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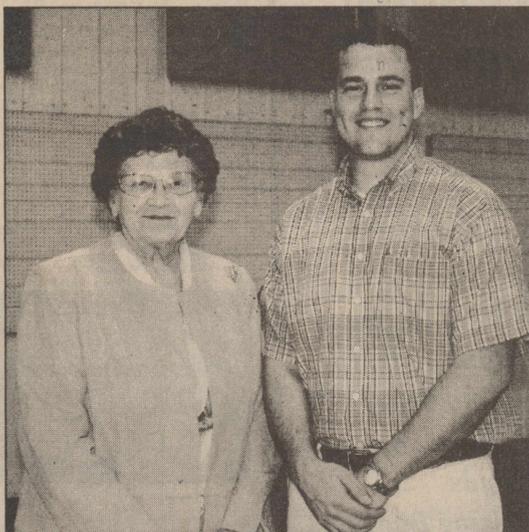
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Shown above Grace Shafer and Adam Bell. Shown at left Penny Boyd. Story of Area Foundation meeting on page 5



David Boggs Returns as Coldwater Manor Administrator

Stratford Hospital District would like to welcome back Mr. Boggs as our new administrator at Coldwater Manor.

Mr. Boggs was our Coldwater Administrator from 1993-2000. He left and served at Hilltop Haven in Gunter, Texas and Granbury Villa in Granbury, Tex.

Mr. Boggs has been a nursing home administrator for 17 years. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Education from Auckland University in Auckland, New Zealand, and his Masters degree in Gerontology from Texas Tech University

There will be a reception on Sunday, May 4th at Coldwater Manor from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. so our community can welcome back David and his wife Jeanie. We will also welcome new Board Members D'Lynn Reed and George Bonds and thank Retiring Board members Kenton Kimball and Kathie Altman for their service to the board.

Free Mulch Available

Mulch is available for free at the City of Stratford Recycling Center during business hours.



First Grade students of Mary Allen Elementary were able to pet a little chick at "On the Farm" animals day on Thursday, April 23 at the Imagination Station.



"On the Farm" at The Imagination Station, checking out the cotton stripper is a small group of the 200 students and teachers attending the Crops session on Tuesday, April 22.

Week of the Young Child "On the Farm"

Tuesday, April 22, exhibit of Crops and Machinery was attended by 200 students and teachers, Pre K through 1st grade from Gruver, Plainview/Griggs, Dalhart, Boise City and Stratford. Shawn Meidenger furnished the Combine, Wes Spurlock furnished the cotton stripper and Rick Reed furnished the tractor/planter. Volunteers included, Billy and Jeanne Bell, Ineta Chesher, Billy Elliott, Laurie Spurlock, Jill Killian, Don and Gaynelle Riffe. The Stratford Grain Co Crew jumped in to help the children up and down the equipment. The Stratford City Police blocked off the street and monitored the activities.

Thursday's Exhibit: "Animals on the Farm" was attended by 200 students and teachers from Stratford, Dalhart, Sunray, Plainview/Griggs, and Gruver. County Agent David Graf helped secure, Sheep from Max Christian; Bottle Calf from the Leron Boys; goat, Llama, rooster from Joe Rangel; turkeys from the Hamptons; baby chicks, heifer and puppies from the Killians; Sow and Piglets from Jack Swain; Horse from CeCe Yelk; Horse and Wagon from the Riffe's; Baby Kittens from Don Riffe (and will be ready to adopt in 5 weeks); Animal pens and cages from Reed's and E.R. Bell. National Honor Society volunteers: Yadira Rojas, Michael Frizzell, Jennie Spurlock, Chandra Hawkins, Brook Barnard, Michael Reinart, Jordan Confer, Austin Riffe, Margarita Rocha, Becky Rosalas. Other volunteers David Graf, Laurie Spurlock, Jeanne Bell, Don Riffe, Joe Rangel, Alex Alduvez, CeCe Yelk, Karen and Andy Riffe, Gaynelle Riffe, Terri Teig. Pen set up and take down. Rowdy and Ransom Leron, Kyle and Kaleb Horsford, Brent Reed, Britten Pickens. Traffic control, Stratford Police Dept.

Note: The "On the Farm" Exhibit filled very quickly and we were sorry some Stratford students were not able to attend. We are thinking in the future we might hold the exhibits until 5:00 p.m. so students and parents can attend after school. We did have the China exhibit last fall open several days for the public and no attended. All we can do is try to share the fun.

Early Voting

Early voting is April 28, 2008 through May 6, 2008 for the local option election in the County & District clerk's office. Election Day is May 10, 2008.

Red Hat to Meet

Red Hat Society will meet on Thursday, May 1st at 6 p.m. at Elk Junction.

SCOT Selling Memorial Day Flowers

SCOT is selling Memorial Day flowers. Prices range from \$6.00 to \$20.00. For more information and to see the flowers call Karen Perrin at 396-2097.

Band Contest 2008

Stratford's Big Blue Band competed in UIL Concert and Sight-reading at Boys Ranch on April 17th. Under the direction of Randy Hunsaker, the band performed Midway March, Blue Ridge Saga, and They Led My Lord Away. The band was judged in three main areas: tone, technique, and musicianship. All three concert judges gave Stratford a final rating of "I". Some of the comments from the critique sheets are "Holy Smokes! What a great band - really fine playing from everyone," and "Beautiful Job!!!" Stratford also received straight ones in Sight-reading. The judges gave enthusiastic comments on the band's abilities in this area as well. "This is a great band with a great tradition. I look forward to seeing you again in 1 A." "This was a truly fine performance."

While several sections of the band were specifically praised for their expertise, the one most important factor was that they produced "solid ensemble sounds." The judges were most impressed by how well they all worked together.

All of the judges gave high praises but there was one that summed it up the best by saying, "It is obvious that a lot of great teaching and learning is going on. You have yourselves and your fine band director to thank for this accomplishment. Be sure you do so!!!"

Alcohol Issue Expected to Draw Voters to the Polls

By Ameer Allen

Editors Note: due to the level of controversy that the alcohol vote has created within the community, the Stratford Star felt that this issue would best be covered by an unbiased party. A special thank you goes out to Ameer Allen for doing us this service. Ameer has worked for six years as the Journalism Adviser at Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe, Texas where she advises the school newspaper and yearbook as well as teaches English and journalism.

The upcoming May 10 election is once again creating heated debate among Sherman County residents. Because last year's measure was decided by only three votes, people on both sides of the alcohol issue encourage voters to get out and make sure their voice is heard.

"Don't sit at home and think it is going to go your way," County Clerk Gina Jones said. "If people don't get out and vote, they have nobody to blame but themselves."

On the ballot is whether to make Sherman County wet. More specifically, whether to allow package stores to sell alcoholic beverages for off premise consumption. If the measure passes, grocery stores and gas stations can sell beer and wine, and liquor stores can open with certain restrictions. Unlike last year's measure, this vote will not allow on-site drinking such as in restaurants or bars.

Proponents of the idea argue many local residents drink alcohol and are forced to purchase in neighboring towns Dumas and Cactus. They believe the sale of alcohol would help bring in revenue to the community.

"This will help keep Stratford businesses in business," said Angela Harbour, who started the petition to get the measure on the ballot. "If people do not have to drive out of town to buy alcohol, they will shop locally for other things as well."

Harbour, who wants to open a package store in the area, said this will also improve the economy by bringing in new businesses to the area.

Those against the measure say some of these new businesses are not wanted in Sherman County. Not only that, residents will still drive out of town to shop.

"It's a moot point," Baptist preacher Jason Stone said. "(Selling Alcohol) won't bring in more revenue to our city. We don't have a Wal-Mart—people are going to drive to Dumas anyway. We don't

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Crabtree State Bound

SHS senior Kristen Crabtree won the gold medal in both the 3200 M Run and 1600 M Run. Kristen ran a time of 11:57.43 in the 3200 and a 5:22.69 in the 1600 M run. Kristen will compete at the state meet in Austin on Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10. Kristen is the daughter of Doak and Lisa Crabtree. Good Luck Kristen!!!

Reflective Vest for Walkers and Bicyclist

It's summer time, everyone is out walking or riding a bike. Sometimes it's hard to see you early in the morning or late at night. Thanks to Happy State Bank and First State Bank for purchasing reflective vests. These will be sold at the banks and Stratford EMS Building anytime during the day for \$5.00 each. All proceeds will go to the Stratford EMT Association so we may better serve our community. Be safe this summer and wear a reflective vest while out exercising. One size fits all. Have a safe and productive summer.

VOTE



FARMERS

Teacher of The Month
Desine Garza

April 2008

Thank you for Your Commitment To our kids!!

Diane, Patty & Joanie



Teacher of the Month

Desine Garza is our teacher of the month for April. When you see her around town, be sure and thank her for all she does for our kids.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH - APRIL 2008

NAME: DESINEGARZA
FAMILY: Husband - Jamie
Children - Marcos age 13, Desinya age 10
HOBBIES: reading, hanging out with family
WHAT GRADE DO YOU TEACH: 4th grade
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING: 14 years
WHY DID YOU BECOME A TEACHER: Teaching is something I have wanted to do since my first day of kindergarten! I always knew that's what I wanted to do.
WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT TEACHING: The best thing is when a student has struggled with a concept and they finally get it. Seeing them have success is an awesome thing to witness.
WORDS OF WISDOM OR MOTTO ABOUT TEACHING: I always tell my students that "can't" is not acceptable. They "can" if they try. All it takes is a little effort and perseverance.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Even though we ourselves are not big drinkers, we do enjoy a beer once in awhile. I don't understand the people who want to keep Sherman County dry. The money people would use to buy the beer or wine, etc. would be helping our local business instead of helping another town.

I'm sure that people who have the signs in their yards have friends or family that drink once in awhile. Why would they want them to have to make a run to Cactus for more when they run out at their party (a 40 mile trip) when they could run down to the local beer depot (2 a few to 8 blocks) and finally voting NO is not going to stop anyone from drinking. So why not vote yes and help keep the revenue in town, we already have the drinkers.

Carl & Anna Dretske

Dear Editor:

Over the past several months there has been much discussion about the upcoming vote for Sherman County to allow alcohol sales. There are good people on both sides of this issue that have valid personal concerns. The voters will decide the outcome in the May 10 election. In an attempt to make sure all voters know the truth and are aware of the facts, we ask several questions to our local officials and leaders that are the most qualified to answer. Once you know the facts, please take the time to vote.

Our first question that we sought was the amount of money that Sherman County would receive from the sale of alcohol. Doris Parsons, Sherman County

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No Time for Tears

Written by a Animal Control Officer in the Fort Worth Area

It's so easy to condemn that person with the pole
But when you look you see just one and not the picture as a whole
This isn't just a job to us, this is our everyday
We see the battered bodies and broken spirits and can't just walk away
Some of them seem to know that we are there to help
And for most it's the only love they have ever felt
We didn't create the problem but it's our job to stop the pain
Sometimes there are so many it feels like it's in vain
I wish that you could see the questions in their eyes
Answers that we don't have, we can't tell them why
As they lie there on the table and take that final breath
Our only comfort is, they won't be cold or hungry after death
There is no time for tears but you can't imagine how we feel
And the wounds that are inflicted will take far too long to heal
We carry around the guilt for the ones we couldn't save
But we'll come again tomorrow for the new ones here that day
They won't know why you've left them or what it was they'd done
We know you won't be back but they'll still wait for you to come
Sometimes it makes us angry and we don't understand
How you can make this mess but their deaths are on our hands
We will not give up, we will continue in our fight
To try and stop the hurt and try to end their plight
I hope that you can see we are not the ones to blame
Now on the streets or in the shelter will you still look at us the same?

Signed: Your Local Animal Control Officer

Reminder: Deadline for Stratford Star is Mondays at 12 noon

If you know you have something to put in after 12 noon please call and arrange it ahead of time.
Thank you

Stratford Hospital Board

will have a reception
Sunday May 4th
from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
at Coldwater Manor
to welcome Back David Boggs as Coldwater Manor Administrator
and to welcome new board members D'Lynn Reed and George Bonds
and to Thank Retiring Board members Kenton Kimball and Kathie Altman



Guymon, Okla

Movies Beginning May 2

- Ironman
PG-13 Robert Downey, Jr.
SPECIAL SHOWING Thursday May 1
R Jason Segel Kristin Bell
- Forgetting Sarah Marshall
R Jason Segel Kristin Bell
- 21
PG-13 Kate Bosworth Kevin Spacey
- Forbidden Kingdom
PG-13 Jet Li Jackie Chan
- Prom Night
PG-13 Brittany Snow
- Nim's Island
PG Jodie Foster Abigail Breslin
- Leatherheads
PG-13 George Clooney Renee Zellweger
- Drillbit Taylor
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Never speak of yourself to others; make them talk about themselves instead: Therein lies the whole art of pleasing.
—J.E de Goncourt

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Kelsie Keener

Kelsie Keener - Kelsie is a member of the Lady Elk cross county, basketball and track teams. She is also a member of the big blue band and a cheerleader. Kelsie is a freshman at Stratford High,

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Quotes from Local Officials:

"Sherman County gets NO SALES TAX from the sale of alcohol."
Doris Parsons, Sherman Co. Treasurer

"The City of Stratford would only receive 1.5% of the total alcohol sales in tax revenue."
Kathy Rendon, City Treasurer

"It will be more difficult to maintain the level of safety should the vote pass. My budget would also increase by \$80,000-\$85,000 next year."
Gregg Mullins, Stratford Chief of Police

"Through my observations in different communities, teenage use of alcohol is more prevalent when it is easily accessible."
Ashley Hartsell, Stratford High School Principal



"Youth who drink alcohol are 7.5 times more likely to use any illicit drug, More than 22 times more likely to use marijuana, and 50 times more likely to use cocaine, than youth who never drank!"

Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse



"In 2005, underage drinkers consumed 20.3 percent of all alcohol sold in Texas, totalling \$ 1.7 billion in sales."

Miller T.R., Levy, D.T., Spicer, R.S., & Taylor, D.M. 2006
Journal of Studies of Alcohol, 67[4],519-528

Know the facts! Protect our kids!

"Across the state of Texas, alcohol is the most widely used and abused drug among students."
2006 Texas School Survey of Secondary Students

"In 2005, underage drinking cost the citizens of Texas \$5.2 billion. These costs include medical care, work loss, and pain and suffering associated with multiple problems resulting from the use of alcohol by youth. This translates to a cost of \$2,209/year for each youth in the state."

Miller T.R., Levy, D.T., Spicer, R.S., & Taylor, D.M. 2006
Journal of Studies of Alcohol, 67[4],519-528



"Alcohol kills 6.5 times more young people than all other illegal drugs combined."

Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation

This is an extremely important vote for the citizens of Stratford.

If you need a ride to the polls on Saturday, May 10th, please feel free to call 806-396-5554 for complimentary transportation to and from the polls.

STRATFORD NEEDS YOU!



VOTE "NO" On The Sale of Alcohol

Early vote until May 6th!





It Pays To Look In The

Star Classifieds

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Phone 366-5885

..The Best Salesperson Around

Help Wanted

Part-time help wanted: Acquisitions is looking for someone (18 or over) to work part time. Must be available to work most Saturdays. Please contact Karen of Dana at 496-5691 or apply in person.
5-1-p

A&I Parts Center in Stratford is looking for a full time warehouse employee, job duties include stocking parts and pulling orders as well as other duties. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Applicants must be dependable. Benefits include health insurance, vacation and holiday pay. Contact Bryan at 806-366-5561. We are an equal opportunity employer.
3-13-tfn

City of Stratford (pop. 1991) is seeking candidates for CITY ADMINISTRATOR for a Type A Municipality. The City owns and operates the municipal water and sewer system, cemetery, recycling facility and contracts the waste disposal services. Three to five years of municipal management experience is preferred. Degree in public administration or equivalent experience desired. Strong skills required in interpersonal communication, financial planning, budgeting, and economic development. Send resume with references, salary history and requirements to:
City of Stratford
Box 188
Stratford, Texas 79084 or phone (806) 366-5581. Resumes accepted until May 9, 2008
5-8-3x's

Beautiful Handmade Memorial Day flowers and sprays. Call Sandy Williams 366-5330 for pricing and styles. Delivery to Stratford on May 25, 2008.
5-21-c-5x's

Counter Sales Person needed at A&I Parts in Stratford. Applicants must be dependable. Benefits include Health Insurance, vacation and holiday pay. Contact Coby at 806-366-5592. We are an equal opportunity employer.
3-6-tfn

The difference between the almost right word and the right word is really a large matter - 'tis the difference between the lightning bug and the lightning.
—Mark Twain

For Sale

For Sale: 2007 Kawasaki KXF 250, Great Condition \$5000 Call 806-769-4446
4-24-c

For Sale in Stratford: North of Cemetery-1998 16 ft. x 69 ft. mobil home on 2 acres. 2-Horse barns, corals & fenced pasture. Very clean. Call 366-7654 before 7 p.m. Please
5-22-4x's-c

For sale: Approx. 1000 sq. ft. of oatmeal colored carpet. Good Condition. \$500.00. For more information call 806-753-7644.
5-2-3x-s

BED-\$250-Brand Name King PT Mattress Set. NEW in plastic, warranty 806-341-6233.
2-7-08-tfn

NEW QUEEN Pillow Top mattress set. Unopened, w/warranty. Sacrifice \$150 806-341-6233.
2-7-08-tfn

Mattress Set-Queen orthopedic \$140 Must Sell, Still in plastic. 806-341-6233.
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A brand new twin mattress and box. Sealed in plastic w/warranty \$100-806-341-6233.
2-7-08-tfn

Full size mattress set-Brand new, still in package. Sell for \$125. 806-341-6233.
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\$20,000

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\$89,900

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Sherman Co., Cactus, Texas
\$159,500

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of Sec. 108
\$256,000

Commercial Property
501 S. Poplar Stratford
\$29,900

301 N. Poplar Stratford
\$275,000

Ranch style home for sale by owner. 619 N. 5th; 2354 total sq. ft. 1980 sq. ft ground level plus an additional 374 sq. ft. basement. 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 baths. Master suite w/large master bath. 2 fireplaces plus central heat/air. Sits on 3 1/2 lots, detached two car garage, covered patio, and privacy fence. 24 x 30 additional shop. Basement has one bedroom plus a large media room. Sprinkler system front/back. A home you must see! Call 753-7315 or 753-6484 for appointment.
2-28-tfn

2 houses for sale:
514 N. 8th Street
2 bedroom, new windows & doors, new fence, 2 storage sheds, garden space and some cement in backyard, new siding, 800 sq. ft.
719 N. Pearl Stratford, TX fixer upper. 2 bedrooms, satellite dish, 1 bath, needs around \$10,000 in work but is livable. Will sell both houses for \$20,000. Contact Ron Solberg- 505-632-2044 (New Mexico) or 806-366-3049 (Stratford#)
17-c

Wanted

Married couple looking for a home in the country to rent. Please call (785) 614-3152.
5-22-c-4x's

Garage Sales

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE! Saturday, May 10, Claude, Texas. 10:30-1:30 registered sales! Maps available at Johnny's Hometown Foods, 202 Goodnight or online at www.claudenews.com. Claude is approx. 25 miles east of Amarillo on HWY 287. For more information, call (806)226-4500.
5-8-c-2x's

Houses for Sale

House for Sale

1217 N. Butler

Beautiful home app. 2800 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2 baths, den and living room w/fireplace, 2 car garage, sprinkler system

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Public Notices

ORDER OF CANCELLATION

The Stratford Independent School District hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on May 10, 2008 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows: Candidate- Joe Reinart and Barney Willborn. Office sought - Trustee.

ORDEN DE CANCELACION

El Stratford Independent School District por lapresente cancela la eleccion que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el May 10, 2008 de conformidad, con la Seccion 2.053(a) delCodigo de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como canidattos unicosypor lapresente quedan elegidos como se halla indicado a continuacion: Candidato- Joe Reinart and Barney Willborn. Caro al que presenta candidatura-Trustee

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, April 24, 2008 and Thursday, May 1, 2008.

Stratford Ex-Student Reunion???

The Stratford Ex-Student Reunion has been held the last week-end in July for many years. (July 25-26, 2008) It can only happen with the help of the honored classes local ex-students. April 8 was a meeting of local honored class representatives, in order to update mailing list and identify the activities for each class. Out of a possible 23 representatives from 1948 to 1998 only two persons attended, 1948 and 1988 were represented. We need a little help here. Realizing the local ex's are home, reunion does not seem to be important but to classmates away, that is what it is all about. This is only successful with long range planning (at least 3 months ahead) You never know when you might be inviting an ex-student who can help with Stratford's economic development.

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Testing on voting machines will be conducted on FRIDAY, May 2, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in the County & District Clerks office. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, May 1, 2008.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

- Rule 114 & 101 - Rules of Civil Procedure

THE STATE OF TEXAS NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:

"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: OREN E. ONEAL, DORA A. ONEAL, GILBERT LEE HUGHES, LAVERNE EARLY, GEORGE CHASCOSA, ELSIE CHASCA, ELSIE HOMME, BARRY A. BLY, SCOTT T. PETERSON, RANDALL C. BLY, J. T. WILLIS, GLADYS STOUT, J. F. STOUT, HELEN D. KIDD, THELMA WOLFE, LUTHER WOLFE, WILLIAM M. DEVOR, GLADYS WILLIS, THELMA WILLIS, HELEN DEVOR SHRADER, DANIEL F. SHRADER, MAMIE DEVOR HUGHES and GLADYS CLEO DEVOR, all defendants herein, and; TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EACH OF THE ABOVE-LISTED

DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE LAND DESCRIBED IN PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 3rd day of June, 2008 at or before 10 o'clock a.m., before the 69th District Court of Sherman County, at the Courthouse in Stratford, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed on April 22, 2008 in this case, numbered 4841 on the docket of said court, and styled MONTECARLO, INC. V. KELLY H. BAXTER, OREN E. ONEAL, DORA A. ONEAL, GILBERT LEE HUGHES, LAVERNE EARLY, GEORGE CHASCOSA, ELSIE CHASCA, ELSIE HOMME, BARRY A. BLY, SCOTT T. PETERSON AND RANDALL C BLY, all Defendants herein; and TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EACH OF THE ABOVE-LISTED DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE LAND DESCRIBED IN PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION, Defendant, Greeting:

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HUGHES and GLADYS CLEO DEVOR, all defendants herein, and; TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EACH OF THE ABOVE-LISTED

DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE LAND DESCRIBED IN PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION.

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit: Nature of this suit is brought to quiet the title to the real estate herein described: North Half (N/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 59, Block 3B, GH&H Ry. Co. survey, Sherman County, Texas, said property also being known as Tract 9 of said Section 59, Block 3B, GH&H Ry. Co. Survey, Sherman County, Texas. This claim constitutes a cloud on Plaintiff's title, and is without any right whatsoever. Defendants have no right, title, estate, lien or interest whatsoever in this property or any part of this property. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that the Defendants be cited to appear and answer and that on final trial Plaintiff have: 1) Judgment for the title and possession of the real property that is the subject of this suit. 2) Damages including prejudgment interest as provided by law. 3) Cost of suit. 4) Reasonable attorney's fees. 5) Post judgment interest as provided by law. 6) Any other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled to receive herein as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly served the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court, at office in Stratford, Texas on April 22, 2008.

Attest: Gina Jones, District Clerk Sherman County, Texas
By: SWilliams, Deputy
Published in the Stratford Star, Thursday, May 1, 2008, Thursday, May 8, 2008, Thursday, May 15, 2008 and Thursday, May 22, 2008.

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Rule 114 & 101-Rules of Civil Procedure

THE STATE OF TEXAS NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:

"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: OREN E. ONEAL, DORA A. ONEAL, CATHERINE ROGAN, MARY C. URQUHART, GILBERT LEE HUGHES, WILLIAM A. URQUHART, JOHN URQUHART, ANNE E. BLANCHARD, LAVERNE EARLY, GEORGE CHASCOSA, ELSIE CHASCA, ELSIE HOMME, BARRY A. BLY, SCOTT T. PETERSON AND RANDALL C BLY, all Defendants herein; and TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EACH OF THE ABOVE-LISTED DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE LAND DESCRIBED IN PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 3rd day of June, 2008 at or before 10 o'clock a.m., before the 69th District Court of Sherman County, at the Courthouse in Stratford, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed on April 22, 2008 in this case, numbered 4840 on the docket of said court, and styled MONTECARLO, INC. V. JOHN BLANCHARD, KELLY H. BAXTER, OREN E. ONEAL, DORA A. ONEAL, CATHERINE ROGAN, MARY C. URQUHART, JOHN URQUHART, ANNE E. BLANCHARD, LAVERNE EARLY, GEORGE CHASCOSA, ELSIE CHASCA, ELSIE HOMME, BARRY A. BLY, SCOTT T. PETERSON AND RANDALL C BLY, all Defendants herein; and TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EACH OF THE ABOVE-LISTED DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE LAND DESCRIBED IN PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION, Defendant, Greeting:

June, 2008 at or before 10 o'clock a.m., before the 69th District Court of Sherman County, at the Courthouse in Stratford, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed

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The names of the parties to the cause are as follows MONTECARLO, INC. are Plaintiffs and JOHN BLANCHARD, KELLY H. BAXTER, OREN E. ONEAL, DORA A. ONEAL, CATHERINE ROGAN, MARY C. URQUHART, GILBERT LEE HUGHES, WILLIAM A. URQUHART, JOHN URQUHART, ANNE E. BLANCHARD, LAVERNE EARLY, GEORGE CHASCOSA, ELSIE CHASCA, ELSIE HOMME, BARRY A. BLY AND RANDALL C. BLY, all Defendants herein; and TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EACH OF THE ABOVE-LISTED DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE LAND DESCRIBED IN PLAINTIFF'S ORIGIN.

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Elk Has A New Home

Have you seen where the Stratford Elk has gone out to greener (if it will rain) pastures. Check out the South side of Stratford across from South Wall Street.

New York Times Best Sellers @ Your Library
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 12. Dead Heat by Joel Rosenberg
 13. Zapped by Carol Higgins Clark
 14. A Prisoner of Birth by Jeffrey Archer
 15. Guilty by Karen Robards
 16. Honor Thyself by Danielle Steel
 15. Duma Key by Stephen King
 16. The Winding Ways Quilt by Jennifer Chiaverini
 17. The Memory Keepers Daughter by Kim Edwards
 18. Water for Elephant by Sara Gruen
 19. Friday Night's Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs
 20. Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
 21. The Quickie by James Patterson
 22. Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett
 23. For One More Day by Mitch Albom
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 3. Escape by Carolyn Jessop
 4. Lone Survivor by Marcus Luttrell
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 6. The Audacity of Hope by Barack Obama
 7. John Adams by David McCullough
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 9. 90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper
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 21. Become a Better You by Joel Osteen
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Vitus Jonassen Bering is credited with discovering Alaska and the strait between it and Russia. The Bering Strait and the Bering Sea are both named for him.

Elk Tales
By Lynda Hauser

Our students who are enrolled in online classes from Frank Phillips College are working hard to finish these courses. These courses help them start their higher education with several hours of college credit.

The Varsity Cheerleaders for the upcoming '08-'09 school year just finished selling ads and booster lines for the Top of Texas Football Book. They had a great response from the community. The cheerleaders for the next school year are: Channing Ziemann (Capt.), Searra Valenzuela, Becky Resales, Chelsea Garza, Taylor Melton, Kelsie Keener, Tori Rouse, Shannon Maiwald, and Sunny Russell (Mascot). The cheerleading sponsor will be Deide Ziemann. SPIRIT CAMP for the younger girls will be held Tues.-Fri. on June 24-27. Camp forms will be sent out in May.

Our National Honor Society students assisted with Sherman County Ag Day last Thursday. Thanks, kids, for all you do for the school and community.

5th Grade Reading is reading *Roll of Thunder Hear my Cry*. They are also giving presentations on the group novels they have been working on.

First Grade has attended "Week of the Young Child" presented by the Imagination Station. The kids got to get in a tractor, a combine and a cotton stripper as well as learning about cereal grains and the grains that are grown in and around Sherman County. They learned the process of planting to harvesting to buying the product and eating the product after it is marketed.

On Thursday we got to see and pet the animals. We saw a rooster and baby chicks, 2 big turkeys, a goat, baby kittens and baby puppies, a llama, a very wooly black faced lamb that is good for meat, a baby calf. They can't imagine that calf growing into hamburgers, a purse, or a pair of boots. We also saw a heifer, sow and piglets, and horses. The best part was riding behind Tony and Sunny in the wagon. Mr. and Mrs. Riffe and Austin were good drivers. Thank you to the Imagination Station for having us.

The Kindergarten class visited the Imagination Station on Tuesday. They learned about tractors and planters, combines, and cotton strippers. One of the highlights was when the children got to climb on each vehicle and sit in the cabs. They loved it!

They also learned about the different crops and grains. Some of the crops, such as peanuts, were new to the class. They also tasted various foods made from different grains.

Mrs. Gilliland's 6th grade classes are working on their genetics projects.

The 4th graders are hatching turkeys and triops. We have 3 triops swimming around and will be hatching turkeys around May 12. The 4th grade Science Fair will be May 16 from 1:30 - 3:00 and the public is invited.

Quote of the week: "The first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: Decide what you want."

Panhandle Chamber of Commerce "Shop Panhandle Spring Fling" May 2, 2008
Contact: Mary Smith, Secretary/Treasurer 806-537-4325 or 806-537-3807

The Panhandle Chamber of Commerce will be having a "Spring Fling", on May 3, 2008. This event will be from 9:00 A.M. to 4 P.M. and will provide shopping opportunities for area wide enjoyment.

Enjoy the day shopping in the unique shops, looking around the town with a pretty main street, lots of trees and benches to take a break and relax. Take time to drive around and see the many historical sights, the Carson County Square House Museum, and lovely homes throughout the city.

Once we accept our limits, we go beyond them.
—Albert Einstein

Cards of Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their thoughts, inquiries and prayers. Our sister, Diana, is home after her hit and run accident. With your continued thoughts and prayers, we hope that she will fully recover. Diana & Lynn plan to move back to Stratford from Washington D.C. to retire. They still remember the wonderful people that live here. Once again our gratitude and thanks to you all.

Carol McLaughlin & Family
Tina Salazar & Family

The '08-'09 Varsity Cheerleaders would like to say a special Thank You to everyone who bought ads and booster lines for the Top of Texas Football Book! We truly appreciate the way that both individuals and businesses in this community support our school and our students.

Channing Ziemann (Capt.), Searra Valenzuela, Becky Resales, Chelsea Garza, Taylor Melton, Kelsie Keener, Tori Rouse, Shannon Maiwald, and Sunny Russell (Mascot)

Thank you to all the people of Stratford for their prayers, visits, calls, cards, gifts, flowers and food. I feel so blessed to live in a small town that is so caring. Thank you to John & Teri Teig for taking such good care of Wade. Thank you to Gene Weinette for his visits and prayers. Thank you to my family for always being there with me and helping me to get well. Thank you to Jerry Melton for taking care of our dogs.

We love and appreciate you all
Peggy Plunk

The City of Stratford Recycle Department would like to thank everyone who came to the Annual Recycle Department Open House & Earth Day Hamburger Feed last week. We had a great turnout and it was a huge success. We would also like to thank all the city employees who helped get everything done. Also, a special thank you goes to Ernie & Duane for all the cooking. Thanks for all your hard work!

Jesse Mariscal

COUNCIL MINUTES April 10, 2008

Stratford City Council met in a special session, Thursday, April 10, 2008 with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present:
Mayor David Brown
Council members: Jolie Asher, Connie Oquin, Ernie Maiwald, Keri Harris, Duane Mungia
City Administrator: Ted B Dodd
City Secretary: Kathy Rendon
City Administrative Assistant: Penny Sheehan
City Planner: George Harding (absent)
Police Chief: Greg Mullins
Municipal Judge: Cindy Jackson (absent)
City Attorney: Rob Elliot
Others Present: Officer Manny Jimenez, Debbie Mullins, Teresa Edmond

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

INVOCATION
The invocation was given by Ernie Maiwald.
PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL
Teresa Edmond presented a report from the Appraisal District which showed the revenue being generated by vehicle taxes. Teresa stated the amount being collected from the vehicle taxes spreads out the tax base and also benefits the schools because that money is distributed to all the schools. Council thanked Teresa.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
There were no citizen comments. **CITY STAFF REPORTS**
Police Department: Chief Greg Mullins reported:
• the vehicles are complete with the new decals on the chiefs vehicle and the K9 unit
• reported all of the uniforms are all in, completed with the patches and are being worn

COUNCIL BUSINESS
Council convened into Executive Session at 6:30 pm. In accordance with government Code: Section 551.074 to deliberate regarding the appointment, and employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Administrator.
Council reconvened into open session at 7:35 pm. At that time the City Administrator handed in his resignation effective May 9, 2008.

A motion was made by Ernie Maiwald to accept the resignation of Ted B Dodd and to give him three (3) month severance pay and benefits as per his contract is set out and the council requested that Ted B sign a release form. Second was made by Connie Oquin, all in favor, motion carried.

The Council convened into Executive Session at 7:40 pm. In accordance with government code: Section 551.074 to deliberate regarding personnel matters concerning the Administrative Assistant. Council reconvened into open session at 7:56 pm. with no action taken.

Council convened into Executive Session at 7:57 pm. in accordance with government code: Section 551.074 to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Chief of Police. Council reconvened into open session at 8:50 pm. Keri Harris made a motion that the Attorney is directed to draft a contract of employment for the Chief of Police based on the terms and conditions set forth by the Mayor for ratification by the City Council. Second was made by Duane Mungia, all in favor, motion carried.

Council convened into Executive Session at 8:52 pm. In accordance with government code: Section 551.074 to deliberate regarding matters relating to real property. Council reconvened into open session at 8:55 pm. Keri Harris made a motion for Ted B to modify the contract as they had discussed. Second was made by Connie Oquin, Duane Mungia opposed, all else in favor, motion carried.

Council discussed and read the first reading of the Ordinance #2008041001 regulating the sale of alcoholic beverages within the city limits of Stratford, Texas. Ernie Maiwald made a motion to approve the first reading and the ordinance will be advertised in the local newspaper. Second was made by Connie Oquin, all in favor, motion carried.

Council discussed the renewal of the jail contract with the Sherman County Sheriffs Office. Keri made a motion to renew the contract as presented, second was made by Duane Mungia, all in favor, motion carried.

Council discussed getting a committee together of three (3) council members to make improvement to the City building. Ted B asked that the council be a part of making improvements to the City Hall building. The entire sidewalk needs to be replaced at City Hall. Council members for the building committee will be Ernie, Duane, and Keri.

Council discussed the option of the Police Department getting a Credit/Debit card. Chief Mullins stated the department would like to obtain a credit card for travel, training, and emergencies only. Chief Mullins said that the council would have to draft a letter to Happy State Bank stating that he would be allowed to use the City's name. Keri stated this was so that after hours when the City is closed and they are not able to get funds they would be allowed to use the credit card for that purpose. Chief said that he was hoping the council would make the limit \$5,000.00 and Chief said he would keep close track of where the money is being spent and that receipts would be turned in for every expense. Council decided to table this matter until next meeting.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

Mayor Brown stated the Council members should attend the banquet being held on April 24th at 7:00 pm. that is being held by Stratford Area Foundation.

Duane stated the Enhancement Committee is planning to have a Recycle Celebration and he requested if the City could open the roll-offs for the days needed to have this event. Ted B stated he would work with them on what ever the Enhancement Committee needs. The City cannot accept: commercial disposal, tires or concrete. There also was discussion concerning the removal of junk vehicles from personal property.

Ernie asked if roll-offs are still being used by construction companies. Ted B stated he has taken care of that as of now. Ernie suggested that City Hall notify a builder/contractor that the Recycle Center cannot accept building materials for disposal and the builder/contractor will be responsible for having a roll-off on the work site for disposal of these items or have other arrangements made for disposal. The City can assist in having a roll-off delivered, but the fee for the roll-off is the responsibility of the builder/contractor.

There was discussion concerning the TX DPS driver license personnel who come to Stratford City Hall. Jolie asked if someone had a complaint that they would need to contact. Ted B advised if someone comes into City Hall with a complaint concerning TX DPS, they are given the number to the supervisor in Amarillo.

Duane asked if the City was responsible for tagging the abandoned vehicles. Ted B advised the Police Department was now in charge of that duty.

Ernie asked who delivers the court summons and who was supposed to do that. Chief Mullins said that he has been getting them in his office once Daryl made the complaint and the judge gave the summons. Chief Mullins stated he had spoken to Daryl and advised him that his is allowed to do that duty on his own but if he needed an officer he would make one available.

Chief Mullins said that he also had a question if he was to maintain the vicious dog reports or if Daryl was keeping that information. Ted B stated Daryl was maintaining that information.

There was discussion concerning plowing and grading on the edges of the CRP land. Duane asked Chief Mullins if there was a way when an officer was not in the office if the phone calls could be forwarded to a Police officer on call or to the Sheriff's office. Chief Mullins stated he was not able to do that now but that he was going to have the answering machine message say that if an emergency that you need to call 911 or call the sheriff's office at 366-5551 and request an officer be sent out per radio dispatch. Duane asked if there was a way to enter the number from city hall and transfer them by phone. Ted B said with the current phone system we are unable to do that. Duane said that with XIT you have the capability to forward the phones to your cell phone or home phone. Chief Mullins said he did not want to do that at this time. Chief Mullins said he has put an advertisement in the paper with the information and the numbers available to contact the police department so that City Hall will not receive phone calls concerning police department matters.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

THE STRATFORD PATRIOTS PARTICIPATE AT HEREFORD TRACK MEET

On Sat. April 19th the Patriots competed at the Hereford track meet. Representing our home towns in fine fashion. On May 3rd they will participate at Boys Ranch in the Area 16 games.

GOOD JOB EVERYONE!!!!!!

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| Steven Kimbrell/Dalhart | 1st—100m dash | | |
| | 3rd—Softball throw | | |
| Seth Kimbrell/Dalhart | 1st—50m motorized wheelchair slalom | | |
| | 1st—25m motorized wheelchair obstacle course | | |
| | 1st—Ball throw for distance | Brian Zinck/Stratford | 3rd—100m dash |
| Linda McKinney/Stratford | 3rd—50m dash | | 1st—Softball throw |
| | 1st—Ball throw for distance | Ross Sims/Sunray | 3rd—100m dash |
| Tyler Pickens /Stratford | 2nd—100m dash | | 1st—Softball throw |
| | 1st—Softball throw | The Relay Team | 2nd—4x100m relay |
| Matt Powers/Stratford | 5th—100m dash | Tyler, Ross, Brian, Steven | |
| | 2nd—Softball throw | | |

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—James Thurber

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Pat Boren and Elaine Horne went to Amarillo April 23 and picked up Jennifer Boren to celebrate her birthday. They had lunch at Marty's, got pedicures and shopped. They toured Joe Bill & Jennifer's new home that is being built.

This Wednesday Pat & Bill were in Amarillo as Joe Bill has a heart catheter. He recently found out that he has diabetes type 1.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover attended a Harp Open Mike Poetry program at Des Moines, N.M. Sunday. With them were son Kelly and grandsons Hunter and Noah of Folsom.

Attending SCOT Thursday were Jo June McDaniel, Donna Gillenwaters & Marylou McDaniel.

Most Sundays Roy Harris has church at Kerrick at 8:30 a.m., then Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. MST and church 11:00 a.m. MST at Kenton, OK.



Wilhelm Honored with Bridal Shower

Lori Wilhelm bride elect of Judd Steger was honored with a bridal shower Saturday, April 26, 2008 in the home of Tami King. Shown above left to right are Gay Wilhelm, Lori, Kathryn Steger and Jayme Wilhelm.

Vote

STRATFORD CHAMBER BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce needs volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors. Due to various schedule conflicts, Jolie Asher and Shannon Sellers are the only remaining board members and the Chamber needs additional volunteers. The Chamber is organized for the purpose of advancing the agricultural, industrial, educational, civic and general interest of the City of the Stratford and the Sherman County trade area. The Chamber does not wish to close due to lack of interest, so please contact the office at 806-366-2260 or contact Jolie or Shannon by May 12 if you are interested in serving the citizens of Stratford.

Health

(NU) - Early spring is the ideal time to go through a detoxification program. This is when our body needs it most and it is a good way to kick-start any weight-loss you may need. However, before you start any of these programs you should consult with a doctor. eHow.com's herbal medicine expert Katherine Huether suggests drinking 8-10 glasses of water a day to jump-start your program. Adding some lemon occasionally will help to repair your liver and add taste. For more tips on getting healthy from Katherine Huether, visit www.ehow.com.

(NU) - Whether it's participating in a game of tag, playing a sport or having fun in the sandbox, plenty of children will be active on their feet this summer. However, a day in the sun can end with a day at the doctor's office if the proper safety measures are ignored. When shopping for shoes, look for stiff material on either side of the heel, adequate cushioning and a built-in arch. The shoe should bend at the ball of the foot, not in the middle of the shoe. Never wear hand-me-down shoes. For a listing of doctors and for more information, please visit www.apma.org.

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Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m., CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.
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Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
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Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.
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Worship Service — 10:30
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Martins to Perform in Stratford

The Martins are coming to First Baptist Church of Stratford, Saturday, May 31, 2008 with special guests the 4Given Quartet. The Martins have traveled with the Gaither Homecoming, and have appeared at the White House for President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush, as well as with Billy Graham. It is rare to have someone of this caliber in Stratford. Don't miss your only chance to see the Martins in this area for 2008!!!!Call the First Baptist Church office at 396-5554 for tickets or contact any Ministerial Alliance pastor.





Mary: Ann Spurlock, Katie Killian, Landry Davis, and Desinya Garza represented Sherman County 4-H at the District 4-H Fashion Show held April 19 at Bushland Middle School.

COUNTY REPRESENTED AT DISTRICT CONTEST

Four Sherman County 4-H members represented the county at the District 4-H Fashion Show held April 19 at Bushland Middle School in Bushland. Jean Everett assisted with the contest as a volunteer judge for the achievement event.

Landry Davis placed 2nd in the Junior Construction Dressy Daywear division. Other 4-H members participating in the contest were Desinya Garza, Junior Construction Casual Daywear, Mary Ann Spurlock, Intermediate Dressy Daywear, and Katie Killian, Senior Construction Dressy Daywear. These youth were accompanied to the contest by their parents. The youth spent numerous hours in selecting and constructing their projects for the contest. In addition, the Juniors and Intermediates attended an interview practice session to prepare for the contest.

Congratulations on representing Sherman County very well at the competition.

Wheat Virus-Prevention Not Treatment

By David Graf

Wheat producers should be aware a group of plant viruses are again appearing in fields across the panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma, said David Graf, Texas AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Sherman County. WSMV (wheat streak mosaic virus), HPV (high plains virus), and a new addition, TriMV (triticum mosaic virus), have been isolated according to tests at the Plant Diagnostic Lab of the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

In general, symptoms of all three viruses are very similar with leaves that are mottled and streaked in green-yellow, parallel and discontinuous patterns. Leaves may also become rolled or curled. Plants are often stunted, even after proper fertilization and irrigation. There are no remedial control options once wheat is infected with the viruses, states Dr. Brent Bean, agronomist for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Amarillo.

Wheat becomes infected with the virus by its sole vector, the wheat curl mite. Greatest risk of occurrence is near stands of volunteer wheat, grassy weeds, or CRP grass. As mites must be able to survive the summer before they move to newly emerged fall wheat, preventing this "green bridge" is critical to controlling them and subsequently the viruses. Winds are primarily responsible for movement of the mites, so infestations generally are from southwest to northeast across a field.

Lab testing is the only way to verify these diseases are present. Whole fresh plants with roots intact should be collected and sent or delivered to the Texas AgriLife Extension Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

The best tool to manage this pest is working to eliminate volunteer wheat and grassy weeds. "Discuss prevention with your partner or neighbor. It may not be a farm by farm issue, but often requires farmers to work together to help assure that all have a better chance of preventing mite infestations and the disease," said Graf. For websites with color photos and more information contact the Sherman County Extension office at 366-2081.

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NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FAIR MAY 9

By Susie Spurlock

Mary Allen Elementary students grades K-4 will be participating in a Nutrition and Physical Activity Fair on Friday, May 9th. Students will be rotating to three learning stations during their PE class that day to learn more about the need for daily physical activity, the nutritional value of foods, and how easy it is to grow food at home.

Parents are invited to participate in the fair by joining their child during their PE class. The class schedule is Kindergarten 12:45 pm -1:30 pm; 1st Grade -1:30 pm-2:15 pm; and 2nd grade 8:35 am - 9:20 am. Third grade students will attend the fair from 9:45 am -10:30 am and 4th graders time period will be 10:30 am -11:15 am.

"With so much national attention addressing the lack of physical activity and increase screen time spent with computers, television, and personal game systems, the Nutrition and Physical Activity Fair will help both students and parents make positive nutrition and physical activity choices each day," according to Susie Spurlock, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent in Sherman County.

Nutrition and Physical Activity Fair is a collaborative effort between Stratford Independent School District and Texas AgriLife Extension Service Sherman County. Volunteers serving on the planning committee for the fair are Laurie Spurlock and Tanya Smith with advisors Ronda Matthews and

Susie Spurlock. Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

For more information about this educational activity, contact Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Sherman County at 806-366-2122.

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When Vasco Núñez de Balboa crossed the Isthmus of Panama to the Pacific Ocean in 1513, he became the first European to reach the Pacific from the New World.

Plunk Receives Award

Dr. Phillip Plunk in an Award ceremony during a recent conclave of the Academy of Dentistry International was named International Dentist of the Year. The Academy of Dentistry International is the international honor society for dentists dedicated to sharing knowledge in order to serve the dental and oral health needs and to improve the quality of life of the people throughout the world.

Dr. Plunk was honored for his work and dedication in founding and directing Project Salud y Paz. Project SYP was begun in 2001 as a small clinic project in Guatemala with a fledgling staff. Since that time it has grown into a project of multiple medical/dental clinics, community education and scholarship programs involving some 24 Guatemalan nationals and over 20 medical and construction volunteer teams/year.

Editors note: This article was taken out of the Newsletter of PAZ March 2008



Engagement Announcement

Edith Adams of Amarillo announces the engagement of her daughter, Julie, to Scott Zak. Scott is the son of Joe and Billye Zak of Stratford. The couple plan to wed July 5 at West Amarillo Christian Church in Amarillo.

Save the Date, Local Golf Tournament Scheduled

By Bailey Naugle

The Fourth Annual Tiffany Knight and Samantha Hart Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament, hosted by NuBeta, has been scheduled for June 7th and 8th at the Stratford Country Club. To enter this three-person scramble you can call Chris Gomez (SCC) at 806-396-2259, Jan Shields at 806-366-3677 or Jode Anderton at 806-396-2809.

Elks Summer Basketball Coke Fundraiser

Coming Soon-Elks Summer Basketball Coke Fundraiser. Sale will begin April 28 and will end May 5th.

All cokes must be paid for when ordered.

Coke Products and Water will be \$20.00 case

Powerade Products will be \$21.00/Case.

Contact Any JH or his Boys Basketball Player to place an order or call Dinah at 366-3300 or 753-7053.

Finance

(NU) - If you're like most Americans, when you go through your mail at night, you first sort out the bills and put them aside until you have time to pay them. Next, you throw away the excess envelopes and waste paper that came with the mailings. Financial bills, statements and payments not only require a great amount of your time, they also use a vast amount of natural resources.

According to the Pay It Green Alliance, if 20 percent of U.S. households were to switch to electronic bills, statements and payments, the collective impact would:

- Save 1.8 million trees per year.
- Avoid producing close to 2 million tons of greenhouse gases.
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Mary Allen Elementary Play Day T-Shirt Sales begins on Wednesday, April 23rd and ends on Friday, May 9th. All shirts, both youth and adult sizes are \$9.00. Proceeds from this sale will go to the Mary Allen Elementary Playground Renovation Project. Please help us support our new playground.

Stratford Area Foundation-Annual Meeting

By Alisha Law

The Stratford Area Foundation held their Annual Meeting Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Barn.

The meeting was called to order by Martha Mitts. The minutes of last year's annual meeting were read and Martha Mitts gave a financial report for the Stratford Area Foundation and the J.B. Riffe Endowment for Sherman Co. and Texas Co. Oklahoma. Three new board members were elected; Todd Mason from Goodwell, Grace Schafer from Texhoma, and Adam Bell from Stratford. They will join current board members: from Stratford; Danna Hess, Jon Engelbrecht, Alicia Law, Doris Parsons, from Kerrick; Bill Gillenwaters, from Texhoma; Jack Johnson plus designated members Sherman Co. Judge, City Mayor, SISD School Board, Hospital Dist. and Chamber of Commerce.

Martha gave a report on organizations receiving grants this past year from Stratford Area Foundation: Sherman County Library for a digital copier, Sherman County Older Texans for a heating/ac unit, Stratford EMS for two cardiac monitors, Sherman County for a four speaker sound system, Stratford ISO for playground equipment, and City of Stratford for 2 emergency warning sirens. The J.B. Riffe Endowment for Sherman County and Texas County, Oklahoma: Iris Garden Club of Texhoma to renovate

the park and golf course and Guymon Community Theatre for new stage curtains.

Everyone enjoyed three Patsy Cline tunes sang by Penny Boyd. A table was set up with a slide show and scrapbook detailing all the grants that area organizations have received. Refreshments prepared by the SISD Home Economics.

Since 1980 the Stratford Area Foundation and the J.B. Riffe Endowment for Sherman Co. and Texas Co. Oklahoma has given back to the communities a little over half a million dollars! This is a good a good vehicle for donations to help benefit the community. If you are interested in donating, visit with any of the board members or contact First State Bank.

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have a large grocery store. Most people in my opinion are going to drive somewhere else to get their groceries."

Stone, part of the political action committee Keep Alcohol Out of Stratford (KAOS), is against the measure for other reasons as well. He said the revenue from alcohol sales will not be enough to pay another patrol car or police officer.

Opponents of the wet vote say crime will increase in Stratford and additional officers will be necessary.

Others argue alcohol is already here and legalizing its sale will not affect the crime rate. In fact, some believe Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) incidents will go down.

"If people can buy it here in town, they'll take it home to drink it," Harbour said. "They won't start drinking on the 30 or 45 minute drive back home."

Madison County Sheriff Dan Douget, whose county went wet in 2004, said DWI's haven't gone up or down.

He said the number of Public Intoxication (PI) incidents has increased slightly but there has not been much increase or decrease in other areas such as family violence or other domestic issues.

Though Douget was against Madison County going wet, he said "it wasn't as drastic a change as I thought it would be."

And some residents believe that is the heart of the matter—change.

"If no one is willing to let anything ever change, Stratford is going to dry up and blow away," one resident said. "This would be progress, Stratford needs progress."

While other residents agree Stratford needs something, they argue selling alcohol is not really progress.

"The communities around us that have liquor stores have not grown because of it," Gaynelle Riffe said. "Economically it has not helped their community at all."

While Mrs. Riffe said she is not opposed to drinking and admits Stratford is "probably one of the wettest dry towns you've ever seen," she hopes the measure does not pass.

"I can't see any advantage to it," she said. "It will not enhance our community." Whether or not residents want to make Sherman County wet will be decided on May 10.

"I just hope people will get out and vote," Don Riffe said. "No matter how it comes out I would rather it be decided by the majority."

Editor's note: No matter which side of the issue you are on, please remember to go vote on Saturday, May 10, 2008. We could live in a country where we could not vote and sure couldn't talk about the issues out loud and print it in a newspaper. I am so thankful I live in the Good Ole' USA. VOTE-Whatever SIDE YOU ARE ON!

The Panhandle Artists' Hanging

The Amarillo Museum of Art and the Art Museum Alliance present the PANHANDLE ARTISTS' HANGING, Friday May 9 - Sunday, May 18 at the Amarillo Museum of Art, 2200 South Van Buren.

The Hanging is a unique initiative designed to give artists of all ages and levels of experience an opportunity to exhibit their work in a museum setting. It is open to any artist working in any medium. Only one work per person is allowed. The show is hung, by the artist, salon style from floor to ceiling.

Artists may hang their work on Thursday, May 8, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. and on Friday, May 9 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. All work must be dry and ready to hang; AMoA will furnish pins, nails, hammers and a limited number of pedestals. Work may not exceed 5x5. Label material will be furnished. No additional label material will be allowed.

There will be an Opening Party on Friday, May 9 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person. AMoA members are free.

All artwork submitted is subject to review to assure the exhibition is appropriate for an audience of all ages. For additional information, please call the Museum at 806-371-5050.

VOTE

Reminder: Deadline for Stratford Star is Mondays at 12 noon

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Sherman County Public Library to Host Book Fair Event

The Sherman County Public Library will celebrate Children's Book Week by hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on Monday, May 12th, from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. to Friday, May 16th, from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Families, teachers, and the community are invited to attend the Book Fair, featuring a fun theme: Take a Reading Road Trip.

On Monday, May 12th from 6:00-7:00 p.m., the Book Fair will feature a special Family Event with story read-alouds. Special incentives will be awarded to students purchasing books during their classroom visits. Door prizes will also be awarded throughout the week.

The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, adult books, and current bestsellers from more than 100 publishers.

Book Fair customers may help the teachers build classroom libraries and improve children's reading skills by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List program.

For more information, contact Sandy Baskin, Director of the Sherman County Public Library at 366-2200.

6th Annual 5-State Motorcycle Run To Be Held

The Sixth Annual 5-State Motorcycle Run will be held Saturday, May 10, 2008, starting in Guymon, Oklahoma at the Texas County Activity Center. Riders will travel 300 miles through Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, and Kansas all in one day. Registration is \$35 per person and includes one poker hand, one meal, one patch, one rocker, and one chance to win door prizes. The prize for the winning poker hand is \$2000. Registration begins on Saturday at 7AM with the last bike leaving at 9AM. A BBQ dinner will be served at 5PM. Visit the website at www.5staterun.com

Main Street Guymon will sponsor Guymon Outback the night before the 5-State Motorcycle Run at 5th & Main Street in Guymon, Oklahoma on Friday, May 9, 2008. For only a cover charge of \$5, attendees will get burgers, beer, bands, bike games, and a CMA service.

The Run is sponsored by the Iron Thunder Motorcycle Club and all proceeds are donated to local individuals and non-profit agencies with medical or financial needs throughout the year.

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Treasurer, said, "The county gets no sales tax from the sale of alcohol in Sherman County. The only revenue is \$30/year from each liquor license for each package store." Teresa Edmond, who is the Chief Tax Appraiser for Sherman County noted that the property tax for alcohol equipment and inventory would be the only revenue generated. She said, "If a property was valued at \$10,000, the Appraisal District would receive \$266.00 base on the 2007 tax rates."

We then sought out the amount of money that might come into the City of Stratford, if the vote to allow the sale of alcohol were to pass. Kathy Rendon, our city Treasurer, said, "The City of Stratford would only receive 1.50% of the total alcohol sales in tax revenue." So if there were alcohol sales of \$100,000.00, then the City would receive \$1,500.00 in tax revenue. She then qualified that amount, noting that, "The 1.50% received by the City is split with 1% going to the general fund and % going to the sales tax corporation. The City budget would only receive 1% as budget income."

We then sought out our new Chief of Police, and asked him two very specific questions. First, if the vote were to pass, would the safety of our community change? He answered, "It will be more difficult to maintain the same level of safety should the vote pass." Then we asked how that might affect his administration, to which he responded, "My budget would need to increase by \$80,000.00 to \$85,000.00 next year if this passes."

Then we asked Ashley Hartsell, our new High School Principal how this vote might affect our teenagers if the sale of alcohol were allowed in Sherman County. He replied, "Through my observations in different communities, teenage us of alcohol is more prevalent when it is easily accessible than when it is not available."

Kevin Anderson, the President of the Ministerial Alliance and Pastor of First Assembly of God Church here in Stratford said of the vote, "It will absolutely affect every church in a negative way should it pass. There is no doubt it will affect the spiritual health of our churches and our community."

These officials made statements on the issue and the effects the sale of alcohol will have on our community if the vote were to pass. We hope that you will be as informed as possible, and that you will vote on May 10.

Jason Stone

High Plains Range Camp June 16-20, 2008 Camp Billy Joe Kenton, Oklahoma

High Plains Range Camp is held on alternate years to serve High School students from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico. Up to 10 students from each state are selected to attend camp.

Students receive training on range and wildlife management conservation, plant identification, water quality issues, conflict resolution and leadership skills. Hands-on activities include exercises in determining stocking rate, wildlife habitat appraisal and plant utilization. Technology such as global positioning and geographic information systems are used. Field trips include trips to different landowners and various management decisions based on different land management objectives.

Staff includes personnel from OSU, US Forrest Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, New Mexico Dept. of Agriculture as well as local ranchers, historical re-enactors and animal scientists.

The goal is for students to gain appreciation of natural resources, be good land stewards and learn something they can take home to share with others.

contact information:
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email
<http://www.highplainsrangecamp.net>

Presley Fund Set Up At Bank

A medical fund for the son of J.B. & Amanda Presley has been set up at the First State Bank of Stratford. For more information contact the First State Bank 396-5524.

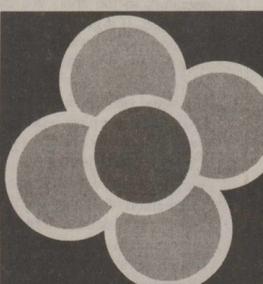
Fund for Zelda Pickens Has Been Set Up

There has been a fund set up at Happy State Bank to help with Medical Expenses for Zelda Pickens.

Crabtree Brings Home the Gold in Two Events

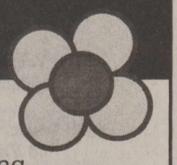
Stratford Lady Elks and Elks competed at the Regional Track Meet in Abilene on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26. Kristen Crabtree captured the Regional Championship in both the 3200 M Run (11:57.43) and 1600 M Run (5:22.69). Kristen will compete at the State Track Meet in Austin on May 9 and 10. Individual results for Lady Elks competing as follows:

Kelsie Keener - 8th 800 M Run, 17th Pole Vault, 19th Long Jump, 11th 800 M Relay, 11th 1600 M Relay. Brianda Chavoya 11th 800 M Relay & 1600 M Relay; Sinead Everett - 5th 300 M Hurdles, 11th 800 & 1600 M Relay; April Peregrino - 7th Discus, 20th Shot Put; Channing Zieman - 5th Discus; Janeth Reyes - 11th 800 M Relay; Perla Rueda - 11th 800 & 1600 M Relay; Rubi Rueda - 11th 1600 M Relay; Kelsey Stein - 11th 800 M Relay, 200 M Dash.



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COUNCIL MINUTES March 27, 2008

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Thursday, March 27, 2008 with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present:

Mayor: David Brown
Council members: Keri Harris, Duane Mungia, Ernie Maiwald, Connie Oquin, Jolie Asher
Absent: None
City Administrator: Ted B Dodd
City Secretary: Kathy Rendon
City Planner: George Harding
Police Chief: Greg Mullins
Municipal Judge: Cindy Jackson
City Attorney: Rob Elliott
Others present: Officer Manny Jimenez, Officer Brannon Jones, Kathy Alien, Sandy Williams, Kay Aston, Lynn Wells, Debby Mullins, BA and LeRayne Donelson, Albert Olivas, Juan Acosta, Jesse Mariscal, Mark and Sylvia Busch, Doak Crabtree

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Ernie Maiwald.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ernie Maiwald motioned to approve the consent agenda items with the exception of the February 21, 2008 minutes, Connie Oquin seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Keri Harris motioned to approve the minutes of February 21, 2008 regular meeting, Connie Oquin seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Brian Bond with TABC was present to offer information and answer questions concerning regulations of the sale of alcohol. Council thanked Brian for his time.

Doak Crabtree presented the monthly investment review report for the City.

Sandy Williams gave information on NIMS training for Council. The training will be conducted in April at the Imagination Station. She will advise Council when that date and time will be.

Juan Acosta and Albert Olivas were present to discuss a zoning encroachment variance at 619 N. Wall. Jolie Asher motioned to approve the variance, 13' 6" to drip line and porch to property line, Connie Oquin seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

BA Donelson questioned the sidewalk in front of the post office, as it is in need of repair. Some contact has been made with the owners concerning the repair. LeRayne Donelson stated that the curb is also in desperate need of repair. City Manager Ted B Dodd stated that a letter will be sent to the Postmaster General concerning this situation.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

Police Department: Chief Greg Mullins reported:

- * He has reviewed and updated personnel files and is in compliance with TCLEOSE
- * Status of electrical and striping for Units 400 and 401
- * New uniforms report
- * Read and presented department letter of recognition for George Harding's assistance in completing repairs on vehicles. Also, an accommodation letter to Ted B Dodd was presented regarding his assistance to the police department
- * Ident-a-Kit to be done at Elementary School in May
- * Officer status report
- * Drug Interdiction Report
- * Request for line item budgetary changes
- * Answered all calls for service, opened approximately five (5) new cases and made three (3) arrests. Two cases have been filed with the County Attorney, started working on the inventory safe which will be getting a destruction order for old evidence.

Municipal Court: Judge Cindy Jackson was absent. Her report, included in Council packets, stated:

- * Violations: 41
- * City Ordinance: (1) dog
- * Criminal: 1
- * Alcohol-Beverage Code: 1
- * Traffic: 38
- * Juvenile :0
- * Fines and Court Costs collected: \$3,937.00

City Planner: George Harding reported for the month of January 2008:

Water Production	7,469,000 Gallons	
Wells 1 & 2	5,454,000 Gallons	
Well 3	2,015,000 Gallons	
Well 4	0 Gallons	
Electrical Consumption	32 MWH	\$2,965.00
Vehicle Miles	743	
Vehicle Fuel Cost		\$ 214.00
Meter Reading Cost		\$1,260.00
Customer Count	868	
Water Sold	6,425,000 Gallons	
LNU	11%	

Wastewater Treatment		
East Plant	2,223,900 Gallons	
South Plant	2,536,768 Gallons	
Electrical Consumption	7,600 KWH	\$421.00
Vehicle Miles	712	
Vehicle Fuel Cost		\$260.00
Customer Count	741	

Animal Control		
Dogs Handled	6	
Cats Handled	2	
Animals Returned	2	
Warnings Issued	6	
Citations Issued	0	
DOA Animals	6	2XCat.3XRabbit,1K9
Animals Euthanized	2	
Complaints Filed	0	
• 1 Llama Handled		
Vehicle Miles	595	
Vehicle Fuel Cost		\$244.00

Solid Waste		
40 Yard Roll-Offs	0	
Sludge Roll-Off	0	
Office Waste Paper Bales	1	
OCC (Cardboard Bales)	4	
Slick (Magazine Bales)	2	
Newsprint	2	
Metal	0	
Yard Waste	7,940 pounds	
Paper Shredder	39 Hours	
Vehicle Miles	1,295	
Vehicle Fuel Cost		\$243.00

Streets & Drainage		
No Data		
Vehicle Miles	582	
Vehicle Fuel Cost		\$346.00

Equipment		
Total Hours	411	
Mileage	4,038	



Wisconsin—America's leading dairy producer—prohibited the sale of artificially colored margarine until the mid-1960s in an effort to protect butter sales.

Fire Chief: Eddie Williams reported:

STRATFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY RUN REPORT

JANUARY	2008		
Month	Year		
Number of calls:	5	Total Personnel Hours:	48

Type of calls:

Structure	1	Haz Mat	0
Grass	4	Trash	0
Vehicle	0	Landfill	0
Rescue	0	Other	0

Assisting Department(s):

EMS	0	City	1
Police	0	DPS	0
Sheriff	0	TxDOT	0
County	4		

Comments:

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STRATFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY RUN REPORT

February	2008		
Month	Year		
Number of calls:	6	Total Personnel Hours:	62

Type of calls:

Structure	1	Haz Mat	0
Grass	4	Trash	0
Vehicle	0	Landfill	0
Rescue	1-1050	Other	0

Assisting Department(s):

EMS	0	City	1
Police	0	DPS	0
Sheriff	0	TxDOT	0
County	5		

Comments:

1 CALL WAS HOUSE FIRE AT 1412E 7TH STREET
1 MUTUAL AID FIRE CALL TO NORTH OF AMARILLO IN TOWN GRASS

Council took a short recess at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

City Administrator: Ted B Dodd reported:

Ms Penny Sheehan has begun her duties as our Administrative Assistant/Data Entry Clerk. We are very pleased with her performance and she has already made some serious strides toward fixing our backlog. She has plenty of work ahead of her.

We will be sponsoring a class on water testing here early in April. It will be a two day course for water operators in the area. We expect no more than 10 people to attend so we will likely hold it in Council Chambers. If it goes beyond that, we plan to move it down to Happy State if they will have us. In keeping with the Extension Services policies concerning class planning, there is a basic water course in Stinnett at the same time that I will be attending. My plan is to test for the B-Water certificate at that class. Mine expired back in the 90s.

Our water plant plans on the South side have passed muster in Austin in review so we can move on that now. Our wastewater plant bidding is waiting on TCEQ as well.

I will answer any questions I can that you may have

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Various names were discussed for appointment to the open Council position.

The method of euthanizing will be changed to comply with state regulations. No action was necessary.

There was discussion regarding utility services outside the city limits. Ernie Maiwald motioned to require annexation in order for utility services to be provided outside the city limits, Jolie Asher seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

The ordinance regarding solid waste rates for commercial customers will be repealed and presented for approval of the new rate at the next Council meeting.

A donation from the Area Foundation will help provide funding for the purchase of new sirens. The two current sirens will remain in service. Duane Mungia motioned to approve a budget amendment for the purchase of these sirens, Ernie Maiwald seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Duane Mungia motioned to approve a water rate of \$2.25 per/1000 gallons at the water dock, Keri Harris seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Ernie Maiwald motioned to approve patching by Texas Asphalt in front of the seal coat, Jolie Asher seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Keri Harris motioned to approve the update to the SCATA System by Ray's Electric for \$9,656.00, Duane Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Ernie Maiwald motioned to approve the amendments for the Police Department budget, Duane Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Council convened into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. under Government Code: Section 551.072 to deliberate regarding real property and reconvened into open session at 7:31 p.m. Ernie Maiwald motioned to approve the purchase of \$45,000 plus closing costs for the building for the new police department, Connie Oquin seconded, Duane Mungia opposed, all else in favor, motion carried.

Mark and Sylvia Busch were present to discuss a written complaint they had submitted regarding Chief Gregg Mullins. Written copies of the complaint were given to Council. Council convened into Executive Session at 8:33 p.m. under Government Code: Section 551.0-74 to deliberate regarding personnel matters concerning the complaint and reconvened into open session at 8:54 p.m. No action was taken. Mark and Sylvia Busch requested a copy of their written complaint. Ernie Maiwald stated that he was a witness and he found a number of the allegations to be false. Council took a short recess at 10:08 p.m. and reconvened at 10:12 p.m.

Council convened into Executive Session at 10:12 p.m. under Government Code: Section 551.074 to deliberate regarding personnel matters to discuss the chain of command for the Police Department and reconvened into open session at 11:50 p.m. Duane Mungia motioned to move the police department chain of command to now be under the direction of the Mayor and the City Council and to amend the job description for the City Administrator to resolve any conflict of authority, Keri Harris seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Council convened into Executive Session at 11:52 under Government Code: Section 551.074 to discuss Reserve Officer position currently held by Penny Sheehan and reconvened into open session at 11:58 p.m. Ernie Maiwald motioned for Penny Sheehan to work under the authority of City Administrator Ted B Dodd as an administrative assistant, not as a reserve police officer, Duane Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

COUNCIL ITEMS

There was some discussion concerning the city cell phones. Chief Mullins stated that the cell phones have been working better since the police department phones were changed from "primarily xit".

On behalf of the Enhancement Committee, Duane Mungia was questioning the charge for dump fees at the Collection Station.

There was discussion regarding personnel issue of current policy that requested time off is granted if the employee has time available.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 am midnight.