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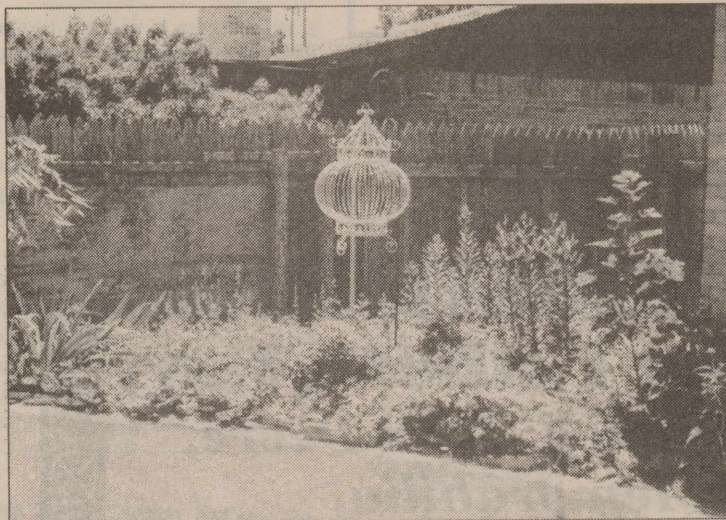
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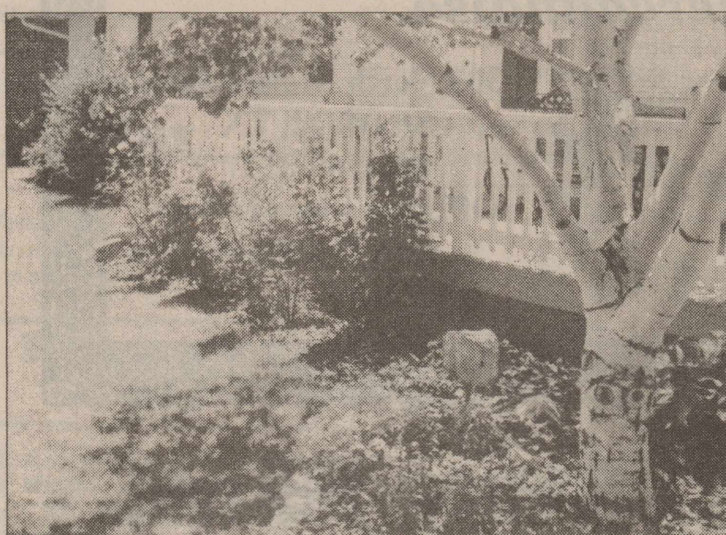
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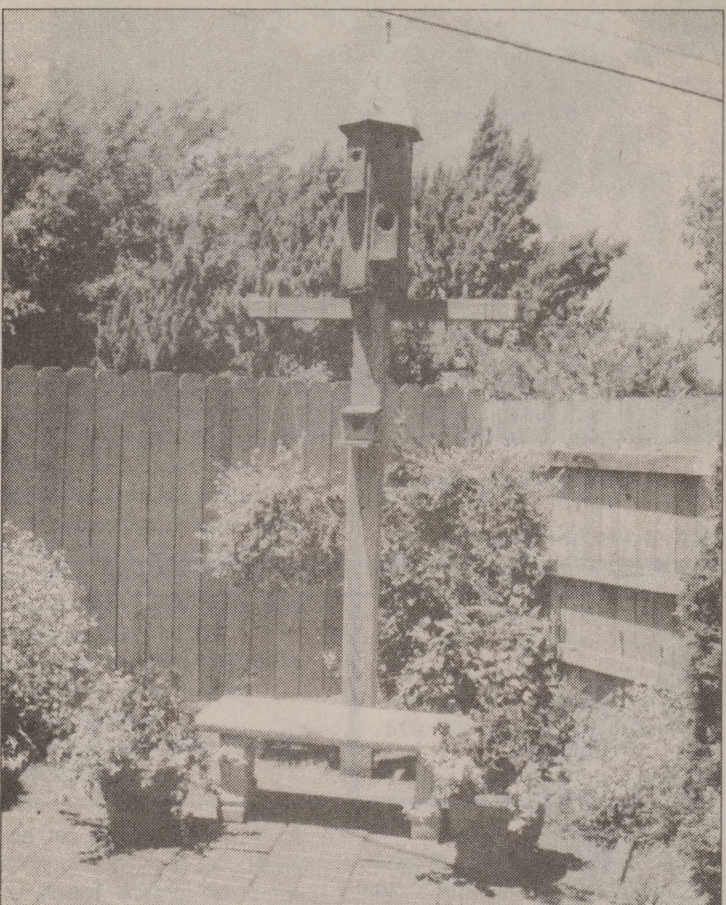
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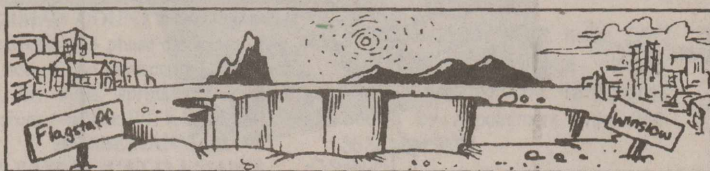
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Meteor Crater in Arizona lies between the towns of Flagstaff and Winslow. Scientists believe that a meteorite struck the Earth about 50,000 years ago and dug a hole about 4,150 feet across and 570 feet deep.

SCOT Garden Tour

SCOT will be having their annual Tour of Gardens on Saturday, June 16th, 2007. Meet at Roxy Park at 9:45 a.m. for the tour. Fee is \$5.00 a person. Refreshments will be served at the last garden on the tour. Gardens that will be visited are Curtis and Mary Carter; Gerald and Jessie Preston; John & Susan Wheeler and Gayland and Debbi Vandiver. There will also be a mystery garden. Five gardens in all. Come out Saturday and enjoy the morning touring some lovely yards in Stratford.



Curtis and Mary Carter's home

Bye Bye Birdie Production Features Local Student

Courtenay Sell of Stratford is appearing in Bye Bye Birdie. The show is produced by Broadway at Panhandle, a music theatre camp for kids ages 12 to 18. Bye Bye Birdie will be presented at 2 pm on Saturday, June 16 in the Hughes-Strong auditorium of Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, OK. Broadway at Panhandle is a week long immersion experience for students interested in the performing arts and technical theatre. The students arrive Saturday the 9th, audition, are cast in and rehearse a full scale production and present it to a public audience the following Saturday, the 16th of June. The camp is directed by Alison Bridget Chambers, BFA in Musical Theatre and Masters Candidate from New York City, originally from Dalhart, TX, who also choreographs the production. The stage direction is by Marilyn Gates, actress and director from Tulsa, OK, with music co-directed by Thesa Loving, from New York City and Tahlequah, OK and Marilyn Meyers, music teacher from Beaver, OK. The counselors include Monika Hamer, former BAP camper and University of Southern California Vocal Performance student, originally from Ulysses, KS, Scott Garrison of Guymon, OK and a student at OPSU, and Becca Blackmore, from Tulsa, OK and theatre student at Southeastern OK State University. University liaison is Tracey Gregg Boothby, Chair of Music at OPSU. The camp is sponsored by a generous grant from the Oklahoma Arts Council.

 Wise are those who learn that the bottom line doesn't always have to be their top priority.
 —William Arthur Ward

Youth Arena Workday June 19th

By Susie Spurlock

Sherman County youth organizations needing community service hours are asked to join Sherman County 4-H members to assist with painting the youth arena. The workday will take place on Tuesday, June 19, 2007. Youth are asked to meet at the Sherman County Youth Arena at 8:30 am for the county-wide community service project.

Cindy Miller, of the Youth Arena committee is coordinating this activity. The Arena committee has identified painting the arena as a part of the community beautification efforts in preparations for the Ranch Rodeo.

All supplies will be furnished and lunch will be provided. The more workers we have the sooner the job gets finished.

For more information, contact Cindy at 396-5588 or the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122.

Side Walk Sale!!

The annual side walk sale will be held on June 21st. The deals begin at 6pm and wrap up at 8pm. Please come down and support the local businesses in town and maybe even find a great bargain.

4th of July is Coming!

Listen up everyone; we need to get the 4th of July celebration rolling! If you would like to have a booth at the park this year, get to the Chamber and let me know! Spaces are on a first come first serve basis so, if you want to be in the shade you better hurry! We need food and game booths and would love to see some new faces however, we like the old ones too! Deadline to get signed up is June 22nd by 3pm.

(From the 69th District Attorney) Gutierrez Convicted

On Thursday, June 7, 2007, the Seventh Court of Appeals in Amarillo, Texas affirmed the convictions of CESAR RAY GUTTERREZ on two counts of aggravated sexual assault and two counts of indecency with a child which was tried in the 69th District Court of Moore County Texas, in August of 2005. Gutierrez, a 33 year old man, was sentenced to four life terms in prison for sexually abusing a child under the age of fourteen years.

Gutierrez was given the mandatory life sentences on all counts because he had been previously convicted of burglary with the intent to commit the offense of sexual assault in Randall County Texas on June 23, 2000.

New Hours For Library

By Sandy Baskin-Librarian

In an effort to better serve our library patrons, the Sherman County Public Library has revised the hours that we are open to the public. The new hours are Mondays 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Tuesdays-Thursday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Attention: TAXPAYERS

At a time when people are concerned about the tax increases, everyone should make an effort to be better informed about the Texas property tax system and how it functions.

Main divisions of the property tax system are:

1. APPRAISAL DISTRICT which sets the value of property based on procedures established by state laws. These values are checked each year by the Property Tax Division of the State Comptroller's Office for accuracy. An Agricultural Advisory Committee of three local farmers reviews farm and ranch land values. The Chief Appraiser operates the Appraisal District office and is employed by an eight member board. This board is elected by the taxing units.
2. APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD is a board of seven local citizens who settle any disagreements between the taxpayer and the Appraisal District concerning value.
3. LOCAL TAXING UNITS (County, city, school, hospital, other governments) decide how much revenue will be needed to operate for the coming year. They then set the tax rate which determines how much tax liability each taxpayer will have. Each taxing unit has an elected governing body.

Through the checks and balances of the system, no one person has total responsibility for your tax bill. The State Comptroller's Office annually issues "A Taxpayers Guide to Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities". Free copies are available at the Appraisal District office.

The work of locating and placing value on property is completed for the 2007 tax roll. On May 25th, taxpayers were mailed a notice of proposed value on their property. **Now is your opportunity to respond if you have questions or difference of opinion in regard to this value.**

After the Appraisal Review Board meets on July 10th and approves the records, the Appraisal District has no more authority over the value. The values then go to the taxing units in the form of an appraisal roll. At that time, the taxing units are preparing budgets and setting rates.

Most taxing units have contracted with the Appraisal District to do collection of taxes. The County Tax Assessor/Collector collects the County's taxes.

If you have any questions about the property tax system, please contact the Appraisal District Office at 402 N. Third, Stratford, or call (806) 366-5566.

Chamber Has DVD's for Sale

The STRATFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE has "Stratford Then and Now" DVD's for sale. This is a 20 minute DVD featuring a "slide show" type format of old and new pictures of Stratford. It is all set to music and just looks great! These DVD's were professionally made by Scribbles Web Design. Remember all the out of town people that might enjoy one and pass the word around. They are available for pre-order at the Stratford Chamber of Commerce and are priced at \$20.

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Cecilia Grovener Harris DeBord
1924-2007

STRATFORD - Cecilia Grovener Harris DeBord, 83, died Monday, June 4, 2007, in Amarillo.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jason Stone, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Cecilia DeBord was born March 27, 1924, in Hedley. Cecilia, affectionately known as "Punk," grew up in the community of Ring and graduated from Quail High School. On Oct. 12, 1940, she married Clarence DeBord, who preceded her in death in 1984. She spent much of her early married life as a homemaker before working for 20 years as a teacher's aide and librarian for Stratford schools. Among her favorite pastimes was entertaining and cooking for friends and family.

Survivors include four sons, Brady DeBord and Ken DeBord, both of Amarillo, Melvin DeBord of Van Alstyne and Erwin DeBord of Dallas; two sisters, Anita DeBord of Stratford and Ruby Comer of Borger; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family suggests memorials be to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 50433, Amarillo, TX 79159; or a favorite charity.

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Tumblebooks - E-Books for Kids
By Sandy Baskin-Librarian

The Sherman County Public Library now provides unlimited access to TumbleBook Library, which is an online collection of animated, talking picture books which teach young children the joys of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by taking existing picture books, adding animation, sound, music and narration to produce an electronic picture book which you can read or have read to you. The collection can be accessed on-line from the library with Internet connection, or from home through the library website at <http://www.hlc-lib.org/stratford>. All you need is your library barcode number and your PIN. If you need help, just call the library at 366-2200 for assistance.

New York Times Best Sellers @ Your Library
By Sandy Baskin-Librarian

1. The Overlook by Michael Connelly
 2. The Good Guy by Dean Koontz
 3. For One More Day by Mitch Albom
 4. The 6th Target by James Patterson
 5. Invisible Prey by John Sandford
 6. The Children of Hurin by J. R. R. Tolkien
 7. Simple Genius by David Baldacci
 8. Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult
 9. The Woods by Harlan Coben
 10. Stormy Weather by Paulette Jiles
 11. Pearl Harbor by Newt Gingrich
 12. I Heard That Song Before by Mary Higgins Clark
 13. Back on Blossom Street by Debbie Macomber
 14. Lethally Blond by Kate White
- To check the availability of these items go to www.hlc-lib.org/stratford. Next click on "Search the catalog" and search Sherman County Library. Call 366-2200 and we will be happy to place a hold on the item for you.

Summer Programs@ the Library
By Sandy Baskin-Librarian

The Sherman County Public Library will begin the Summer Reading Program on June 12th at 1:30 p.m. Reading programs will be on Tuesdays, June 12th, June 26th, & July 10th at 1:30 p.m. Children have the opportunity to read for various prizes when completing a reading log of age appropriate books checked out from the public library. Volunteers are still needed.

The library will hold "Movie Madness" on Tuesdays, June 19th, July 3rd, July 17th and July 24th and July 31st. Movies will begin at 1:30 p.m. For the current week's movie schedule or to register for the summer reading programs, please contact the library at 366-2200.

Pet of the Week



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

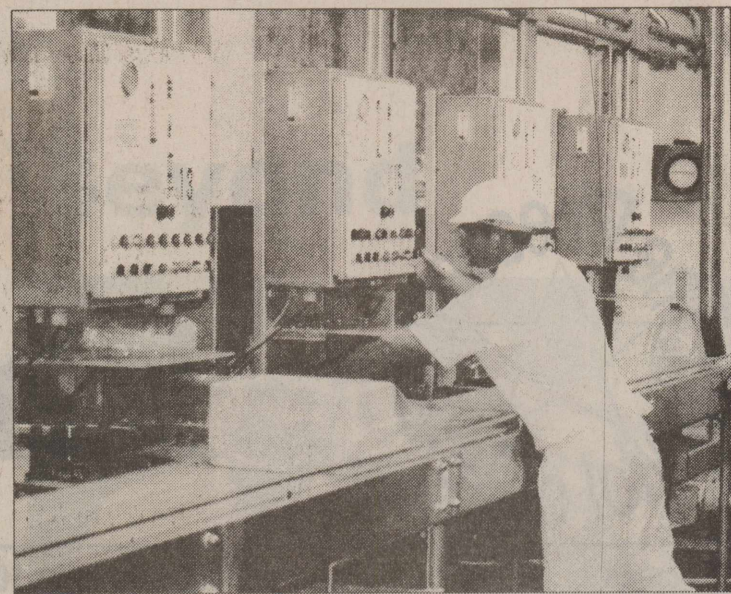
We are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide free food. AH of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216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

You can fool all the people all the time if the advertising is right and the budget is big enough.
—Joseph E. Levine

Hilmar Cheese Company Facility
Facts you may not know!

If you've driven north of Dalhart on Hwy 385 within the past few months you will have undoubtedly noticed that the skyline has changed. You only have to go about one mile out of town before you see what all the excitement is about. From the large silver receiving silos to the massive 200,000 square foot production facility, it is apparent that the Hilmar Cheese Company facility is well on its way to becoming a fully operational cheese and whey manufacturing plant. Meanwhile, Hilmar Cheese Company is busy hiring staff for the facility scheduled to open in October.

So, you may wonder, just what do people actually do in a cheese and whey processing facility and what it is like to work in the production environment? This article will explore the process and jobs involved in the cheese making side of the



Shown above a Tower Operator at the Hilmar Cheese Company in Dalhart, TX.

operation. A later article will cover the whey products process and its solids. The solids include fat, protein (in the form of whey and casein) carbohydrates (lactose) and nutrients, such as calcium and vitamin A. The goal of cheese and whey processing is to fully capture and utilize the solids in milk. Milk consists of about 87% water and 13%

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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Bill & Pat Boren toured 300 miles around the area Sunday. They checked the Palo Duro Lake near Spearman, then Lake Fisher and Wolf Creek at Perryton.

Mike McDaniel spent a week in Amarillo for various appointments.

Roy & Ciccy Harris had quite a time on their escort to the Canadian border! They had snow, rain, mud, detours. Talked to them as they were coming into Denver Monday.

Heath Collums's mother, Donna Stewart, flew in last week from Jasper, Alabama. She has been helping him since his lawn mower accident last week. A toe was sewn back on and seems to be doing okay. Mrs. Stewart has to return home this week.


Births

Winn and Stephanie Keeney of Mansfield, TX are proud to announce the birth of their son, Maddox Gray, born on March 5, 2007 in Arlington. He weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his big brother, Rider, and his grandparents, Ron and Judy Keeney of Granbury, TX and Bill and Denise Becker of Choctaw, OK. Great-grandparents are Sis Steinberger of Stratford, TX; Albert Becker of Midwest City, OK; and Patricia Pardun of Costa Mesa, CA.

Chamber to Hold Annual Photo Contest

Stratford Chamber of Commerce will be holding the annual photo contest. The theme this year is "Views from the Vista". The landscape of Sherman County is changing quickly with new dairies and wind chargers. All entries must be to the Chamber of Commerce office by June 30th, 2007. This year the top three pictures will be displayed in the Chamber's new brochure. This brochure is sent out to people all over the country! Be sure you take your cameras with you where ever you go; you never know what you might catch!



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Engagement Announced

Steve and Sandy Baskin are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Hillary, to Justin Killingsworth of College Station, TX. Justin is the son of Rob and Cathy Killingsworth of Point, TX.

The bride-elect graduated from Stratford High School in 1999 and in 2004 she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutritional Science from Texas A&M University. Hillary is employed by WIC through the Brazos Valley Community Action Agency.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate from Rains High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science in 2002 and in 2004 a Masters of Education in Agricultural Education from Texas A&M University. Justin is employed by Brenham ISD.

The couple plan to wed on August 4, 2007 at the First Baptist Church of Bryan.

Cards of Thanks

Thanks so much to all of you who shared a part in the life of our mother, Cecilia DeBord. We are so touched and appreciative of everyone who stopped by the funeral home and attended the funeral, who prepared food for us, who sent flowers and expressed their condolences. Our mother loved and cherished the 35 years that she was a part of the Stratford community and we thank you so much for honoring her presence in the world.

Brady, Ken, Melvin and Erwin - the sons of Cecilia DeBord

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U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry will have a member of his district staff available in Stratford on June 28 to assist area residents with questions or concerns related to federal issues.

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Thursday, June 28
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Commissioners' Courtroom
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Stratford, Texas

For more information, please call 806-371-8844

- First Assembly of God**
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm
- First Christian**
Rev. Walter Reed
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.
- First United Methodist**
Rev. Gene Weinette
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
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Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.
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Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.
- Heritage Bible Baptist**
Pastor Rick Carter
302 S. Main - For More Info—call 396-2212
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
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Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.
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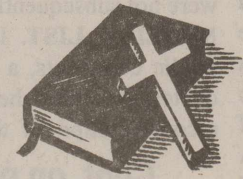
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Hilmar Cheese
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cheesemaking process captures the fat, casein protein, calcium and other vitamins.

Milk Receiver
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Vat Operator
The milk is then transferred into the cheese making facility under the control of the Vat Operator. Vat Operators manage various types of equipment using graphics-based computer systems to evaluate data, make decisions and make any necessary adjustments as the cheese is being made. This process begins with entering a specific cheese recipe (cheddar, Monterey Jack, etc.) into the computer system. To ensure high quality milk, a pasteurization system heats the milk to 162 degrees for 16 seconds. The pasteurized milk is then pumped into large cheese vats (a large enclosed tub that holds about 6,000 gallons of milk). The Vat Operator monitors the system as it adds a starter culture, which gives cheese unique textures and flavors, and rennet, which causes the milk to thicken. The only ingredient added by hand is natural orange annatto, which is only added if color is desired for cheddar and Colby. The Vat Operator oversees the computer operation of many vats at different stages in the process. Each vat cuts, cooks and stirs the product thus creating curds (the solid product) and whey (the liquid co-product). The whey is drained and the curds are pumped onto the cheese belt - a special enclosed conveyor belt that allows any remaining whey to drain. The Vat Operator monitors the cheese belt to assure that the curds remain at a set temperature and adjusts the salt added to the curd. Salt is added to enhance the flavor and preserve the cheese. The Vat Operator uses "in-process results" to make immediate test infiltration from the laboratory - to make adjustments throughout the process. Critical thinking and decision making is an essential skill for Vat Operators.

Tower Operator
Once the cheese curds leave the belt, the Tower Operator takes over. The Tower Operator monitors the cheese towers as they fill and form the curds into blocks of cheese. Tower Operators position plastic bags onto the towers for the 40-pound blocks of cheese and operate the bag sealer. The Tower Operator works in an active, fast-paced environment.

Boxer Operator
As the bagged 40-pound block of cheese is boxed, palletized and wrapped for storage and shipment, the Boxer Operator enters the correct information for the label machine to create bar codes. The Boxer Operator monitors the scale and activates the automatic boxing and palletizing equipment. This person drives a forklift to obtain cardboard boxes, box liners and other supplies. Attention to detail is required for this fast paced process to assure proper labeling and quality control of finished packaging.

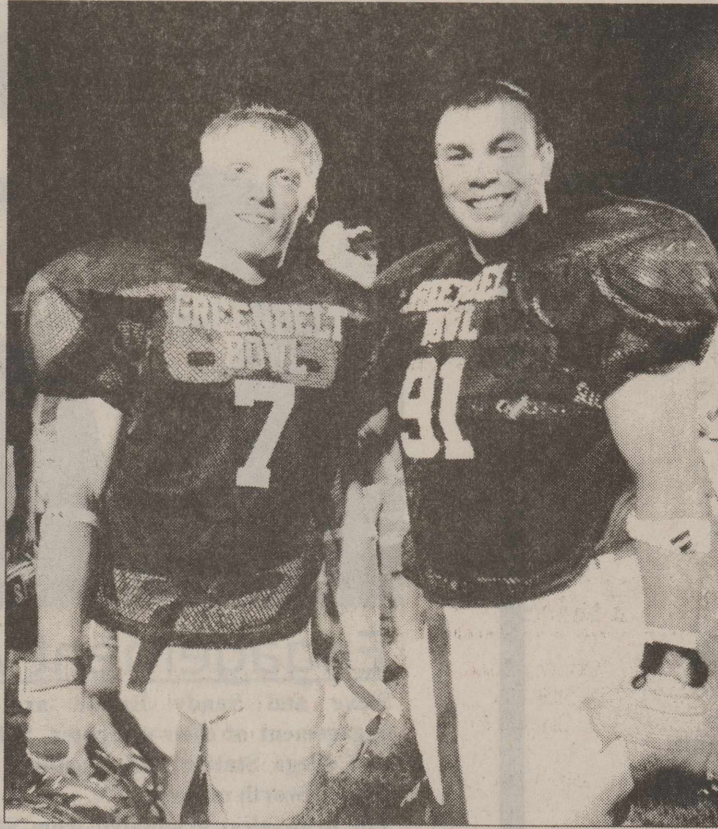
Warehouse Operator
A Warehouse Operator controls the pallets of cheese. Using hand-held scanners to read bar codes, Warehouse Operators set specific blocks aside for sampling and place the pallets of cheese in cold storage for aging. Warehouse Operators work with truck drivers, carefully reviewing paperwork and matching documents to prepare and load the trucks that deliver the aged cheese to customers.

One of Hilmar Cheese Company's core values is "people are our most valuable resource." The company is proud to offer opportunities for additional training and advancement. All Hilmar Cheese Company employees receive essential training in safety, good manufacturing practices and sanitation. Additionally, employees are technically trained in each production area and in the specific operation and cleaning of equipment. To assure the safety of employees and our product, Hilmar Cheese Company provides clean uniforms daily and all necessary personal protective equipment. Most jobs are comfortably performed in a temperature controlled environment of 70-85° F. Warehouse Operators, who are working in the cheese storage cold building, are provided insulated suits and gloves. To get a better idea of how all of this happens, Hilmar Cheese Company's

website, www.hilmarcheese.com, offers a virtual tour of the cheese making process. Stay tuned...the next segment will provide information on the jobs involved in whey processing.

Hilmar Cheese Company Dalhart
Facility Site: 40 acres
Building Size: Approximately 200,000 square feet
Initial Milk Received: 250,000 gallons per day, Fall 2007
Production begins: October 2007
Initial Cheese Capacity: up to 500,000 pounds of cheese per day.
Products: American-style natural cheeses such as Cheddar, Colby and Monterey Jack and WPC (whey protein concentrate) for nutritional supplements such as protein bars, nutritional drinks and livestock feed.
Sizes: Initially 40-pound blocks of cheese shipped to food service and wholesale customers who slice and package the cheese for retail customers.
Investment: \$190 million over 10 years
Employment: Hiring process has begun. [Applyonline@hilmarcheese.com](http://www.hilmarcheese.com), Employment.

About Hilmar Cheese Company
Located in California's Central Valley, Hilmar Cheese Company was established in 1984 by 12 local dairy farm families. Privately owned, the company employs more than 650 local residents, making it one of Merced County's largest employers. Since its inception, Hilmar Cheese Company has been dedicated to processing high-quality cheese and whey products. The company currently produces a variety of cheese including Cheddar, Monterey Jack, Pepper Jack, Colby, Colby-Jack and Mozzarella. The whey is processed into Whey Protein Concentrate, used as an ingredient in many foods including nutritional beverages and bars; and Lactose is marketed internationally as an ingredient in confections and infant formula. Committed to continuous improvement and innovation, Hilmar Cheese Company is recognized world-wide as a leader in dairy products manufacturing. www.hilmarcheese.com.



Hudson & Beltran Compete in Greenbelt Bowl June 9th

Scott Hudson, left and Martin Beltran played for the North team in the Greenbelt Bowl All-Star Classic held Saturday, June 9, 2007 in Childress, Texas. The game ended in a tie with the South 17-17. Great Game Guys!

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OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments

and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the

information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive



Luna & McDaniel Compete in Queen's Pageant

LaRissa Luna and Merilee McDaniel, queen nominees of Scott Hudson and Martin Beltran competed in the Greenbelt Bowl Queen's pageant. LaRissa Luna was second Runner-Up and recipient of a \$150 scholarship to the school of her choice and Merilee was a top ten finalist. Congratulations to these two young ladies.

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House for Sale: 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, 2250 sq. ft. Close to Schools 1216 Olive. Will show by appt. Call Johnny or Nita Hudson 366-3584. 5-24-tfn

For Sale: 816 N. Maple, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 story home. Call 753-6677 or 366-7664-lv message 5-17-tfn

REDUCED: 3 Bdrm, 1 1/2 bath on large corner lot, 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Call 366-2153 for appointment. 10-21-tfn

For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath- 2 1/2 bath, CHI/A detached garage, Big back yard with storage building. Close to school 366-2401. 5-5-tfn

For Sale

For Sale: 2000 Mercury Grand Marquis LS 60,000 miles \$8500.00 1998 Super cab Ford (Black) Nice pickup \$7,000. Call 806-674-3118 and ask for Barry 6-14-c

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Honor Rolls

Mary Allen Elementary
Honor Roll
6th Six Weeks
3rd Grade

- Wesley Allen
- Holton Butler
- Juan Camberos
- Yadhira Chavoya
- Kevin Hernandez
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- Orlando Mayorga Gonzales
- John McBroom
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4th Grade

- Austin Aduddell
- Landry Davis
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- Vanessa Mendoza
- Madison Mungia
- Tyler Rouse
- Jordan Ruiz
- Rett Schoonover
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- Colton Summers
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Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Panda Sherman Ethanol, LP at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Ralph Killian at 972-361-1200. Issuance Date: April 16, 2007 Published in The Stratford Star Thursday, June 14, 2007.

Comision de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas
AVISO DE RECIBO DE LA SOLICITUD Y EL INTENTO DE OBTENER PERMISO PARA LA CALIDAD DEL AGUA
PERMISO PROPUESTO NO. WQ0004825000

SOLICITUD. Panda Sherman Ethanol, L.P., 4100 Carretera Spring Valley, Oficina 1002, Dallas, Texas, 75244, la cual operara una planta de etanol ha solicitado a la Comision de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ) el Permiso de Disposicion de Aguas Residuales No. WQ0004825000 para las disposicion de aguas residuales tratadas en un volumen que no sobrepase un flujo promedio de 140,000 galones via irrigacion de 80 acres de terrenos para la agricultura. La Planta Sherman y el area de disposicion estan ubicadas a 4.5 millas al noreste de la ciudad de Stratford, y adyacente a y al oeste de la Carretera Estatal 287 en el Condado de Sherman, Texas. La TCEQ recibio esta solicitud el 9 de marzo de 2007. La solicitud para el permiso esta disponible para leerla y copiarla en la Casa de Ayuntamiento del Condado de Sherman, 701 Calle Tres Norte, Stratford, Texas.

AVISO ADICIONAL. El Director Ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud es administrativamente completa y conducira una revision tecnica de la solicitud. Despues de completar la revision tecnica, el Director Ejecutivo puede preparar un borrador del permiso y emitira una Decision Preliminar sobre la solicitud. El aviso de la solicitud y la decision preliminar seran publicados y enviado a los que estan en la lista de correo de las personas a lo largo del condado que desean recibir los avisos y los que estan en la lista de correo que desean recibir avisos de esta solicitud. El aviso dara la fecha limite para someter comentarios publicos.

COMENTARIO PUBLICO / REUNION PUBLICA. Usted puede presentar comentarios publicos o pedir una reunion publica sobre esta solicitud. El proposito de una reunion publica es dar la oportunidad de presentar comentarios o hacer preguntas acerca de la solicitud. La TCEQ realiza una reunion publica si el Director Ejecutivo determina que hay un grado de interes publico suficiente en la solicitud o si un legislador local lo pide. Una reunion publica no es una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso. **OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO.** Despues del plazo para presentar comentarios publicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerara todos los comentarios apropiados y preparara una respuesta a todos los comentarios publicos esenciales, pertinentes, o significativos. A menos que la solicitud haya sido referida directamente a una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, la respuesta a los comentarios y la decision del Director Ejecutivo sobre la solicitud secan enviados por correo a todos los que presentaron un comentario publico y a las personas que estan en la lista para recibir avisos sobre esta solicitud. Si se reciben comentarios, el aviso tambien proveera instrucciones para pedir una reconsideracion de la decision del Director Ejecutivo y para pedir una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso. Una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso es un procedimiento legal similar a un procedimiento legal civil en un tribunal de distrito del estado.

PARA PEDIR UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO, USTED DEBE INCLUIR EN SU PEDIDO LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS: su nombre; direccion; telefono; nombre del solicitante y numero del permiso; la ubicacion y la distancia de su propiedad/actividad con respecto a la instalacion; una description especifica de la forma como usted seria afectado adversamente por el sitio de una manera no comun al publico en general; y la declaration "[Yo/nosotros] solicito/solicitamos un/a audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso." Si presenta por parte de un grupo o asociacion el pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, debe identificar el nombre y la direccion de una persona que representa al grupo para recibir correspondencia en el futuro; debe identificar un miembro del grupo que seria afectado adversamente por la planta o la actividad propuesta; debe proveer la informacion ya indicada anteriormente con respecto a la ubicacion del miembro afectado y la distancia de la planta o actividad propuesta; debe explicar como y porque el miembro seria afectado y como los intereses que el grupo desea proteger son pertinentes al proposito del grupo.

Despues del cierre de los periodos para los pedidos y comentarios, el Director Ejecutivo enviara la solicitud y los pedidos para reconsideracion o por una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideration en una reunion programada de la Comision. La Comision otorgara solamente una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso sobre los hechos reales disputados del caso que son pertinentes y esenciales para la decision de la Comision sobre la solicitud. Ademas, la Comision solo otorgara una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso sobre los asuntos que fueron presentados antes del plazo de vencimiento y que no fueron retirados posteriormente.

LISTA DE CORREO. Si somete comentarios publicos, un pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o una reconsideracion de la decision del Director Ejecutivo, la Oficina del Secretario Principal enviara por correo los avisos publicos en relation con la solicitud. Ademas, puede pedir que la TCEQ ponga su nombre en una o mas de las listas correos siguientes (1) la lista de correo permanente para recibir los avisos del solicitante indicado por nombre y numero del permiso especifico y/o (2) la lista de correo de todas las solicitudes en un condado especifico. Si desea que se agregue su nombre a una de las listas, designe cual lista(s) y envie por correo su pedido a la Oficina del Secretario Principal de la TCEQ.

CONTACTOS E INFORMACION DE LA TCEQ. Todos los comentarios escritos del publico y los pedidos para una reunion deben ser presentados a la Oficina del Secretario Principal, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. Si necesita mas informacion en espanol sobre esta solicitud para un permiso o el proceso del permiso, por favor llame a la Oficina de Asistencia al Piiblica de la TCEQ, sin cobro, al 1-800-687-4040. La informacion general sobre la TCEQ puede ser encontrada en nuestro sitio de la red: www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Puede obtener informacion adicional sobre Panda Sherman Ethanol, L.P. a la direccion indicada arriba o comunicandose con el Sr. Ralph Killian al 972-361-1200.

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California Raisin Banana Energy Bars

1 cup quick-cooking oats
1 cup chopped nuts
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup honey
1 cup California Raisins
1 cup dried banana chips
1 cup honey-coated graham cereal squares

Heat oven to 350°F. In an 8- or 9-inch square pan, combine oats and nuts. Bake 20 minutes or until oats are golden brown, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile, stir butter, brown sugar and honey together in medium saucepan. Cook over medium heat until mixture boils.

Measure raisins, banana chips and cereal squares into large bowl. Add toasted oats and nuts. Pour cooked mixture over all and toss to coat thoroughly. Generously butter same square pan. Press mixture firmly and evenly into bottom of pan. Cool. Cut into 2-inch square bars.

Yields 16 square bars.

Government in the U.S. today is a senior partner in every business in the country.

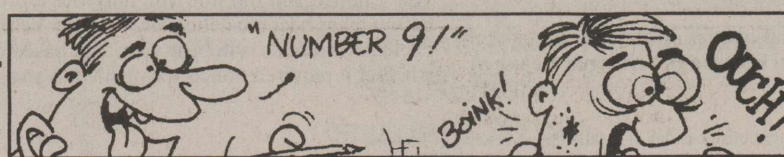
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It is unfortunate we can't buy many business executives for what they are worth and sell them for what they think they are worth.

—Malcolm Forbes



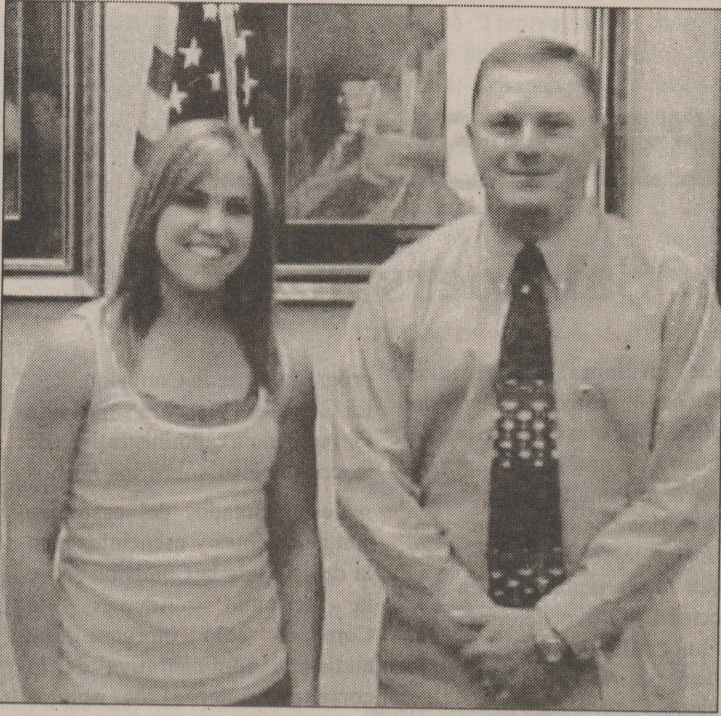
Czar Peter the Great of Russia put a tax on men's beards and a clerk at the gate of every town to collect it.



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Lions Club Serves

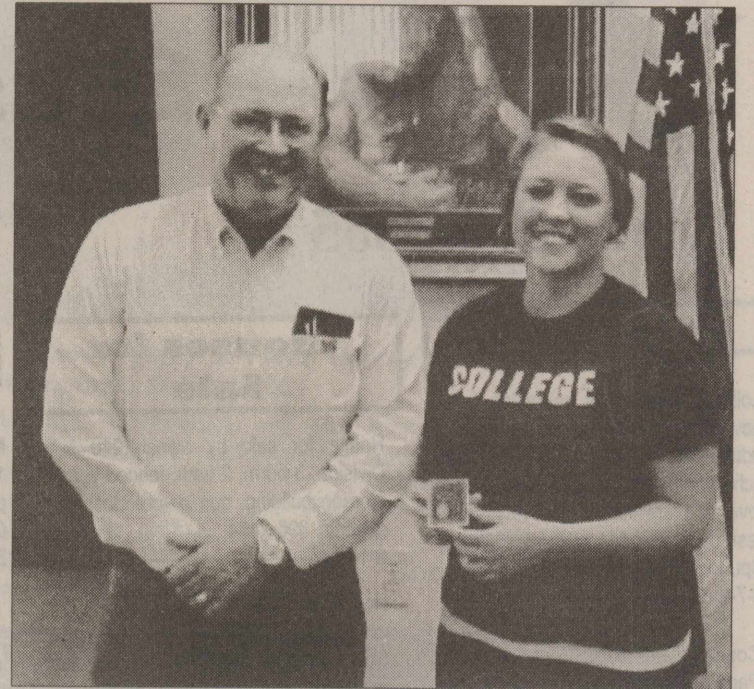
Community & Beyond



Next year's Queen and President, Kristen Crabtree and Tim Gilliland



Club President Jack Haile passing gavel to next year's President Tim Gilliland



Former Club President Griff Lasley presenting necklace to Former Lions Club Queen Haley Buckles.

LIONS CLUB SERVES COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

The Stratford Lions Club has been involved in several projects this year that have benefited people in Stratford, the community as a whole and even some on an international level. The Lions Club motto is "We Serve". In order to reach this goal of service, we conduct two major fundraisers each year. These are the Pheasant Hunters Breakfast in December and the Broom Sale in May.

Some of the projects we contributed to in the past year are:

Disaster relief for Cactus and Greensburg	\$600
Eyeglasses for local school children	\$730
CASA	\$500
Stratford Youth Baseball	\$200
Disaster relief for hurricane victims	\$100
Stratford Fire Department (wild fires)	\$100
Area Fire relief (wild fires)	\$500
Coat and shoe fund for needy children	\$300
Stratford ISD Education Foundation	\$500
International Lions Club Foundation	\$500
Sherman County 4H state competition expense	\$259

Lions Club also prepares and serves the Stratford Jamboree BBQ meal. All proceeds go to the Jamboree fund.

Membership in Lions Club is open to men and women who would like to help their communities. If you are interested in joining us, please contact any club member.



Lions Group
Front (L-R) - Joanie Ivy, Bill Riffe, Dean Hauser, Merilee McDaniel, Terri Carter, Griff Lasley, Walter Reed, Doak Crabtree Back (L-R) - ER Bell, Walter Lasley, Ward Palmer, Jack Haile, Rex Sladek, Ronnie Brooks, Duane Pittman, Tim Gilliland



Former Lions Club Queen Evan Haile and Current Queen Merilee McDaniel receiving necklaces from Club President Jack Haile.



Terri Carter presenting appreciation gift to Becky Brooks for preparing meals for weekly meetings.



The Romans wrote all numbers using some combination of only seven symbols: I for 1, V for 5, X for 10, L for 50, C for 100, D for 500 and M for 1,000.

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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

Many problems can be corrected by the Appraisal District staff without the taxpayer needing to file a protest. The staff will hold informal hearings with taxpayers in person or by telephone. If you have any questions please contact the Appraisal District.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your

hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

Sherman County Appraisal Dist.
402 N 3rd
PO Box 239
Stratford TX 79084

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. As an alternative and within the same time period, you may file a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district in certain cases.

Tax Payment

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at Sherman County Appraisal Dist.
402 N 3rd
PO Box 239
Stratford TX 79084
(806) 366-5566

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB* June 25, 2007

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of

your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.