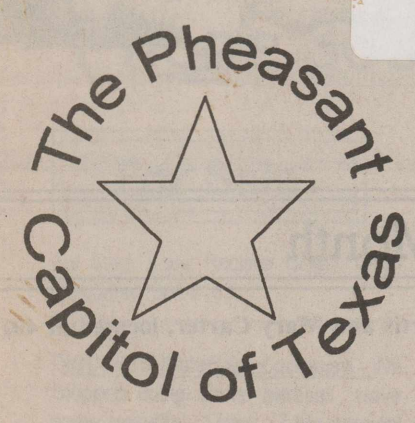


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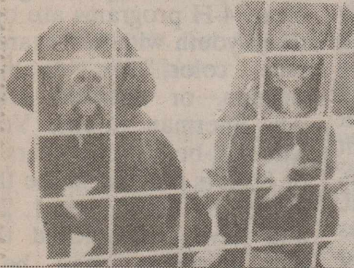


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School Crossing Reminder

Parents and Guardians please have your children use the crosswalks at the corner of Highway 54 and Main Street and the corner of Highway 287 and Eighth Street during the school year. Thank you for your cooperation.



Pet of The Week

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

This is a great program but we sure could use your help in making it better. Donations of food, towels, blankets and/or money are greatly needed and appreciated.

For more information or to mail Donations, please contact:
DIANE TRULL
 1302 Conlen Ave.
 Dalhart, TX 79022
 244-3216
 Thank you

"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.

Sherman County Crimestoppers Needs Your Help

Sherman County Crimestoppers needs your help with three new felony crimes. There have recently been two homes burglarized in rural Sherman County. One home, north of Sunray, was burglarized twice about two weeks apart and the other home, southeast of Texhoma was burglarized once. These were all done in the daylight when everyone was in the field. Taken were guns, collector knives, jewelry, cash, hearing aids, and other household items.

Crimestoppers pays up to \$1,000.00 in cash for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved. If you have any information on these or any other crimes contact the Crimestoppers answering machine at 366-TIPS (8477) and leave a code name and return phone number or the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office at 366-5551 or the Stratford Police Dept. at 366-3051.

Elk Football Season Football Tickets On Sale Now

The 2003 Football season is upon us--two-a-days began on Aug. 4 and the Elks are eager to play ball! Season football tickets will go on sale Thursday, August 21 in the office of the Superintendent. Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Seating will be held for previous owners until Tuesday, September 2. 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 call Penny at 366-3305.

Fund For Cano Family

A special fund has been set up at The First State Bank of Stratford for the Cano family who suffered losses from a fire at their home.

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

Attention Voters

The County Clerk, M.L. Albert announced changes for the constitutional amendment election. Instead of the NOVEMBER election, the election has been moved up to SEPTEMBER and the day has been changed from TUESDAY to SATURDAY. Election Day will be September 13, 2002 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Early voting will begin AUGUST 28, 2003 and will run through September 9, 2003. The polling places will be consolidated for this election so everyone is encouraged to vote early. You don't have to be out of town or have any reason to vote early. You can vote early just for the convenience of getting it done and out of the way. Early voting will be conducted in the County Clerks office Monday through Friday 8-12 & 1-5.

The full text of the amendments in ballot order can be viewed in the Office of the County Clerk.

Second Public Meeting To Be Held

Texas Department of Public Transportation will conduct the second public meeting on the proposed relief route and grade separation to relieve the bottle neck of the four way stop and the train crossing on US. 287 and U.S. 54. The meeting will be held at SCOT Hall (to allow for easier access) on September 23, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. TxDOT is still seeking public comment on the three proposed routes to be found at City Hall, SCOT Hall or Stratford Star. Comments may be mailed to Texas Department of Transportation, Mr. Mark Tomlinson, PE P.O. Box 7368, Amarillo, TX 79114-7368. These public meeting help plan for the future.

 The quest for knowledge and the application of that knowledge for man's benefit will not be denied.
 —Roger M. Blough

 Everything that you add to your peace of mind, and to your outlook upon life, is added capital that no one but yourself can dissipate.
 —George Matthew Adams

Circle Of Friends & Duncan Chevrolet Team Up For The Circle of Friends Gold Tournament!

Circle of Friends will host the Circle of Friends Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 23rd and Sunday, August 24th at the Stratford Country Club in Stratford, Texas to raise awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society. In appreciation of donations Circle of Friends and sponsor Duncan Chevrolet wanted to enhance participants' experience on the course by having the chance to win big prizes including a new vehicle and \$5,000!

On Saturday golfers will have the chance to win \$5,000 in the Putt for Dough contest. Registered participants will compete in a putt off contest and one lucky golfer will have the chance to putt for \$5,000!

On Sunday a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado SS will be placed on a grand prize hole. Any golfer who makes a hole in one on that hole will win the vehicle. Additional par 3 hole in one bonus prizes include Nike Golf Balls - Power Distance Super Soft, a set of Nike Pro Combo Irons 3-PW, and a 2-year GMAC Smart Care Maintenance Product and Nike 350cc Titanium Driver.

For details on the tournament and registration please contact Pat Johnson at (806) 396-2243.

For additional information about American Cancer Society, call Pat Johnson at (806) 396-2243. For information about Duncan Chevrolet, call (806) 366-5557.

Additional prizes for Circle of Friends Golf Tournament are Nike 350cc Titanium Driver, 36 doz. Nike Golf Balls, and Set of Nike Pro Combo Irons.



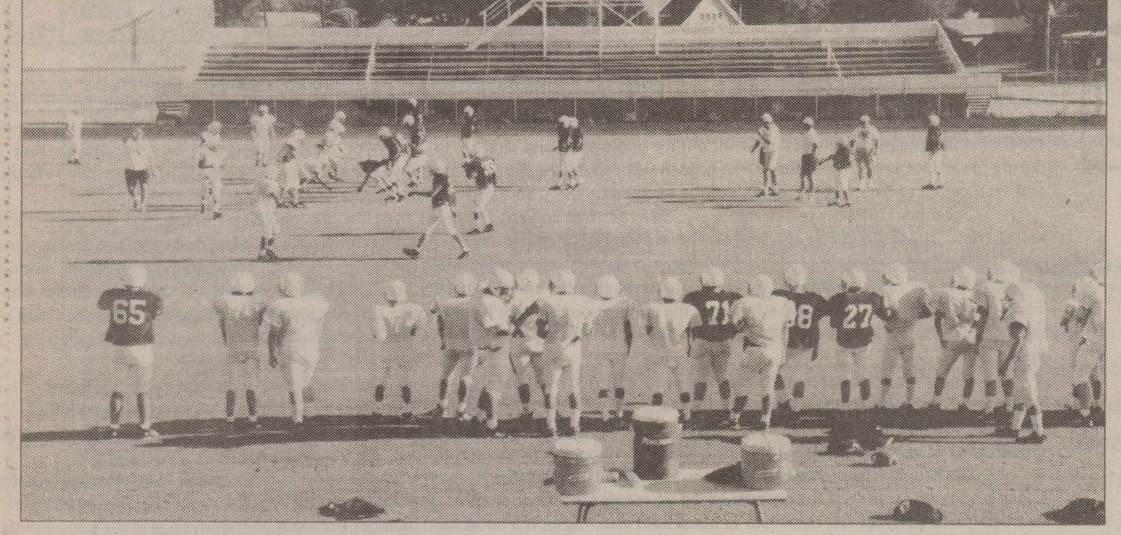
Oquin Retires From City

Connie Oquin accepting a Texas flag from Paula Nusz, Chamber of Commerce representing David Swinford. The flag was flown over the State Capitol in honor of her retirement and 25 years of service to the City of Stratford.



Grand Opening Held

Cecy's Place held their Grand Opening on Saturday, August 16, 2003. The new business is on Main Street, across from Imagination Station. A few on hand to congratulate and enjoy the delicious food were, Shown above standing left to right Gaynelle Riffe, Karen Perrin, Diantha Downs, Alfa Chabolla and owner Cecilia Barajas and Joan Palmer. In front, Paula Barajas, Marina Barajas, Vanessa, Nicolas and Stafeny. Good Luck on our new business in Town.



The Stratford Elks Blue/White Scrimmage was held this past Friday, August 15, 2003. Looking forward to a Great Season!!

Obits

Jess B. Mixon

Mobeetic-Jess B. Mixon, 92 died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003 in Claude.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Rev. Bob Meller, former pastor of First Baptist Church in Mobeetic, officiating. Burial was in Mobeetic Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Mixon was born on Nov. 15, 1910 in Ravia, Oklahoma and had lived in Mobeetic for the past 12 years. He married Mozella Futch on Nov. 10, 1928 in Ravia, OK. She preceded him in death on Dec. 2, 1977. He later married Deanna Griner in October of 1979. She preceded him in death in October of 1999. He was a rancher, cowboy and farmer in the Amarillo area for many years, working on the Kritser and Bivins Ranches. He was employed in the maintenance department in the Stratford Independent School District and farmed in Stratford for several years. H was later employed by Tejas Feeders in Wheeler and worked for the Wheeler Independent School District. He also farmed in Kelton for several years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Mobeetic.

Survivors include: 3 daughters: Juanell Brooks of Amarillo; Bobbie Burchfield of Oklahoma City, Ok; and Jerry Meller of Mobeetic; 1 son: Leonard Mixon of Tishomingo, OK; 1 brother: Marian Mixon of Lovington, NM; 1 sister: Jo Gales of Elk City, OK; 9 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and 8 great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, J.M. and Mary Mixon, by a son, Jess Dalton Mixon in 1933 and by a great granddaughter, Tracy Brooks in 1999, by 1 brother and 3 sisters.

Memorials may be made to Palo Duro Nursing Center, Activity Fund, 405 Collins, Claude, TX 79019.

Alfred Reinart

Amarillo-Alfred Reinart, 80 of Amarillo died Friday, Aug. 15, 2003.

Prayer services were held at 7 p.m. Monday, August 18, 2003 in St. Hyacinth's Catholic Church. Mass was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 19, 2003 in the church with the Rev. Patrick Carathers and the Rev. Jim McGhee as celebrants. Burial was at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in Restlawn Cemetery in Hereford by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St.

Mr. Reinart was born in Lindsay in 1923. He served in the Navy during World War II. He farmed 25 years in Hereford and 15 years in Dumas. Upon retiring in 1987, he moved to Amarillo. H was a parishioner of St. Hyacinth's Catholic Church. He married Clara Wieck on Aug. 21, 1945 in Umbarger.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents, Joseph and Mary Lueb Reinart; and a brother, Arhart Reinart.

Survivors include four daughters, Phyllis Butler and husband, Bill, Nannette Ast & husband, Don, and Sandy Rayburn & husband, Jim, all of Amarillo, and Denise Morris & husband, Steve of

Shower for "Cowboy" and Eva Cano
The fire at the Cano home destroyed the kitchen as well as many items in the home. Friends are hosting a shower to help replace these things.
Saturday, August 23, 2003, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
At Farm Bureau Building
Everyone, including couples, is invited.
Gift selections at local stores.
Abra un evento para "Cowboy" y Eva Cano
El incendio en la caja de la familia Cano destroyo su cocina como tambien muchos objetos de su casa.
Sus amigos tendran un evento para reponer muchas de estas cosas, el sabado 23 de Agosto de las 6:00-8:00 p.m. En el Farm Bureau Building. Todos estan invitados. Abra Selecoines de 10 que nesesitan en las tiendas locales

Garland; three sons, David Reinart & wife, Kay of Dumas, Rick Reinart & wife, Connie and Joe Reinart & wife, Janet, all of Stratford; three brothers, Esidore Reinart, Elmer Reinart and Leander Reinart, all of Hereford; two sisters, Armella Wieck of Canyon and Helen Batenhorst of Umbarger; 29 grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to St. Hyacinth's Catholic Church, 4500 West Hills, Amarillo, TX 79106; or to Amarillo Senior Citizen's Association, 1217 S. Tyler St., Amarillo, TX 79101.

4-H Bake Show August 25th

The annual 4-H Better Bake Show will be Monday, August 25, 2003. A loaf of whole wheat bread made from scratch will be the competition baked good this year. Products should be entered no later than 9:30 a.m. Monday at the County Extension Office located in the annex of the Sherman County Courthouse in Stratford.

The awards program will be held at 7:00 p.m. during the 4-H Enrollment Night activities. The top three winners will be announced along with recognition of the first year participants. The first place winner will represent Sherman County at the District I Bake Show to be held during the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo.

Sponsors of the Sherman County 4-H Bake Show are Stratford Grain Company, Sunray Coop, Texhoma Wheatgrowers, Collingwood Grain-Stratford/Texhoma, West Texas Gas Company, and Texas Cooperative Extension.

Youth ages 9 or 8 years old and in the third grade through age 19 are encouraged to participate. Rules are available at the Sherman County Extension Office according to Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

Imagination Station
By Gaynelle Riffe

August started with a flurry. Abdul's Pirate Ship in the Parade "Red, White and Pirates Too" won 1st place. Don Harrington Discovery Center Director, Ganash Ganpat and family attended the Jamboree Parade to see the Pirate Ship the Discovery Center gave the Imagination Station and to see the facility. He was very impressed with the facility, especially the Computer Lab. "Pie by the Slice" at the Barbecue was a success. Those funds will help pay the expenses for past two months. The ministerial Alliance held a Youth Rally Aug. 6, 7, 8 with 60-70 in attendance each night. Three churches served supper each night and really enjoyed the new kitchen.

Programs for the year will be planned and we need ideas from you the public on programs or exhibits you have seen or read about that the Imagination Station could share with the community. Mellonee York and Laurie Spurlock are working with programming.

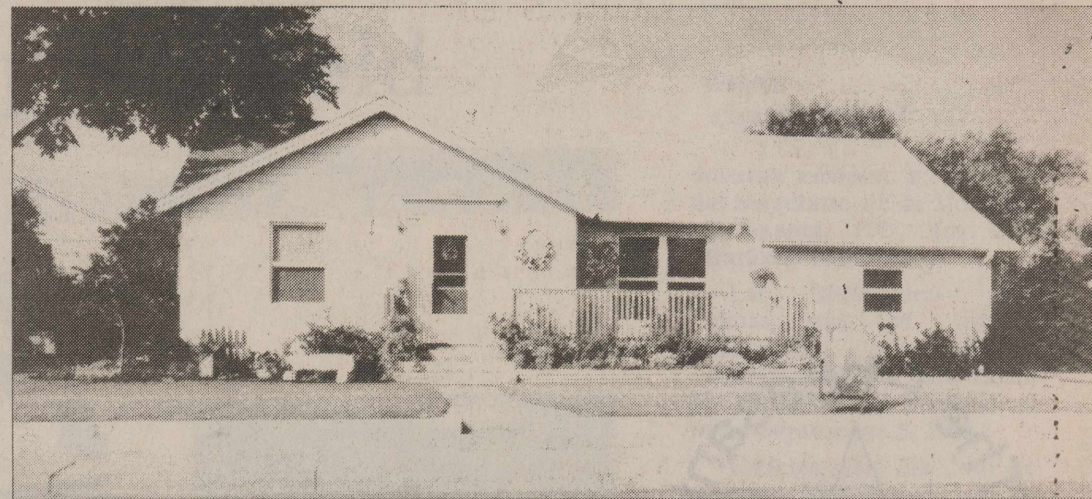
It is time to finish up Phase II and begin Phase III, the Exhibit Hall. We need advice on floor finish and help with hammers and wiring. See George Harding or Gaynelle Riffe. George works at 5:00 a.m. Gaynelle much later!!!

State Fair of Texas & Tri State Fair Livestock Entries Available

All Sherman County 4-H Members planning on exhibiting a livestock project at either the State Fair of Texas or the Tri-State Fair may pick up their entry forms at the Sherman County Extension Office. Entries for the Tri-State Fair are due to the Extension Office by August 22, 2003. The State Fair will be held October 9-19, 2003 in Dallas. Entries for the Tri-State Fair are due to the Extension Office by August 13, 2003. The Tri-State Fair will be held in Amarillo on September 12-20, 2003. Please contact Leslie Neve at (806) 366-2081 for more information.

The improvement of the understanding is for two ends; first, our own increase of knowledge; secondly, to enable us to deliver that knowledge to others.

—John Locke



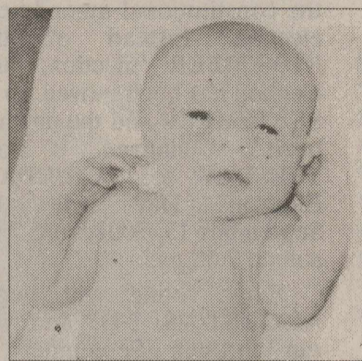
Yard of the Month

Yard of The Month for August is the home of Curtis and Mary Carter, located at 401N. Wall.

A good way to judge people is by observing how they treat those who can do them absolutely no good.

—Anonymous

Births



Kade Ryan Cornelsen

Justin and Kimberly Cornelsen of Sayre, OK proudly announce the arrival of their son, Kade Ryan Cornelsen.

Kade arrived on Thursday, August 7th at Great Plains Medical Center in Elk City, OK. Kade weighed 6 lbs and was 21 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Ken and Carolee Campbell, Liberal, KS and Gary and Debra Cornelsen, also of Liberal. Great grandmothers are Wanda Campbell and Sue Smith of Stratford, TX and Charlene Cornelsen of Texhoma, OK. Great-great grandfather, F.C. Shubert, also of Texhoma.

Musical "Rent" Sunday, Nov. 30

Civic Amarillo presents a special engagement the musical "Rent" for two performances on Sunday, November 30, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Broadway Spotlight Series Season Ticket Holders will have an opportunity to purchase tickets in advance at a 10% discount from August 4 to Sept. 3. General public may purchase tickets after Sept. 3-806-378-3096.

"Rent" is an emotionally stirring story about a community of young artists struggling to live and celebrate life. It is set in New York City's East Village. It's Hit songs incorporate dance, pop, salsa, R&B and Rock n'Roll. "Rent" is a story that addresses adult themes and controversial issues. Parental guidance is suggested.

Enjoyment is not a goal, it is a feeling that accompanies important ongoing activity.

—Paul Goodman

Sherman County 4-H Enrollment Night-Aug. 25

The Sherman County 4-H Enrollment night will be held August 25, 2003 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. Lem and Cindy Russell will be providing a Hot Dog Feed. New and former 4-H members will need to fill out enrollment forms for the upcoming 4-H Year. 4-H programs are open to all youth without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, or national origin. Any Sherman County Youth who will be either 9 years old or 8 years old and in the third grade by September 1, 2003 and have not reached their 19th birthday may be a member of 4-H. This year outstanding 4-H members and parent/leaders will be providing a booth demonstrating their favorite 4-H Project to encourage and educate new 4-H members on the numerous activities 4-H has to offer. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact Leslie Neve at (806) 366-2081. We look forward to seeing you at Enrollment Night!

We want you in the picture.



FSA County Committee Elections

The nomination deadline for Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committee elections is September 5, 2003. Contact your local FSA office or USDA service center for nomination forms and information.

Without You, Nothing Happens

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation and marital or family status.

Stratford Independent School District has announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch program and/or School Breakfast Program. The cafeteria has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		WEEKLY		
	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED	
1	\$11,674	\$16,613	\$973	\$1385	\$225	\$320	
2	15,756	22,422	1,313	1,869	303	432	
3	19,838	28,231	1,654	2,353	382	543	
4	23,920	34,040	1,994	2,837	460	655	
5	28,002	39,849	2,334	3,321	539	767	
6	32,084	45,658	2,674	3,805	617	879	
7	36,166	51,467	3,014	4,289	696	990	
8	40,248	57,276	3,354	4,773	774	1,102	
9	44,330	63,085	3,695	5,258	853	1,214	
10	48,412	68,894	4,036	5,743	932	1,326	
11	52,494	74,703	4,377	6,228	1,011	1,438	
12	56,576	80,512	4,718	6,713	1,090	1,550	
*For each additional family member add:							
			+\$4,082	+\$5,809	+\$341	-\$485	+\$79
							+\$112

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of the free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving food stamps or TANF only have to list their child's name and food stamp or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households that do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available by writing the word "NONE". An adult household member must sign the application.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, The Business Manager will review application and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Jim Taliaferro, Superintendent PO Box 108 Stratford, TX 79084 Phone (806) 366-3303.

Households that list a food stamp or TANF case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.

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To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call 202/720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- June 10-Aug. 26 Starlight Theater Tuesday Concert Series 7:00 p.m. Sam Houston Park on Western St. Amarillo
- Aug. 21-31 Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 www.amarillolittletheatre.org
- Aug. 26 Ringo Starr Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Sept. 4, 5, 6 "Always Patsy Cline" (farewell performance) Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Sept. 18-21 "Aaron Slick of Punkin' Crick" Guymon Community Theatre
- Sept. 20 Amarillo Opera "The Merry Widow" Mary Jane Johnson Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-SING
- Sept. 18-28** "Proof" Adult Drama Amarillo Little Theatre/Adventure Space 806-355-9991 www.amarillolittletheatre.org

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Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

Lester Irbeck, Arlington, visited nearly a week with his parents, Ted & Joyce Irbeck. His daughter Nicole has been here for some time. Lester is recovering from a work related accident and doing well.

Jacy, Dasan & Tala Gillenwaters, Moreland, OK., had a last fling before school with their grandparents Bill & Donna. Kylee G. joined them for a couple of days. They all went to Wonderland Park one day.

Hannah & Caleb, children of Chris and Craig Wood, recently spent three days with the Hamptons. The Wood family has moved to Plainview, TX.

Ralph Hampton returned to work last week.

They all attended the funeral for Ron Hager.

Kelly, Shelby, Hunter & Noah Schoonover moved over the weekend to Folsom, NM with Terry & Barbara helping. They took Kelly to Amarillo for a plane to Houston. The rest of the family spent Sunday night with Terry & Barbara.

The Brady Schoonovers hosted all for pizza.

Rett Schoonover's Team, The Cowboys, was first at Sunray Saturday. They qualified for the Junior Rodeo Championships in Amarillo in November. Reed's team, The Texans, was second. Congratulations, boys.

Jo June returned home Sunday from two weeks in Denver. She was there to see doctors at National Jewish Respiratory Hospital. Lynn Wells took her up and Marjory Munden went after her. Jo June stayed with Brenda Taylor.

Whitebird To Perform At Cowboy Church

Pete Whitebird will be in concert and ministry on Wednesday, August 27 at Cowboy Church held in the Sherman County Barn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come hear one of America's top Christian country singer-songwriter.

Beginning in 1998, Pete has had a dozen hit singles in the Christian country category. Pete is a Native American Indian from Topeka, Kansas. His primary interest is ministry through country music. Pete takes his music and preaching ministry to churches, rodeos, fairs, prisons, alcohol and drug rehab centers, and other special events across America.

Love sought is good, but given
unsought is better.
—William Shakespeare,
Twelfth Night

Lollies Lines
By Lorelyn Powers

Note: Hope everyone in Sherman County and Stratford are doing ok. This cloudy Monday August 18th the first day of School for the students is today. Last Friday was a football scrimmage. This has been a very short summer seems to me that they get shorter all the time. Since this is the first day of School the next thing one knows it will be a new year with Thanksgiving and Christmas a thing of the past with a temp. of 89 it is cooler that it has been and with the clouds there is hope for rain, so with that in mind let us take care of each other and be kind to each other.

Scot News
By Jack Gore

This weeks activities included lunch in Dalhart with the Dalhart Senior Citizens on Tuesday the 19th. A bus load and several cars headed that way. Thursday the 21st will be monthly Birthday Party at 2 p.m. Then Bingo at 7 p.m. Saturday 23rd will be monthly dance here from 8 p.m. till 11 p.m.

Next week will be board meeting, Tuesday the 26th Luncheon the 28th.

TEEA Council Holds Meeting

TEEA Council met Aug. 12 following South Star Club meeting and luncheon at the Extension office. Jean Everett, council president conducted the meeting.

Christmas in November Arts & Crafts Show is slated for Nov. 15. Booths of 8 x 10 for \$10 are being offered. The event will be from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be no turkey dinner this year!

Organizations interested in having a concession stand should contact the Extension office.

Susie Spurlock, agent, gave a report of upcoming events. 4-H Achievement banquet is Aug. 18. The last 4-H Bake Show is Aug. 25, which is also Enrollment Night.

Lunch & Learn meets noon Aug. 21 at the extension office.

State TEEA Conference is Sept. 16-18 at Plano. Four members plan on going.

Present were Jean Everett, Reyna Everett, Dortha Allen, Elizabeth Zimmer, Mary Lou Walden, DeeDee Dewees, Dorothy Dewees, Marylou McDaniel.



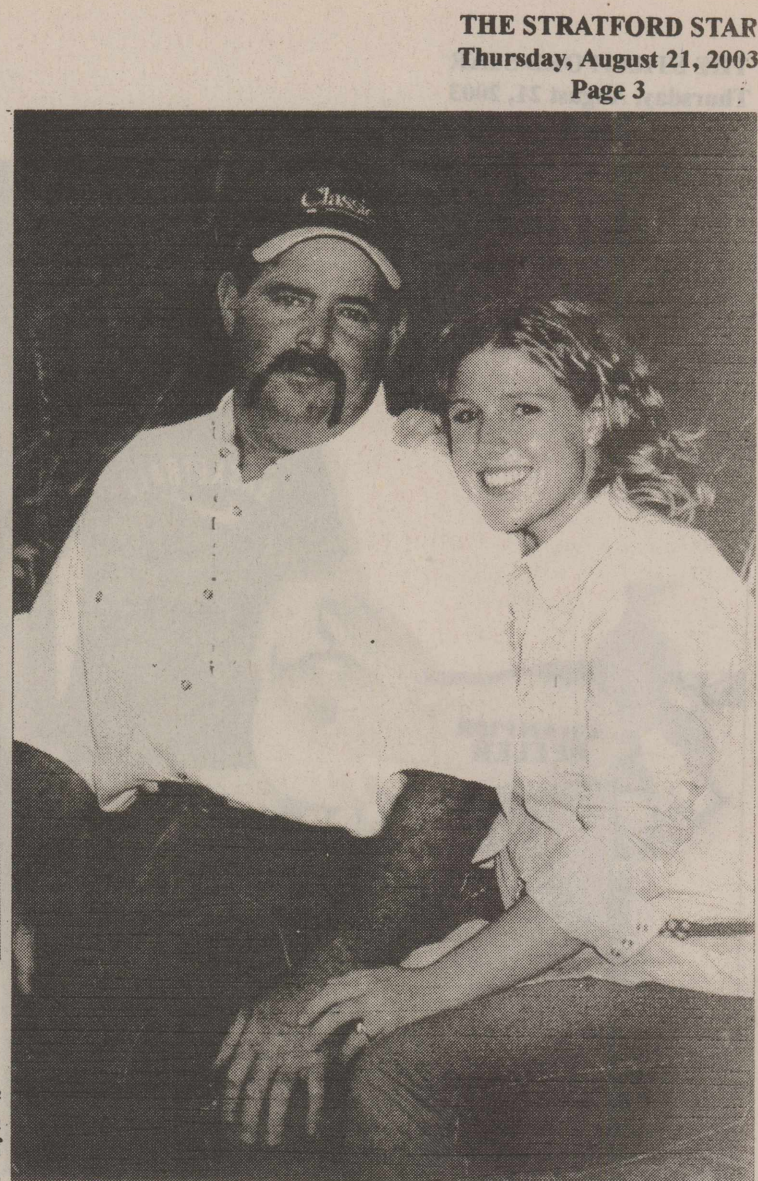
Double Ring Ceremony Held

In a double ring ceremony Amanda Smith and Ted Dretske exchanged vows at St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Texhoma with Pastor Paul Jackson officiating. The bride is the daughter of Barbara and Terry Matthews and Jess Smith. The groom is the son of Carl and Anna Dretske all of Stratford. The bride was given in marriage by her Father. The best man was Jeff Ricketson, friend of groom of Stratford. Groomsmen were David Everest and Bob Barnhart (Bros-in-law of groom) from Amarillo. Maid of honor was Shelby Smith, sister of the bride, brides maids were Shelly Ricketson and Janet Witcher, all of Stratford. The candles were lit by both mother who were accompanied down the isle by the brides step father and the grooms father.

The Unity candle was then lit by the bride and groom. The grooms sisters Ruth Dretske, Carla Everest, Amy Barnhart assisted with serving cake and punch at the reception which followed at the fellowship hall. The Bride and Groom honeymooned in Colorado.

Check Out These Web Sites:

The Consumer Aerosol Products Council at www.nocfcs.org.
The Car Care Council at www.carcare.org.
For more information about life insurance, visit Allstate.com.
Brother at www.brother.com.
Air Wick® Decosphere™ at www.airwick.com.
Marshalls at www.marshallsonline.com.
"Take a Kid Fishing" at www.takeakidfishing.com.
Wal-Mart at www.walmartstores.com.



Vows Exchanged

Jessica Lena Bryson of Goodwell and George Wiley Merry of Texhoma were married Saturday, August 16, in Red River, NM.

The bride is the daughter of Ed & Jeanie Bryson of Stratford, Grandmothers of the bride and Margie Bryson, who attended the wedding and Emma Naylor both of Stratford.

Parents of the groom are George Merry, of Texhoma, and the late Charlotte Merry.

Matron of honor and best man were Charissa & Chris Beattie, sister and brother-in-law of the bride.

Also attending the wedding were the brides nieces, Brittany & Braelyn Beattie and nephew, Bryson Beattie.

The bride is a graduate of Stratford High School & is a senior at Oklahoma Panhandle State University, majoring in biology & animal science.

The groom graduated from Texhoma High School. He is a farmer and rancher in the Texhoma area.

The couple will reside on the grooms family ranch near Texhoma.



WOW
We made it!
Happy Birthday
Slate & Lashala

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. Bob Sweeten
5th & Main
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
No Sunday Evening Worship
Wed. Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7:00

St. Joseph Catholic

Father William A. Gorman
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

Larry Evans
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

James Washburn
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message
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Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Brent Farney
702 N. 3rd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m..
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

La Mision Bautista

Mision Bautista
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Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)
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Servicio De Oration 6:00 pm
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm
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Contentment, The Mark of the Christian

What is your level of contentment? Most of us lack real contentment of heart. Why? Because deep contentment comes from God. He promises, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Listen to how the apostle Paul responded to this promise. "Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties...for when I am weak, then I am strong" (Corinthians 12:10-11). Would you respond in this way? I probably wouldn't. In the midst of weakness, insults and difficulties I'm prone to grumble. We often grumble when we're discontented. We grumble about the boss. He's just too bossy. Or we grumble about our pay. That grumbling shows we need to learn to make to with what we have while we are looking to the future and working hard to achieve specific educational goals and employment goals. But in order to learn contentment, we need spiritual help. The proper place to turn is Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us Jesus Christ is our source of contentment. Again, listen to the testimony of Paul. "I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:11-13). Yes, we can learn to be content in very situation God places us if we are strengthened by Jesus Christ.

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Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
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Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
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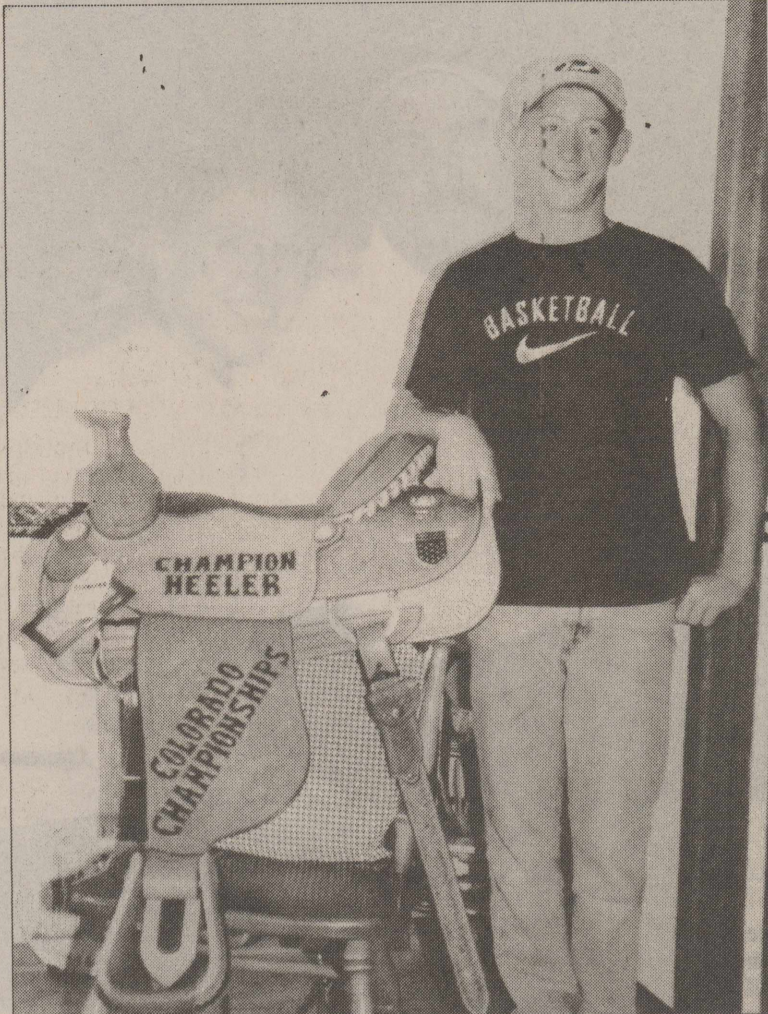
F.Y.I.
By Sheriff Jack Haile

The summer is over and school has started back. While the Texas Legislature has been spending some time in Oklahoma and is now in New Mexico they did find time to pass several thousands bills. Some bills will help, some will be revised and there are some everyone is just scratching their head and wondering about.

One thing I think is interesting is that most of the new laws go into effect on September the first, but we don't get new law books, Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, Education Code and on and on, until February or March. I attended an update in late July to try and keep current. I now have a pretty good reading assignment in front of me.

One of the main things that was brought to the attention of sheriff's was that when we have a sale for real estate we must have a letter from every bidder that states that they don't have any outstanding property taxes. Then they must give me the letter and register as a bidder before the sale starts. If I accept a bid from someone who has not registered I am in big trouble. We don't have many real estate sales, about one per year, but the Legislature sure did complicate the process.

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Lane Wins Roping

Tyler Lane, son of Justin and Shannon Lane of Morse and grandson to Jay and Arnita Lane of Stratford, went to the USTRC Colorado Championships in Colorado Springs on July 23, 2003. There, he competed against 148 team roping teams in the #4 roping. He roped with a woman named Jodi Michael that was drawn as his partner. He won the roping with a time of 33.0 seconds on 3 head of steers. He won a saddle, \$1900, and a USTRC National Finals Shoot-out spot, which will be held in Oklahoma City in October.



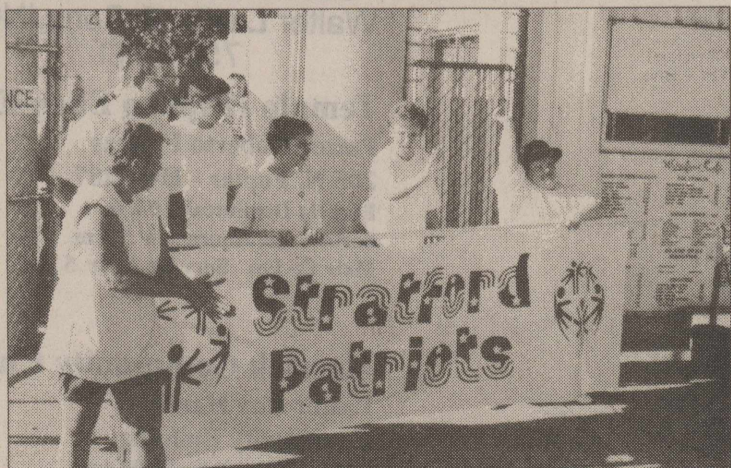
New Business

Lollipop Junction Kids had a Lemonade Stand On Wednesday, August 13, 2002. Back row left to right—Summer Downs, Drestyn Tell, Gracen Walker, Laynee Burr, Taylor Aduddell. Front Grady Pickens, Amanda Harbour, Brooke Tell and Kelsey Pickens.



Stratford Patriots Win Medals

Stratford Patriots shown with their medals and coaches at the meet on Saturday from left, Wade Plunk, Cindy Larance, Brian Zinck, Linda McKinney, Carol Zimmer, Tyler Pickens, and Michelle Estes. Results from the Special Olympic Swim meet held in Amarillo on Saturday August 16, 2003. Wade—15 meter floatation swim—1st, and 25 meter floatation swim—2nd; Linda—15 meter walk—1st, and 10 meter assisted swim—2nd; Tyler—15 meter walk—2nd, 10 meter assisted swim—2nd, and Brian—15 meter floatation swim—2nd, 15 meter unassisted swim—2nd. If the funds can be raised by October, we will go to the State Competition!! GOOD JOB STRATFORD PATRIOTS!!!!



The Stratford Patriots shown above with their sign at the Special Olympics Meet held this past week-end.

FOREVER SUMMER AVOCADO MANGO SALSA

Makes eight 1/2-cup servings







- 1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup finely chopped red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup finely chopped Anaheim green pepper
- 1/2 cup finely diced jicama
- 1 medium mango, peeled, pitted, chopped in small pieces
- 2 ripe, medium Hass avocados, peeled, pitted, chopped in small chunks
- 3 Tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro leaves, chopped finely
- 1/2 tsp. ground white pepper
- 1/2 tsp. sea salt

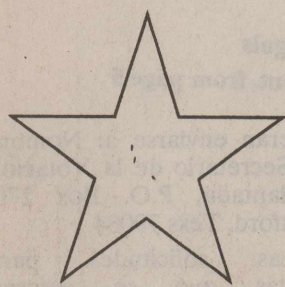
Combine onion, peppers, jicama, and mango in large bowl. Gently stir in avocado, lime juice, olive oil, and cilantro. Add white pepper and salt, taste and adjust seasonings. Serve immediately.



Young Honored With Shower

Deanna Wright Young, bride of Ty Young was honored with a wedding shower in the home of Dana Buckles on Sunday, August 17, 2003. Shown from left, Lacy Wright, Bevilyn Wright, Deanna Wright Young, Kay Young, Twyla Young, LaRenda Wright, and Barbara Avent.

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For Sale: Glass top end table - \$20.00, Desk w/hutch - \$100.00, 3 drawer chest w/hutch/bookcase - \$75.00. Call 366-5398. 8-21-tfn

Garage Sale

Backyard Sale: Sat. Aug. 23, 8-7 702 N. Pearl. 8-21-1xp

Garage Sale: Sat. Aug. 23, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 313 Stickney. 8-21-1xp

Last Chance!!! Clothes, Shoes 50 Cents a Sack. Dryer, refrigerator, end tables, misc. Sat. Aug. 23, 9 a.m. to 7, 6th & Pine. 8-21-1xc

Help Wanted

Help Wanted: Tire Experience preferred. Good Wages. Apply at Consumers. Phone 366-2261. 8-21-tfn

Seeking RN, LVN, and CNA's for rural Nursing Home. Will train the right individuals, but prefer someone with long term experience. Competitive wages, excellent benefit package including paid major medical insurance, and excellent working conditions. Contact Peggy Coston, RN DON, at Coldwater Manor, Stratford, TX 806-396-5568. 8-21-2xc

Cards of Thanks

Thank you to all who attended the 1970 Class Reunion at John Lavakes. Everyone had a good time. Your hard work was appreciated.

Thank you to all the 4-H Horse Club members and their parents for participating and helping in all areas of the play days. Nathan, Natalie, and Zachary White, Channing Ziemann, Austin and Tanner Riffe, Luke and Evan Haille, Jacob Edmond, and Haden and Hailey Long. A special thanks to Malcolm Long for his hard work of organizing all the details to make these play days fun to come to this summer. Thank you to the following contributors whose donations made these play days successful:

Buckle Donors-Happy First State Bank, First State Bank of Stratford, Stratford Feedyard, Bain Tire. Cash, Prizes and Stock Donors-Family Farm Stores-Dumas, W.C. Land & Cattle, Stratford Grain, Dick Chumley, Walter Lasley & Son's Feedyard, First National Bank of Texhoma, A&I Parts, XIT Communications, Bobby Edmond's Horse Sales, Iowa Vet, Rhea Chumley, Dumas Co-Op, Cattle Marketing Services-Delbert Hallis, Stratford Animal Hospital, John Lavake Farms, O.J. Lane Hay Bailing, Farm Bureau Insurance-Joe Pete Flores, Danny Edmond, Lextron, Vet Life, Steve McAdams, Stockmans. Thank you again for everyone who took time to support and help with these play days. We couldn't have done it without the help of the parents, volunteers, and sponsors.

Thanks again,
4-H Horse Club Members

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Help Wanted

Executive Director Position for Non-Profit Organization in Dalhart Area. Send Resumes to Box J %Dalhart Texan, 410 Denrock, Dalhart, Texas 79022. 8-21-1xc

A prudent person profits from personal experience, a wise one from the experience of others.
—Joseph Collins

Houses For Sale

House for Sale: 3 bedroom, 1 bath-brick home. Extra Large yard. Close to school. Metal storage shed, Totally remodeled. 907 N. Maple. 396-2498 after 5 p.m. 7-7-tfn

Our mother's home at 712 N. Maple, 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, fireplace, central heat and air, 1 car garage, 2 metal storage sheds, chain linked fence, family room, close to school, built in oven and range, vinyl siding and new roof. For more info, call Marty 806-366-2053. 8-7-tfn

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Trailer House for Sale: 2 bedroom, 2 lots, 305 S. Wall \$10,000. Call 935-6702. 8-7-tfn

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House for Sale: Great Location, beautiful corner lot, 2 large bedrooms, 1 large bath, garage, central heat/AC. 806-659-2345. 8-2-tfn

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To err is human, but when the eraser wears out ahead of the pencil, you're overdoing it.
—J. Jenkins

There are souls in this world which have the gift of finding joy everywhere and of leaving it behind them wherever they go.
—Frederick William Faber



The Lion's Club barbecue was delicious and enjoyed by many at the Stratford Jamboree.

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To Report Suspected Child Abuse, Call

Kathie Altman - 366-5611
David Cross - 396-2396
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Patsy Harland - 827-7568
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Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Amarillo
Contract 0904-00-087 for CRACK POURING in POTTER County, etc will be opened on September 09, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 10620

State Office
Constr./Maint.Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office (s)
Amarillo District
District Engineer
5715 Canyon Dr
Amarillo, Texas 79105-2708
Phone: 806-356-3283

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting was held in June 2003 to solicit comments from all interested parties regarding the request from the Sherman County officials and the City of Stratford officials to study the feasibility of a relief route for the City of Stratford. The comments received have been evaluated and a summary will be presented at a public meeting scheduled for September.

The meeting will be Tuesday, September 23, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. It will be located at Scot Hall, 515 North Third Street, Stratford, Texas.

If anyone has a concern before the meeting in regard to the project, they may contact the Amarillo District Director of Transportation Planning and Development, Kenneth Petr, P.E. at 806-356-3202.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the public meeting. If anyone interested in attending the meeting has special communication or accommodation needs, please contact Cheryl Luther, the District Environmental Coordinator at 806-356-3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

You may submit verbal or written comments regarding this project at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may also be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (P O Box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than ten (10) days after the meeting.

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

To the registered voters of the County of Sherman, 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 September 13th, 2003, for voting in a special election to "adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

Location of Polling Places- Consolidated Polling Places- Sherman County Courthouse at the Courthouse for Precincts 101, 102, 201, 202 and 401 Elementary School at Texhoma, Texas for Precincts 301 & 302.

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: Sherman County Clerk's Office-701 North 3rd. St. (Regular Office Hours)

If the county clerk is the early voting clerk, the information in the block is required between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on August 28, 2003 and ending on September 9, 2003.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: M. L. Albert, P.O. Box 270, Stratford, TX 79084 M.L. Albert, P.O. Box 270, 79084, Stratford, Texas 79084.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on September 5, 2003.

Issued this the 14th day of August, 2003.

Kim Crippen
Signature of County Judge
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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL

a los votantes registrados del Condado de, Sherman Texas.

Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abiran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el September 13, 2003 adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitucional asi como fueron sometidas por la 78a Lesiglatura Sesion Regular, de la Estado de Texas."

Direccion(es) De Las Casillas Electorales- Consolidated Polling Places- Sherman County Courthouse at the Courthouse for Precincts 101, 102, 201, 202 and 401 Elementary School At Texhoma, Texas for Precincts 301 and 302.

La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en: Sherman County Clerk's Office-701 N. 3rd St. (Regular office hours) -sido entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 28 August 2003 terminando el Septiembre 9, 2003.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo

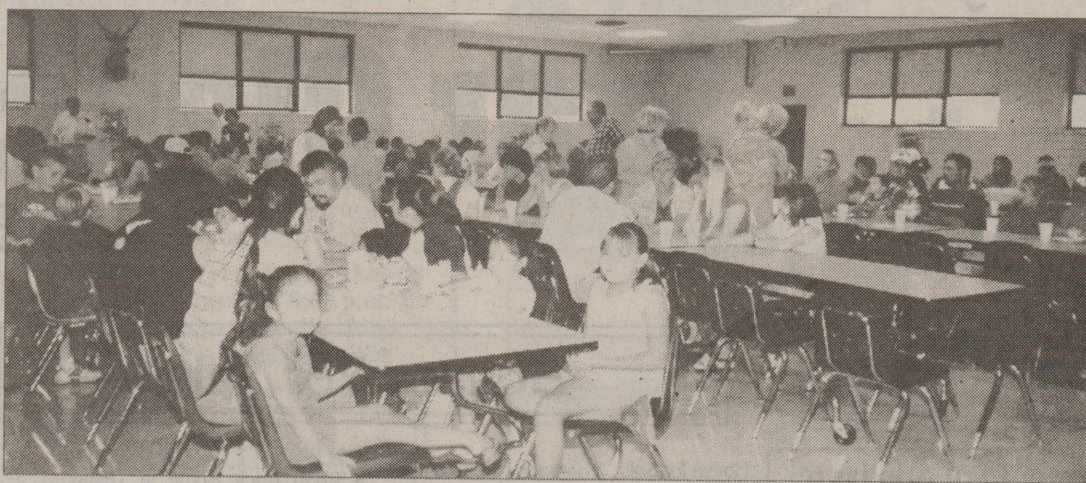
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Back To School Supper Held

Legals
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Matt Correll took time to pose for the camera at the Back-to-School Hamburger Supper on Monday, August 11, 2003.



A good crowd enjoyed the Stratford ISD Back-To-School Hamburger Supper on Monday, August 11, 2003 at the High School Cafeteria.

deberan enviarse a: Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion Adelantada, P.O. Box 270, Stratford, Texas 79084.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el fecha-Septiembre 5, 2003

Emitada este dia 14th de Agosto, 2003.

Kim Crippen

Firma del Juez del Condado.

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4-H Horse Club Play Day Pictures and Results



0-7 Age Group L/R: 5th—Brady Cross, 4th—Nathan Bennett, 3rd—Roper Robinett, 2nd Adelyn Hokanson, and 1st Preston Burr.



8-10 Age Group L/R: 6th—Levi Molesworth, 5th—Talon Dooley, 4th—Katey Kash, 3rd—Brittany Beattie, 2nd—Hayden Guest, 1st—Haden Long.



11-13 Age Group L/R: 1st—Cassie Beasley, 2nd—Derrick Lanham, 3rd—Casslyn Jefferies, 4th—Ty Dooley, 5th—Brady Lanham, and 6th—Sterling Molesworth.



14-18 Age Group L/R: 3rd—Chelsie Messick, 2nd Jacob Edmond, and 1st—Amy Mueller.

This summer our Sherman County 4-H Horse Club organized four play days. The kids participated in barrel racing, pole bending, flag race, goat decorating, goat tying, and steer daubing. We had a very good turn out. We had 157 total entries for the entire series. Thirty of those entries were from Sherman County, 21 entries from our horse club, and 106 from other counties. We had kids coming as far as Adrian, Boise City, Dalhart, Dumas, Fritch, Texhoma, and Sunray, just to name a few.

At our last play day, we gave the all-around prizes:

- 1st Montana Silversmith belt buckles
- 2nd Handmade breast collars by Steve McAdams
- 3rd Headstalls
- 4th Saddle Blankets

5th Handmade halters by Steve McAdams
6th Buckets, brushes, curry combs

To qualify for all-around, contestants had to be at 3 of the 4 play days.

The kids that placed in the all-around are as follows:

0-7 age group 1st Preston Burr, 2nd Adelyn Hokanson, 3rd Roper Robinett, 4th Nathan Bennett, 5th Brady Cross

8-10 age group 1st Haden Long, 2nd Hayden Guest, 3rd Brittany Beattie, 4th Katey Kash, 5th Talon Dooley, 6th Levi Molesworth

11-13 age group 1st Cassie Beasley, 2nd Derrick Lanham, 3rd Casslyn Jefferies, 4th Ty Dooley, 5th Brady Lanham, 6th Sterling Molesworth

14-18 age group 1st Amy Mueller, 2nd Jacob Edmond, 3rd Chelsie Messick.



Old Timer King Tommy Baskin and Queen Shirley Plunk.

More Jamboree Shots!



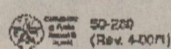
L/R - Kristen Crabtree, Merilee McDaniel and Kelsey Stein.



First State Bank Float



Stratford Patriots Float



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Texhoma Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 10:00a.m. August 30, 2003 in the office of the Superintendent at 5th & Denver, Texhoma, 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.

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.4500	\$0.000 *	\$1.4500	\$ 8,809	\$103
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.6862	\$0.000 *	\$1.6862	\$ 8,666 *	\$299
Proposed Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.000 *	\$1.5000	\$ 7,688	\$299

*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.

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 26,926	\$ 27,145
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 11,926	\$ 12,145
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.50
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 172.93	\$ 182.18
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 9.25

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 \$1.7288. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.7288.

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)	\$ -315,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ -0-