snack that kids love.

kids love the taste and won't trade it on the school "blacktop" during lunchtime. In fact, according to the Snack Survey, Raisinets ranked No. 2 (second only to cookies) as a preferred snack kids won't trade.

- Involve kids not only in shopping—using the opportunity to teach them about nutrition—but also in preparing their packed lunches. If kids help, they will take pride in their own creations and be less likely to trade their lunch items.

- Incorporate low-fat ingredients into your kids' favorite dishes or create exciting new snacks. Cover a whole-wheat English muffin with a slice of low-fat cheese and some tomato sauce to create a healthy mini-pizza. Or, instead of

a sandwich, stuff a whole-wheat pita with salad greens and grated cheese. Also, an unusual, fun treat is "ants on a log"—fill celery sticks with low-fat cream cheese or peanut butter, then dot with milk chocolate-covered raisins.

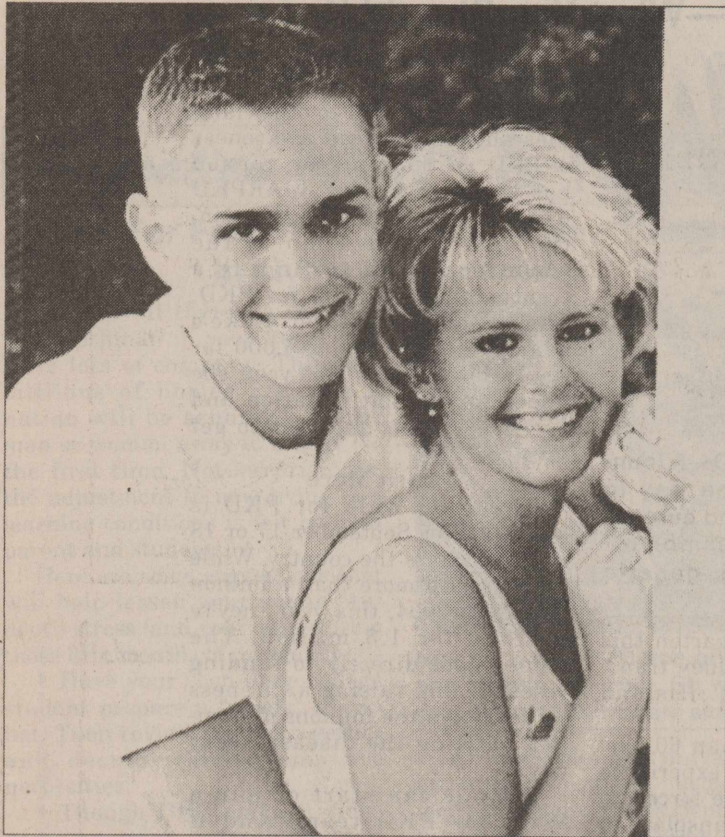
- Dip it! Give kids pretzel sticks and bite-size pieces of raw vegetables to dip in low-fat yogurt or peanut butter.

- Mix it! Another idea is to create a sweet treat kids can help parents prepare and that is sure to be a huge hit at lunchtime. A good example is the following Trail Mix recipe with milk chocolate-covered raisins, pretzels, marshmallows, and dried fruit teamed up to create a tasty take-along snack.

Trail Mix (Prep Time: 10 minutes)

- 2 cups Nestlé Raisinets
- 2 cups small pretzel twists
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup coarsely chopped dried apricots
- 1 cup coarsely chopped dried apples

Directions: COMBINE Nestlé Raisinets, pretzels, marshmallows, raisins, apricots and apples in large bowl. (Servings: 9; Serving size: 1 cup.)



Engagement Announced

Raymond and Gail Winter of Borger announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Samarah Dance' Winter of Amarillo to Michael Welch Meil, also of Amarillo, son of Dwayne Meil of Amarillo and Teresa Mercer-Meil of Amarillo. The couple plan to wed on Saturday September 3, 2005 at Galbraith House Bed & Breakfast Inn in Amarillo. The bride graduated from home school from Amercian Academy of Oklahoma City, OK. Graduated with a B.S. in Christian Ministry from Cornerstone Theological University of Jerusalem, Israel. Samarah is presently owner of Amarillo Travel, Amarillo. The groom graduated from Stratford High School Graduated with a B.B.A. in Finance from Texas Tech University of Lubbock. He is presently employed at First Bank Southwest. Michael and Samarah are currently involved in several ministries at Trinity Fellowship in Amarillo.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Recent visitors in the area were Alvin & Dayle Harris of Beaver, OK and Gary & Vicki Thompson of South Dakota, former residents.

Brady, Trisha, Reed, Rett & Reese Schoonover were at Fred's Spread in Colorado Thursday-Sunday. They went to the top of Bishop's Castle. Was nice and cool there and was cool here when they came home.

Betty Henry & Marylou McDaniel were at Fred's Spread Aug. 4-8. They were joined by Patti McDaniel of Denver. They saw where the big fire started. Looked like big, black toothpicks where trees had been. Also attended the Arts & Crafts Show at Beulah.

Jo June McDaniel was in Clayton Aug. 12 to see Danielle Stanford and two year old Penny Jo. They were visiting from Pecos with Penny & Linda Whitson. Recent visitor with Jo June was Betty Fry of Texhoma.

Pat Boren celebrated here Aug. 12 birthday with daughter Kerry & Kelly Carlisle and Kevin & Kole at Abernathy and Bill, Too.

The Crabtree family had a reunion Sunday at Kerrick Community Building. Nearly 60 attended.

Going to Pontotoc, MS, recently were Heath & Kenna Collums, Roger & Brandi Wells and Addie.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Internet solutions providers like Network Solutions offer a one-stop shop for everything a small business needs to create an impressive online presence, from e-mail accounts to marketing tips to Web site design. To check out small business success tips from Jeff Zbar, visit: www.jeffstips.com. For information about Network Solutions, visit: www.networksolutions.com.

Settlement costs can be high, so it pays to shop around and negotiate with the seller, your lender, and your attorney or settlement agent. The less you have to pay in settlement costs, the more funds you will have for other things. For more information and a copy of a settlement cost work sheet, visit www.federalreserve.gov.

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Brain Quest is giving away a \$150,000 college tuition grand prize, plus five \$10,000 first-place prizes and hundreds of runner-up prizes. Log onto www.brainquest.com for more information.

For information about gemstones and jewelry, the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) Gem Laboratory or education opportunities in these fields, visit GIA at www.gia.edu or call 800-421-7250. You can also learn about the important factors that affect gemstone values, along with the history, lore and care of 20 popular gemstones at GIA's "How to Buy a Gemstone in 7 Simplified Steps" Web site tutorial.

In order to live off a garden, you practically have to live in it.
—Frank McKinney Hubbard

Health & Fitness

(NU) - A study conducted by the American Podiatric Medical Association shows that now more than ever, people living in cities are stepping up their walking regimens. For the study, conducted as part of its "Best Walking City Competition," the APMA surveyed 200 of the largest U.S. cities to see how they fared in three walking-conducive categories: healthy lifestyles; modes of transportation; and residents' involvement in fitness and sport activities. APMA's top five Best Walking Cities for 2005 are Arlington, Va., San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Ore., and Boston. For a complete list of cities, go to www.apma.org.

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5th & Main

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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

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.

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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 Worship 6 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study 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.

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Anger is Dynamite

Amazingly, the Bible says, "Be angry, and yet do not sin (Ephesians 4:26). The Bible also tells us "outbursts of anger" are among the "deeds of the flesh" (*Galatians 5:19-20). The Bible exhorts you to "let all bitterness and wrath and anger...be put away from you" (Ephesians 4:31). How can this happen? How can you be angry and yet not sin? Here is a clue. "Tremble (with anger), and do not sin; meditate in your heart upon your bed, and be still" (Psalm 4:4). The point is simple. When we get angry, we tend to attack others. We lash out at them with a torrent of verbal abuse. The batter part of wisdom is to "be still." We should bite our tongues and keep silent. Why? The real sin comes in verbal abuse or worse yet in physical abuse. Anger can build into hate, which in turn takes vengeance. So you'd better watch out! You'd better remember the words of Jesus. "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder; and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court" (Matthew 5:21-22). Anger, which is not controlled, is a volcano. When it erupts, everyone suffers. Such is the nature of sin.

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Shown above are some of the Trophies that are on exhibit at the Museum. Don't miss this exhibit.

100 Years on the Ranch

Editors Note: Following is week 2 in the series on Prongers Brothers. Be sure and go by the Sherman County Depot Museum and see the Special exhibit on the Prongers. Hours 8 to 12 a.m. and 2 until 4 p.m.

After the death of Fred and Perce in 1961 their estate was divided among the five children. Ivie then sold her interest to her children. Alfred and P.J. reorganized the partnership with their holdings to continue the operation as Pronger Brothers Ranch, adding another 2560 acres of deeded land. The operation consisted of over 8300 deeded acres and 3200 leased acres. They continued to raise registered Hereford cattle, wheat, grain sorghum and Hay. P.J. and Alfred were born on the Ranch and attended the pronged School before going to high school in Stratford. Alfred graduated from Texas A&M and served in the Anti-Aircraft Artillery during World War II, the brothers lived on the Ranch

their entire lives. P.J. and Vera had three children-Ivie Ann Pronger Wells, Martha Lee Pronger Mathews, and Percy James Pronger, III. Alfred and Jimmie have five children-Jana Gay Pronger, Alfred Edward "Fred" Pronger, III, Jeffrey Stuart Pronger, David Neil Pronger, and Jill Denise Pronger Killian. P.J., Vera, Alfred and Jimmie, like the previous generation of Prongers were active in several professional organizations, local organizations, the Methodist church and local government.

Each generation of Prongers has showed Hereford cattle at numerous livestock show, winning ribbons, trophies and prizes and many times "topping the sale" with their bulls. They have sold breeding stock to many buyers in over sixteen states in the U.S. and four states in Mexico, as well as a buyer from Korea.

Many pictures of the early days at the Pronger Brothers Ranch are on display at the Depot Museum. Come by from 8-12 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

PARENTING

Families to Receive Free Child ID Kits at Sept. 3 Event

NewsUSA

(NU) - A shopping trip this Labor Day weekend will help equip parents with important child safety resources.

On Saturday, Sept. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wal-Mart stores nationwide, along with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and Ross Products, will host the first ever "Smart Parent... Safe Baby" event. Families will receive a free child ID kit that includes leading DNA technology and a placeholder for an updated child photo.

"We've been a long-time partner with Wal-Mart and are always grateful for their efforts to educate parents about child safety and wellness," said Ernie Allen, president and chief executive officer of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. "Being prepared and discussing prevention tips with children are the keys to keeping kids safer."

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children provides the following tips to help parents and guardians practice good safety measures.

- Keep an up-to-date, good quality photograph of your child in case of an emergency.

- Never let young children go places alone. Be clear about the places and homes that they are allowed to visit.



Parents can get a free child ID kit on Sept. 3 at Wal-Mart stores nationwide.

- Know where your children are and whom they are with at all times.
- Never leave your children unattended in an automobile, whether it's running or not.
- Talk openly to your children about safety. Turn an outing to a mall or park into a "teachable moment."

Safety and wellness tips also will be provided at the event from Similac Advance, PediaSure, Ensure Healthy Mom, Fisher Price, General Mills, Nestle and Procter & Gamble, all of which support Wal-Mart's child safety efforts.

For further safety information, visit www.missingkids.com or call (800) THE-LOST. For more information about the Sept. 3 Smart Parent... Safe Baby event, visit babyconnection@walmart.com after Aug. 15, 2005.

Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD)—What You Should Know

(NAPS)—Polycystic kidney disease (PKD) is the most common life-threatening genetic disease in the world—yet few even know it exists.

PKD affects more newborns, children and adults than cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy, hemophilia, sickle cell anemia and Down syndrome combined—yet it still doesn't have a cure.

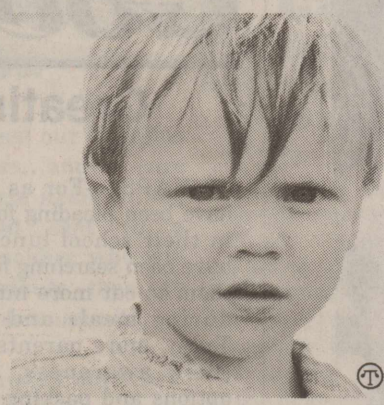
More than 600,000 Americans and 12.5 million across the globe battle PKD every day—yet many don't know they have it.

For Kirsten and Stuart Sclater-Booth, statistics like those are scary. And all too real.

Their son, 4-year-old Luke, has a relatively rare form of PKD called autosomal recessive polycystic kidney disease or ARPKD. According to the PKD Foundation, the often deadly disease only affects one in 10,000 babies and can cause significant mortality in the first month of life.

Although Luke survived, his short life hasn't been easy. The Cross River, N.Y., boy is small for his age and tires easily. In addition to swallowing several pills a day and baring his arm for shots each week, Luke also struggles with high blood pressure and, at times, dehydration.

Despite those challenges, Luke



PROGRESS FIGHTING PKD—A foundation is leading the way in finding a treatment and cure for PKD, the most common of all life-threatening genetic diseases.

will attend prekindergarten this fall and undergo a kidney transplant sometime soon. His dad plans to be the donor.

Like Luke, more than 60 percent of PKD patients experience kidney failure and are forced to rely on dialysis or a transplant to live. Approximately one-third of children with Luke's form of PKD need dialysis or a transplant by their 10th birthday.

The Hope

Luke's experience with PKD has been tough. Not just for him,

but for the entire family. That's why the Sclater-Booths have decided to reach out to other families and help spread awareness of PKD. In the last year, Kirsten has helped organize an ARPKD Chapter of the PKD Foundation, the only organization in the world dedicated to finding a treatment and a cure for PKD. She also established Luke's Team, which raised \$45,000 for the Walk for PKD. This year, she hopes to top that donation and encourage other families to get involved.

Learn More

The 2005 Walk for PKD is scheduled for September 17 or 18 in cities across the country. While teams raised more than a million dollars in 2004, this year they're pushing for 1.5 million. The money goes directly to funding research and raising awareness for PKD and the millions of families battling the disease every day.

Anyone can start or join a Walk for PKD team. And if there's not a Walk nearby, friends and families can participate in a Virtual Walk or start a walk of their own. For more information and to sign up for the Walk, visit www.pkdcure.org or call (800) PKD-CURE.

Wildland Fires

By Sandy Williams

Due to the hot, dry conditions we experience in the Texas Panhandle, residents need to be extra cautious. Although wildland or grass fires are normally considered to be in the country and a distance from towns and cities, their fast movement and rapid spread can impact homes and businesses on the edges of towns. Wildfire can strike home if you have not taken some steps to protect your house and property. The actions and precautions listed below are designed to help you prepare your home and property and lessen the threat of wildland fire damage to you and your property.

10 Simple Steps to Protect Your Home from Wildland Fire

- #1 LPG tanks should be far enough away from buildings for valves to be shut off in case of fire. Keep area around tank clear of flammable vegetation.
- #2 Store gasoline in an approved safety can away from occupied buildings.
- #3 All combustibles such as firewood, wooden picnic tables, boats, stack lumber, etc. should be kept away from structures.
- #4 Clear roof surfaces and gutters regularly to avoid build-up of flammable materials such as leaves and other debris.
- #5 Remove branches from trees to a height of 15 feet or more.
- #6 In rural areas, clear a fuel break of at least 3 times the fuel length around the structures.
- #7 Have fire tools handy such as: ladder long enough to reach your roof, shovel, rake and a bucket or two for water.
- #8 have connected garden hoses at all sides of your home for emergency use.

#9 Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your home.

#10 Assure that you and your family knows all emergency exits from your neighborhood.

During hot, dry periods you should be aware of the following things:

- #1 Know if there is a burning ban in place for your town, city or county.
- #2 If you burn, contact Sherman County Sheriff Dispatch at 806-366-5551 and give the location (city or county) where you intend to burn. If there is a high fire danger for that time period, you will be advised.
- #3 If you burn, clear a large area on the ground of any combustible materials such as grass, leaves and scrap wood, burn only what you want to burn.
- #4 Do not leave your burn pile unattended and have a hose at the ready.

If you lend someone \$20, and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

—Author Unknown

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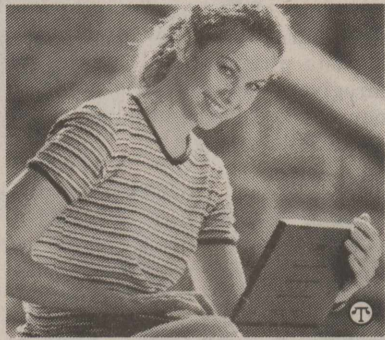
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Education NEWS & NOTES

Tips For Freshmen Entering A New Chapter In Living And Learning

(NAPS)—If there's a new college freshman in your home, you have lots of company. This fall, millions of homes across the nation will be sending a young man or woman away to college for the first time. Not surprisingly, the adjustment to new living and learning conditions is felt by both parent and student.



NEW ON CAMPUS? Photos of family and friends will help. So will the new digital tools that are available.

Here are some suggestions that will help lessen your young student's stress (and your own) during those first months of college life.

- Have your soon-to-be college student prepare a "needs" checklist. Then review the list together and decide which items are necessities.

- Though DVD players, video game systems, televisions and stereos are all popular on campus, be sure to send your son or daughter photos of friends and family. These will bring a touch of home to campus and are good icebreakers.

- Computers (laptops are most popular) are a must. They're not just for reports and research; hitting the books has taken on a whole new meaning for today's tech-savvy college and university students, who are using digital learning tools to complete their course work.

For example, today your son or daughter will be armed with an array of advanced, electronic materials that were unimaginable to previous generations. Textbooks now incorporate a broad range of valuable supplements that provide visually enhanced, interactive materials for students. With these tools, students supplement the traditional textbook and classroom lectures to enhance their educational experience.

As professors and universities attempt to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse student population, publishers have also evolved their learning tools to keep pace with changing curricula and learning styles. By incorporating new digital tools into the curriculum, professors are using the materials they believe will give their students the best education.

- Encourage your student to study early and often. Many students now have access to online tutors 24 hours a day, seven days a week, which enables learning to extend beyond the library or a professor's office hours. The new tools also improve student success because they offer individual attention and help students to work at their own pace, focusing on a specific subject or skill until it is mastered.

Today's students, who are comfortable with the digital world, are increasingly interested in dynamic, visual learning tools to engage them. Now instructors, administrators and publishers are offering a broad range of materials that do just that.

Half the interest of a garden is the constant exercise of the imagination.
—Mrs. C.W. Earle

The reason the golf pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing.
—Phyllis Diller

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM August 30, 2005 in the High School Library at 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.35	\$.0706	\$ 1.4206	\$ 8,231	\$ 795
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.3698	\$.6043	\$ 1.4341	\$ 8,563	\$ 459
Proposed Rate	1.42	.06503	1.48503	8,963	459

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 35,753	\$ 35,890
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 20,753	\$ 20,890
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1,4206	\$ 1.48503
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 294.82	\$ 310.22
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 15.40

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.48617. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.48617.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 686,866
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 5,105

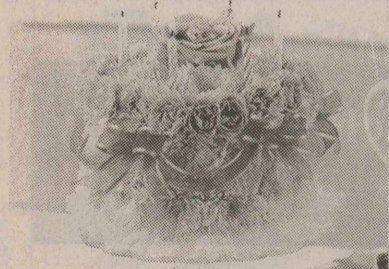
Happy Birthday Blooms

(NAPS)—Everyone has a birthstone, but did you know that we all have a birth flower? Birth flowers originated during the 1800s, when it was customary for calendars to depict each month with a specific flower or plant. Eventually, each month came to be represented by its own "birth flower."

Nothing celebrates individuality, or says "You're one of a kind," like a bouquet of birthday flowers. To help get you started, here's a list of birth flowers by month from 1-800-FLOWERS.COM:

January:	Carnation
February:	Violet
March:	Daffodil
April:	Daisy
May:	Lily of the Valley
June:	Rose
July:	Sunflower
August:	Gladiolus
September:	Aster
October:	Marigold
November:	Chrysanthemum
December:	Narcissus

How do you keep beautiful birthday blooms looking fresh?



These flowers take the cake. Actually they are the cake and a beautiful way to say Happy Birthday.

Floral expert Julie McCann Mulligan of 1-800-FLOWERS.COM recommends keeping cut flowers in a cool location, away from drafts and heat sources. Recut the stems on an angle and add warm water and plant food to the vase every other day. Flowers should last approximately five to seven days if properly cared for.

You can visit 1800flowers.com on the Web for beautiful selections of birthday flowers, including its signature Birthday Flower Cake.

2005 Property Tax Rates

This notice concerns 2005 property tax rates for the listed entities. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties listed in both years. This year's rollback rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	City/Stratford	City/Texhoma	Hospital/Stratford	Hospital/Texhoma
Last year's tax rate:				
Last year's operating taxes +	.....\$ 402,460	25,734	856,851	9,714
Last year's debt taxes =	.....\$ 0	0	0	0
Last year's total taxes --	.....\$ 402,460	25,734	856,851	9,714
Last year's tax base =	.....\$ 47,348,181	8,848,445	317,352,101	98,617,175
Last year's total tax rate	\$/100 0.85000	0.29083	0.27000	0.00985

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes --	.....\$ 402,289	25,733	856,769	9,713
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)				
This year's adjusted tax base =	.....\$ 48,326,750	8,091,285	346,960,890	109,819,255
(after subtracting value of new property)				
This year's effective tax rate	\$/100 0.83243	0.31803	0.24693	0.00884
(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)				

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes	.....\$ 402,289	25,733	856,769	9,713
(after subtracting taxes on lost property) --				
This year's adjusted tax base =	.....\$ 48,326,750	8,091,285	346,960,890	109,819,255
This year's effective operating rate x	\$/100 0.83243	0.31803	0.24693	0.00884
1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate +	\$/100 0.89902	0.34347	0.26668	0.00954
This year's debt rate =	\$/100 0.04130	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
This year's rollback rate	\$/100 0.94032	0.34347	0.26668	0.00954

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the listed unit adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective rate of	\$/100 0.83243	0.31803	0.24693	0.00884
per \$100 of value, taxes would	Increase	Increase	Increase	Increase
compared to 2004 taxes by	.....\$ 6834.55	505.91	2548.92	22.52

SCHEDULE A - UNENCUMBERED

FUND BALANCES

Maintenance and Operation-Tax Accts	.....\$ 0	181,211.97	0	22,972.17
Maintenance and Operation-Other Accts	.....\$ 48,393	64,254.05	0	370,000.00
Interest and Sinking	0	0	0	0

SCHEDULE B - DEBT SERVICE

Description of Debt	Main Street Project	None	None	None
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This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Appraisal District Office, 402 N. Third, Stratford, Texas.

Name of Person Preparing this Notice Teresa Edmond
Title Chief Appraiser
Date August 12, 2005



MWA Donates School Supplies

Modern Woodman of America Camp 12423 held a school supply drive at their monthly meeting in July. Shown is Walt Berry, MWA Agent, delivering the donated school supplies to Kendra Mungia of Mary Allen Elementary. Next MWA Camp meeting is August 30, 2005.

Golf appeals to the idiot in us and the child. Just how child-like golf players become is proven by their frequent inability to count past five.
—John Updike

Gardenburger Dijon Original Burger

1 Gardenburger Original Burger

- 1 ounce reduced-fat Dijon Mayonnaise (Dijonaise)
- 1 Piece Leaf Lettuce
- 2 Slices Tomato
- 1 Slice Red Onion
- 1 Whole Wheat Bun

Heat grill to medium, spray with nonstick cooking spray. Grill Original Burger until hot, flipping every few minutes, about 6-8 minutes total. Toast bun on grill until light brown, then spread on reduced-fat Dijonaise. Add lettuce, tomato & onion, and top with Original Burger. Enjoy with grilled summer vegetables and fresh fruit.

Home Ideas

(NAPS)—Adjusting the height of the mower deck can enhance stress tolerance put on the blades of grass. Experts at John Deere recommend their one-third rule for mowing. Only the top one-third of the blade of grass should be cut. This will reduce the chances of lawn burning. For more information on lawn maintenance, visit www.johndeere.com.

Treat'n Troops

Our troops need our thoughts and prayers...and care packages. These items will be packaged and sent to a specific local soldier who will in turn distribute them to troops in his platoon/unit.

- Camouflage Aqua Cool Scarf (packages in mens and ladies sizes)
- Small packs Gatorade/tea/Crystal Lite etc. (this is a powder)
- Travel size packages of wet wipes
- Lotion/shampoo/soap-hotel size (conditioner is not needed)
- Disposable razors
- Travel size toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Eye drops (small)
- Hand sanitizer (travel size)
- Lip balm (Carmex in a tube is preference)
- Paperback books & playing cards
- Foot powder (small) Gold Bond, Baby powder, etc.
- Beef Jerky
- Sunflower seeds, peanuts, etc.
- Gum
- Snack foods
- Band Aids
- Q-Tips
- Pens & Pads
- CASH for postage
- AA Batteries

Care For Caregivers

Stress-Busting Tips

(NAPS)—Overwhelmed? Overloaded? The antidote for a 24/7 schedule may be to slow down.

When Virginia Cargill, founding editor of *Caring Today* magazine, learned of a new study linking the physical toll of women caregivers to stress, the publication devoted pages of advice such as the following.

- **Nothing on the calendar:** Take a break from a nonstop schedule for at least 20 minutes a day, without guilt. If necessary, pencil in time to

decompress on your calendar. And keep a sense of humor.

• **Cuddle a critter:** The truth about cats and dogs is that they have proven to be four-legged stress busters. People feel less anxious when Fido or Fluffy is around—and their blood pressure reflects a calmer state of mind.

• **Flower power:** A surefire way to beat stress may be right under your nose. Studies have shown that women get a mood boost from flowers that can last for days. Flowers trigger positive emotions.

• **Good vibrations:** Poetry can calm rattled nerves. Research shows that reciting in certain rhythms is relaxing—synchronizing heartbeat and breathing. And slower breathing triggers the body's relaxation response.

For more ideas on managing stress, check out www.caringtoday.com.

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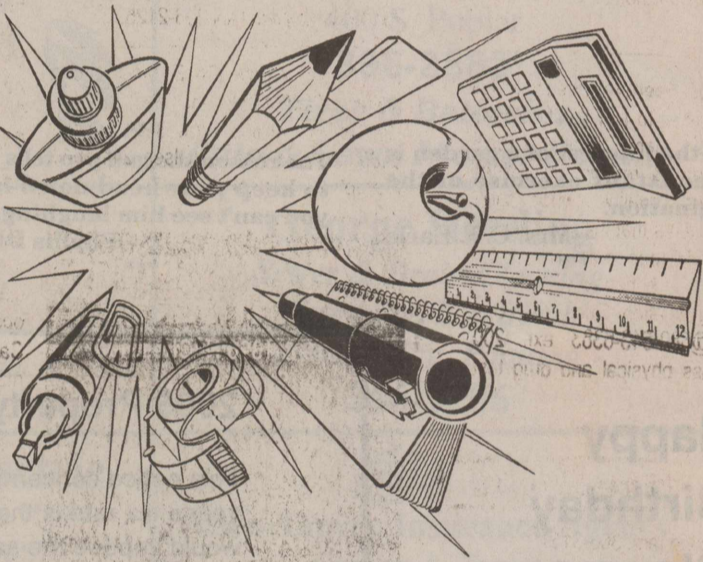
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See your local school's supply list to find out what is needed.

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Communications

401 North 3rd St.
366-3355

Some restrictions apply. See store for details.

50-211
(Rev. 07-05/7)

2005 Property Tax Rates in Sherman County

This notice concerns 2005 property tax rates for Sherman County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 2256753	\$	\$
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2256753	\$	\$
Last year's tax base	\$ 495510455	\$	\$
Last year's total tax rate	\$.45544 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2259618	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 549475257	\$	\$
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.41123 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.41123 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 2259618	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 549475257	\$	\$
= This year's effective rate	\$.41123 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.44412 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.44412 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.44412 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100

50-179
(Rev. 07-05/1)

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If SHERMAN COUNTY adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.41123 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2004 taxes by \$ 4914.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL FUND:	\$840000.
RECORDS MGMT:	\$ 8000.

Schedule B - 2005 Debt Service

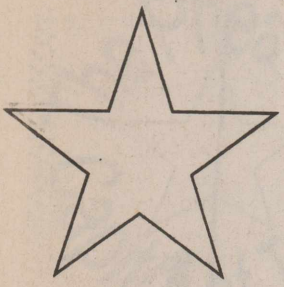
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
(expand as needed)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total required for 2005 debt service			\$ 0	\$ 0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$ 0	\$ 0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$ 0	\$ 0
- Excess collections last year			\$ 0	\$ 0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2005			\$ 0	\$ 0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only _____ % of its taxes in 2005			\$ 0	\$ 0
= Total Debt Levy			\$ 0	\$ 0

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The SHERMAN County Auditor certifies that SHERMAN County has spent \$ 0 in the previous 12 months beginning JULY 1, 2004 for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. SHERMAN County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at SHERMAN COUNTY TAX OFFICE
Name of person preparing this notice VALERIE McALISTER
Title SHERMAN COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
Date prepared 080505



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Used Tire Sale: Duncan Chevrolet-366-5557.
7-28-tfn

For Sale: 1993 Chevy Blazer, low mileage, 4 WD, call 366-5308 or 396-5978.
3-24-tfn

For Sale or Lease-212 N. Poplar-40' x 60' office building. Call 806-679-5585.
4-1-tfn

WANTED: Responsible party to take on small monthly Payments on High Definition Big Screen TV 1-800-398-3970.
8-18-p

Homecoming is Sept. 2nd Contact a senior for your Mum order.
9-1-c

For Sale: Washer & Dryer, King size bed. Call 396-1102.
8-25-c

For Sale: Baby bed, stroller, Easy Glider. Call after 5 p.m. 366-5981.
8-18-c

Help Wanted

Needed: pianist, organist and choir director. Salary dependent upon experience. If interested contact the First United Methodist Church at 396-2178.
9-1-c4xc

Cimarron Feeders needs a full time member to join the Doctoring Crew. Excellent facilities, team atmosphere & respect for refined skills and quality performance. Great benefits that include: Medical & Dental insurance as well as 401 K, vacation, & bonuses. Come fill out an application. Questions? Call: Chad @580-543-6383 ext. 200. Must pass physical and drug test. EOE
8-25-c

To Give Away

Free canning jars. 366-3151
8-18-p

Land For Sale

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

Garage Sales

Garage Sale: Saturday, August 20th from 9 until 2. 1021 Purnell. Lots of stuff.
8-18-p

Garage Sale: Sat. August 20th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at 709 N. Maple.
8-18-c

Lost

Lost: 2 steers missing at 10 miles ea. of town. Upside down F on right hip. Should have an orange or white ear tag w/Forresters or 4F Cattle Co. on it. Call 753-7537.
8-25-c

Lost or Strayed, from 10 miles east of Stratford, 600 lb. Heifer, Blue tag in right ear, purple tag in left ear. Brand S on right hip. Joe Flores, 396-5538 (work) 396-5389 (home)
7-21-c

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, call

Kathie Altman-366-5611
Paula Everett-966-5445
Ken Forthman-366-2586
Patsy Harland-827-7568
Belinda Hamilton-827-7728
Jesse Resendes-366-3134
Ernie Maiwald-366-5546

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Services

Tree trimming or removal. Call Stewart for a free bid. 366-7601.
6-9-tfn

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

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9-16-tfn

Allen-Tarver Agency now has a locked payment drop box for your convenience. Cable and Insurance payments, with payment coupons, will be accepted. **NO CASH.** Located by front door of agency.
7-28-2mo.-9-8-05

Stay at home Mom would like to keep 1 to 2 children in my home. Days-Monday thru Friday. CPR Certified, References available. Please call Tonya at 366-7555.
8-25-c

For Rent

2 bdrm house for rent: garage & fenced backyard. Call 396-2125.
7-14-tfn

3 bedroom, 2 bath-204 S. Main, Stove, Refrig, Dishwasher included, Central H/A, W/D Hook-ups, Rent: \$450 Deposit: \$200. Contact Kristine Olsen 244-5646. References requested.
8-3-c

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11-27-tfn

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

House for Rent-2 Bdrm at 609 N. Grace. Call 366-2008 for more information.
5-12-tfn

For Rent: 4 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom, Brick home located near the Plainview School. Bills paid, rent \$250.00. Call Mr. Murphy @ 580-543-6366 for details.
8-18-c

For Rent: 2 Bedroom, 1 bathroom duplex located near the Plainview School. Bills paid, rent \$200.00. Call Mr. Murphy @ 580-543-6366 for details.
8-18-c

Crime Prevention

(NU) - In the course of the day, you do many activities that put your personal information at risk, from writing a check at the store to charging merchandise over the phone. You may not think twice about these transactions, but others might. Identity theft — when a perpetrator assumes someone's identity for personal or financial gain — is the fastest-growing crime in America. The National Citizens' Crime Prevention Campaign, sponsored by the National Crime Prevention Council, aims to educate consumers about what they can do to prevent identity theft. To learn more, visit www.weprevent.org and www.nccpc.org.

Houses for Sale

New Listing. For Sale by Owner: 601 S. Spruce, (across from Girl Scout park). 3/2 brick home on 1.1 acres. Like New. Large master bedroom and bath, central H/A. Nice backyard with new fence, patio and sprinkler system. Attached garage. Call (806) 366-3764 or (806) 681-5284.
7-21-8x-9-1-c

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

House for Sale: 802 N. Fulton, Carport, CHA Heat Pump system. Call 396-2007.
5-12-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: 305 N. 3rd, 2 bdrm, laundry room, CHA, detached garage, storage building, nice location \$20,000. Call 930-0734 or 930-5613.
3-31-tfn

For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath-2-3/4 bath, CHA detached garage, Big back yard with storage building, close to school. Call 366-2401.
5-5-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 806-934-3381 evenings or leave a message.
11-4-tfn

Reduced price. Precious brick house. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. New carpet, central heat and air, sprinkler system and huge storage building. 401 S. Pearl Call 366-3678
6-16-tfn

House for Sale at 1209 Division St. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nice neighborhood. Close to schools. Lg. Storage building in fenced backyard-Attached Garage. For more information call 934-3569 or 922-3569.
7-14-tfn

For Sale or Trade: Wonderful unique, large home on 13.5 acres, 2 miles west of Stratford on HWY 54. Four bedrooms, three full baths, hobby room, new central air, double garage, large open kitchen/family room and a newly drilled water well. Property is covered with trees. Contact Carolyn days-806-396-5810 or cell 210-854-8924.
7-21-tfn

HOUSE FOR SALE: 816 N. Maple-Two story, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, Central H/A, Fireplace, Carport, Fenced backyard with deck. Close to school! \$40,000. Call Brett: 366-7664 or 753-6677.
7-28-tfn

For Sale-Nice 3 br. 1.75 bath brick home at 408 N. Fulton. Ready to move into. Updated kitchen and bathrooms. CHA, 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

RUN TO THE CELLAR when the storms come your way!! Nice brick home with 3 bedrooms, 1.75 baths, attached 2 car garage, new laminate flooring in kitchen and dining area, central heat and air, storm cellar in backyard, storage shed. REDUCED TO \$65,000. Located at 712 N. Wall in Stratford. For appointment call Deana Houlette at Houlette Real Estate in Dumas. 935-2863/922-6863.
6-16-tfn

PRICE REDUCED: 619 S. Pearl, 3 br. 2 bath, fireplace, heated tile floor in den & kitchen, 2 car garage, storage garage, call 366-5829 or 753-7018.
7-7-tfn



The first newspaper advertisement appeared in a French newspaper on October 14, 1612.

Legal Notices

STRATFORD SECURE STORAGE LEGAL NOTICE

This is to notify that the contents in storage Unit #203, currently leased to Jo Ann Cobos of Dumas are now seized. Anyone interested in bidding on the contents should contact Henry Harrison at the phone numbers listed below. All bids will be confidential. Bids will be finalized by 10:00 a.m. August 20th of this year.

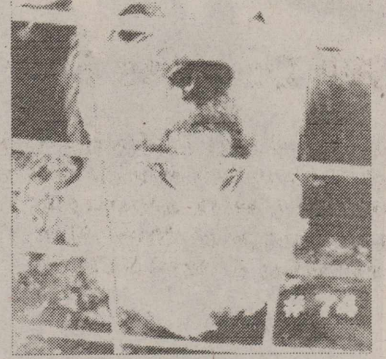
Phone #'s 806-366-5381 or 753-6481.

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Cards of Thanks

I would like to express my thanks to Larry and Michelle, Stratford EMS and Sheriff Haile for coming to my house, checking me over and helping me to the Ambulance and taking me to the clinic. Thanks to all who called and came by I'm feeling fine now.

Ken Forthman



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

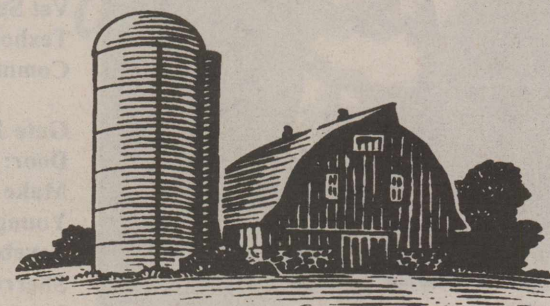
The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter ("no kill" facility) currently has over 100 dogs and puppies available for adoption. These dogs are all sizes & range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed and/or neutered & have their shots. These dogs need a good home.

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

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Ranch Rodeo Shots



Rafter S Team-Joe Shadle, Josey Shadle, Brad Shadle, Randy Crump & Wes Mason.

J Lazy 6-Henry Elam, Herman Elam, Cody Elam, Bruce Elam & Brady Pool.

1st place Rocking J: Jimmy Boyd, Gabe Hill, Shawn Spinar, Jarrett Adams. J Lazy 6: Henry Elam, Herman Elam, Bruce Elam, Cody Elam, Brady Pool. 3rd Place Rafter S: Joe Shadle, Josey Shadle, Brad Shadle, Randy Crump, Wes Mason.

Event Winners: Team Roping sponsored by Stratford Grain, winner: Rocking J: Jimmy Boyd, Gabe Hill, Shawn Spinar, and Jarrett Adams, from Dalhart. Wild Cow Milking sponsored by XIT Communications, winner: Crutch Ranch; Jake Mitchell, Casey Maxwell, Ken Collins, Randy Maxwell, and Luke Lucero, from Borger. Team Branding sponsored by Sherman County Development committee/Double Mugging sponsored by Frische Brothers Fertilizer Inc., winner: Rafter S: Joe Shadle, Josey Shadle, Brad Shadle, Randy Crump, Wes Mason, from Clarendon. Trailer Loading sponsored by Cimarron Feeders, winner: MC3: Randy McCracken, Gary Clements, Roy Don McCracken, Cody Lawrence and Shannon Anderton, from Stratford.

Sponsors for this years Ranch Rodeo: Cattleman's Livestock Commission, FSB of Texhoma, FSB of Stratford, Cimarron Feeders, Stratford Grain, Bobby Edmond Horse Sales, Joe Pete Flores, XIT Communications, A&I Parts, Foster Real Estate, Dalhart Federal Savings & Loan, FNB of Dalhart, United Supply, Phil Like Motors, R&R Machine Works, XIT Concrete, J&L Maintenance, Smith and Smith Well co., Bain Tire, Econ Langsford, Frische Brothers, Walter Lesley & Sons, Edenborough & Edenborough CPA's, W&C Land & Cattle Co., Happy State Bank & Trust, Gaskill, Pharis & Pharis, Sherman County Development committee, Iowa Vet Supply, McBryde Farms & Texhoma Livestock Commission.

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The Stratford Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all those who participated in this years Ranch Rodeo. Either by sponsorship, donations, time and assistance. Some special people who assisted this year were: Keith Whatley, Jarred Nusz, Trex Moore, John Tims, Roeann Lopez and Lynn Allen. Thanks to all.

