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Sherman County Run-Off Election Tuesday, July 31

Voting Locations on Tuesday, July 31: Texhoma Residents will vote in Texhoma All other Sherman County residents will vote in the Sherman county courtroom in Stratford

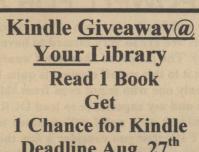
EARLY VOTING: MONDAY-FRIDAY JULY 23-27

Early voting for Sherman County Residents including Texhoma residents will be in the Sherman County Clerks office normal business hours Residents over age 65 may request a ballot my mail by calling the Sherman County Clerks office 806-366-2371



Kenneth & Elsie Pickens 1980

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AgriLife Extension names new family and consumer sciences agent for Sherman county



Jill Killian

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STRATFORD — Jill Killian will rejoin the Texas AgriLife Extension Service as the family and consumer sciences agent for Sherman County on Aug. 1, according to Danny Nusser, AgriLife Extension district administrator in Amarillo.

Jill Killian, Texas AgriLife Extension Service family and consumer sciences agent for Sherman County. Killian, a Stratford native, worked from 1986 to 1990 as an agent in Midland and Comanche counties, before becoming a teacher and then later taking her

current position as a co-owner of the K Veterinary Clinic in Stratford. "I really enjoyed working in the Extension service and I felt like this was a good opportunity to fill this role in the community," Killian said about her return to AgriLife Extension life. "We came back to Stratford in 2006.

"All four of our children have been and are still very involved in the 4-H program on the county, district and state levels. I have enjoyed serving as a 4-H leader and now I am ready to return to Extension work on the professional level," she said. "They say if you do something you love, it will never seem like work at all."

"Sherman County has a great program established and has had a lot of community support," Killian said. ". I look forward to continuing those efforts and doing even more." "Jill has a unique combination of professional and personal life experiences that will allow her to be a very successful AgriLife Extension agent in Sherman County," Nusser

"She has been a part of the success related to the Sherman County 4-H program as a volunteer, and has the experience and passion for family and consumer sciences to provide leadership towards adult programming," he said. "She will do a great job of continuing to provide outstanding programs to the people of Sherman County.

Killian earned her bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, where she served as the state treasurer and a national officer candidate as a part of the Texas Home Economics Student Section. She served as the Texas Tech chapter president, member and officer of Tech Home Economics Council and as a home economics recruiter. She was named the Texas Student Home Economist of the Year in 1984

She served as the state treasurer and in several board positions of the Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Killian served the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences as the national home and community section chair and national committee chair; served on the state board of the Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents; and received the New Achiever Award from the Texas Association of Extension Home Economists in 1987.

An Invitation Laurine 'Naugle" Jones will be in Stratford for lunch on Friday, July 27, at the Ole Biddy café. Laurine is a 1955 graduate of SHS Please stop by to see her as she is hoping to see as many old friends as possible. Laurine has Phase four cancer and at first was afraid to try to plan the trip, but has decided to depend on the Naugle', grit to pull it off. So, please plan on stopping by to see her between 11:30 and as long as anyone keeps showing up. (Joyce Dodson)

Red Hatters will be meeting on Thursday, August 2, 2012 at 6 p.m. at

Kindle <u>Drawing@Your Library</u>

the Ole' Biddy's Café.

The Sherman County Public Library is pleased to be able to award a Kindle e-Reader to one lucky reader from our library. To enter, library patrons must come by the library and pick up a purple reading log. Readers must then write down every book that you read from our library. For every book that you check out and read, you will be entered into a contest but, remember, the books must be from our library. One book equals one entry.

Reading logs must be turned in no later than 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 27th, the first day of school, with the drawing to take place on Wednesday morning, August 29th. Contest is open to all age groups so get busy and read! For more information about this contest contact the library at 366-2200.

Donnie-High School-Stratford

Sheriff County Sheriff's race run-off election is Tuesday, July 31, 2012. Candidates are Joe Powell and Ted Allen. Voting is at Sherman County Court room. DON'T FORGET TO GO VOTE. **EVERY VOTE COUNTS. LET'S VOTE** WHILE WE STILL CAN!

Old Timer King & Queen **King-Donnie** Ellison Queen-Elsie **Pickens**

(Their stories and pics on pages 4 & 5)

Schedule of activities for this weekend on page 6

Cimarron Country Music Theater

Cimarron Country Music Theater, 4th Saturday Night of each month. This month July 28th at 8 p.m. at 106 N. Cimarron in Boise City, OK. Tickets are \$10.00 each. The Theater is owned by Chuck & Sandy Hawkins of Boise City Phone number 580-544-3152. They promise you'll get your money's worth and that the popcorn is good. We think you will be surprised at the lighting and sound system along with the Western Décor and comfy theater seats. All local and area talent-good family entertainment. (The great "12" Gauge" Band) If you are interested in being on the show call Michelle at 580-516-1968 to audition for upcoming shows. Thursday nights are practice night.

Quilt Show Saturday

Come join your friends during Stratford Jamboree at the Quilt Show sponsored by SCOT on Saturday. July 28th from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

Over 30 one of kind quilts will be on display at SCOT Hall. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased in advance from SCOT Board members or at the door the day of the show.

Come get some relief from the July heat and enjoy the talents of Sherman County resident's friends and family by attending the Show. All proceeds will benefit SCOT.

Attention-School Physicals

Physicals-required for participating in any extra-curricular activity. Thursday and Friday, August 2 and 3rd from 1 p.m. till 6 p.m. @Stratford Clinic. Cost is \$18.00. Must have form filled out or parent must accompany. Forms can be picked up from Coach Metcalf or on the UIL web site. (get to from Stratford ISD web page under quick links)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Sherman County is accepting applications for the position of Justice of the Peace, to fill an un-expired term. Applicants are encouraged to pick up an information packet in the County Judge's office. Applicants must be residents of Sherman County. Applications and resumes shall be mailed or hand-delivered to Terri Beth Carter, Sherman County Judge, 701 N. 3rd, PO Box 165, Stratford, TX 79084.

Deadline for accepting applications will be Friday, August 3, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Faxed, e-mailed, or late applications will not be accepted. Sherman County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Rachel's Challenge Coming to SISD

Rachel Scott, the first person killed in the Columbine High, School shootings on April 20, 1999 left behind an amazing legacy and a simple challenge to anyone who will accept it - treat others with kindness and compassion and you just may change the world you live in. Rachel's Challenge, encouraging a chain reaction of kindness, is the largest K-12 school assembly program in the nation.

All students, K-12, at Stratford ISD will experience Rachel's Challenge to kick off the new school year on Tuesday, September 4. There will be an elementary assembly, a secondary assembly, a secondary peer training session, and a community event to take place in the high school gym at 7:00 that evening. Mark your calendars now to be a part of this exciting and inspirational community and family event. Rachel's Challenge is made possible through a grant provided by the Stratford Education Foundation.

No Special this week

Hours from July 23 thru Friday July 27-6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed Evenings. Open Saturday will be closed Sunday

Back to regular hours starting Monday, July 30th THANK YOU

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Obituaries





Alex Coats June 21, 1923 July 10, 2012

ALEX COATS, former resident of Stratford, passed away on July 10, 2012.

Alex was born in Emory, Texas on June 21, 1923. He moved to Stratford in 1944 at the age of 21. Reworked for various farms and ranches in the area and later worked as a mechanic in the city. He then became owner, along with some important friends, and manager of TOC Motor Co. He was the Studebaker dealer until they went out of business in 1966. In 1967 he was accepted as a dealer for Dodge, Plymouth and Chrysler: After terminating his relationship with Dodge, Plymouth and Chrysler in 1973, he kept TOC Motor Co. open and sold used cars and tended to the repair needs of the city's residents. Alex had a very caring and loving heart. 14e would regularly spend time visiting those in area hospitals and the nursing home in Stratford. He also enjoyed going by various area businesses and homes to visit with friends. His caring heart would not allow him to drive by stranded motorists he encountered while traveling. He would stop to offer a helping hand and put his mechanic skills to use

Alex married Rosalie McDaniel on June 21, 1950. At the time of his death they had been married for 62 years. Alex and Rosalie had two sons, George and Steve. Alex liked to keep things simple...you will note he married on his birthday. Furthermore, he named his two sons after his two brothers.

In 1984, Alex and Rosalie moved to Emory, Texas. In Emory, he owned and operated Alex's Garage until retirement. He loved to return to visit with his many friends in Stratford from 1984 until his health prevented the trips. He would try to schedule the trips around the reunion of Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys held in Turkey, Texas each year. He was fond of their music. It is not possible, in a few short paragraphs, to describe the importance of Alex's friends in Stratford and the role they played in allowing him to conduct his life, raise a family and establish a legacy during the years he lived there.

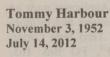
Alex Coats was laid to rest in Emory, Texas on July 14, 2012 in Emory City Cemetery beside his father, Bud Coats and his mother, Jimmie McLeod Coats with his brother, George by his side.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years - Rosalie, two sons

— George and Steve, grandchildren — Amber, Ashley,
Kristin, Brooke and Blake and three great grandchildren

— Shelby, Akira and Mitsuo.







Tommy was born Nov. 3, 1952, and passed away after a long, courageous battle with cancer Saturday, July 14, 2012, at the age of 59 at home in the arms of his loving wife and surrounded by his family. Tommy met the love of his life 13 years ago and their lives were changed forever. He was the proud owner of Harbour Electric, a company he was able to build with the love and dedicated support of his wife. He will be greatly missed by all of his valued customers, friends and lives of those he touched. Owning his own company gave him the privilege of stopping in the middle of the day to go have coffee with a friend. Tommy and Virginia were blessed by a very dedicated and loving support group of neighbors, friends, family and Odyssey Hospice. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Aaron and Florence; and a big brother, AJ. He is survived by his loving wife of 12 years, Virginia; sons Shane, Artie and Jonathan; daughter Heather; his very special "little big man," grandson Mike; his special "little candy striper nurse," granddaughter Mikayla of the home; brothers Charles Stratford; sister Allie Jo Horn and brother-in-law Jim of Carlsbad; and brother Marshal and sister-in-law Donna of Fort McKavett; numerous nieces and nephews; and loving brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law on his wife's side of the family. A memorial service was held at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 21, 2012, at the family home. Family and friends may sign the online register book at johnsonsfuneralhome.com.

David Vincent July 18, 1954 July 23, 2012



David Vincent, 58 of Stratford, passed away on Monday, July 23, 2012. Services were pending with Morrison Funeral Directors at press time.

Mary Woodford Wisdom August 6, 1923 July 19, 2012

Mary Woodford Wisdom, 88 of Stratford, passed away on Thursday, July 19, 2012. Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 23, 2012 at First United Methodist Church in Stratford with Rev. Jim Smith, pastor of the church, officiating. Private family interment was in Stratford Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mary was born on August 6, 1923 in Stratford TX to John and Node (Smith) Kidwell. She was reared and educated in Stratford and graduated from Stratford High School. Mary was united in marriage to Carroll Wisdom on October 15, 1946 in Stratford, he preceded her in death. Mary began her employment at the Tax Assessors Office until later working at the First State Bank in Stratford until her retirement.

Mary was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church at which she was very involved. She was also a member of the Prospectus Study Club, the Historical Society, and the Order of the Eastern Star. Mary volunteered countless hours to the library and to the schools, where she would spend time listening to the first grade classes read. Mary will be missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her husband Carroll, she was preceded in death by her parents, and a nephew Carroll. She is survived by her daughter Sharilyn Wells and husband Buck of Barnsdall, OK, grandchildren Joel Wells and wife Cora of Barnsdall, OK and Thad Wells of Wynona OK, great grandchildren Brittany Wells, Trace Wells, and Tanner Wells.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church of Stratford, PO Box 1289, Stratford TX, 79084.

I like to listen. I have learned a great deal from listening carefully. Most people never listen.

Truly fertile music, the only

kind that will move us, that we

shall truly appreciate, will be a

music conducive to dream,

which banishes all reason and

I appreciate the misunder-

standing I have had with Nature

over my perennial border. I

think it is a flower garden; she

thinks it is a meadow lacking

grass, and tries to correct the

Music is well said to be the

speech of angels; in fact, noth-

ing among the utterances allowed to man is felt to be so

divine. It brings us near to the

-Thomas Carlyle

-Albert Camus

-Sara Stein

analysis

Infinite.

-Ernest Hemingway



From the Desk of Chief Powell

YOUR Police Department is now accepting old, used cell-phones. These phones will be donated to Safe Place. Dig around and see if you can come up with some old phones and drop them by 212 N. Poplar. Thanks so very much.

We are still in need of more volunteers for our Public Safety Explorer Program. Let us know if you would like to sign up and become a part of YOUR Public Safety Divisions here in Sherman County. This is for young-adults, both boys and girls. Come check out a career with the Sheriff's Office, Police Department, Fire Department, or EMS.

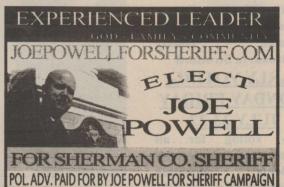
Our Stratford Jamboree is this weekend. Please shape up your yards as soon as possible. Let's show our Stratford pride.

Thanks to all of you who are trying to make a difference with your yards, etc. We appreciate your cooperation and things are looking better already.

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Have a great week Stratford !!

Have a great week, Stratford!!

Chief Joe Powell



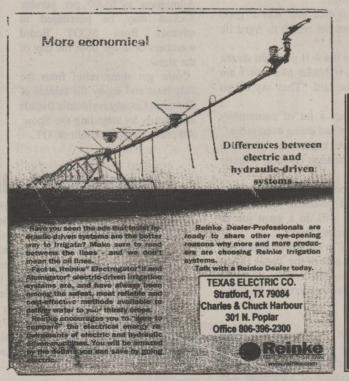
JOE POWELL FOR SHERIFF-2013

My family and I just want each of you to know what your support has meant to us so far. We are so very blessed to have been placed in such an awesome community. The people of Sherman County have been so good to us, and to have made it to this runoff election is quite humbling. Out of five candidates, I am the only one who is not even from this great state and now, you could choose me and my experience to lead OUR County into the future. I hope I have served you well, and I will continue to do so, no matter how you vote. However, I ask that you consider a few things; Times have changed. When you can't go see a movie with the children without worrying about harm, and you can't leave your car doors or homes unlocked and feel safe, you surely should consider experience for your lead law enforcement official. I may not be a native of Sherman County, but I care about each and every) one of you. We have chosen to make this our home and I cannot tell you how many friends we have made here. Law Enforcement is not a job to me....it is not only what I do, it is who I am. I humbly ask for your vote this week. I will make you proud of your decision and I refuse to let you down. If I haven't made it to your home, please understand I am still committed to YOUR Police Department and I am knocking on as many doors as I can get to in-between. If you have any questions at all, please call me directly at 295-8863 your Thanks much support....."JOE POWELL" for SHERIFF

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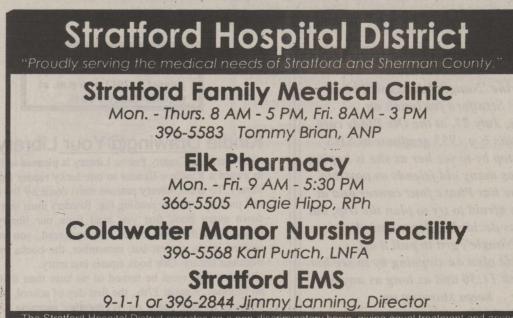
Break open a cherry tree and there are no flowers, but the spring breeze brings forth myriad blossoms.

—Ikkyu Sojun



Remember to vote July 31st







Choo Choo Lollipop News

Lollipop Junction celebrated its 20th birthday earlier this summer with a street party celebration. The child care center welcomes Ex-Student and Stratford Jamboree celebration visitors this weekend.

Lollipop Junction is pleased to share this photo from its past as this weekend will be filled with "Remember When?"

Lollipop Junction is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing child care that meets the emotional, physical, and social needs of children and is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c) (3) corporation. Donations to the center of canned fruits and vegetables, craft items, school supplies, volunteer time, along with monetary donations are always welcomed.

Reunion
Stratford Ex-Students & Teachers
Reunion
Stratford Jamboree
July 27-28, 2012
Main Street Block Party/Food Booths
Main Street Dance
Quilt Show, Games at Park
Scot Hall-Barbecue
Depot Museum
Visit the schools
Old Timers Program
Parade & much more
(Surely you can find something to do this weekend, there is something for everybody

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Kerrick has a couple of new people. Angie Aguilar has moved into Jo June's House.

Gary Hudgens is back in his house. Leonard Hawkins and family had a wonderful time over the weekend visiting with Sister Shirley Cox (Hawkins). She lives in Longview, TX.

Cargill Grain elevator has started bagging wheat again. Was a busy time at the Gillenwaters recently as grandchildren made a visit. Kylee and Kaiden from Bushland and Tala from Moreland.

Colby Harris won bull riding at Mineral Wells, he is son

of Roy.

Angelo and Sheryl Card have moved to North Carolina.

Local Youth to star in Sound of Music

Jordon Shyanne Acker, Adrian du Plessis and Victor Castro of Stratford will be featured in Sound of Music, Rogers and Hammerstein. The production is the culmination of a week of rehearsals at Broadway Academy of Performing, a musical theatre camp for kids ages 11-20. The case is comprised of campers from Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico and Colorado. The Sound of Music will be presented in the Showcase Theatre at Seward County Community College/Area Technical School at 2:00 p.m. on July 28th. Broadway Academy of Performing is sponsored by Gypsy Theatre Company, a professional theater based in New York City, NY. Camp staff includes Alison Bridget Chambers, camp producer and choreographer, from New York City and the Director of Theatre at SCCC/ATS, Marilyn Gates, director of Sound of Music, from Tulsa, OK, Thesa Loving, Musical Director from New York City, NY and Becky Robison, as accompanist from Forgan, OK. Tickets are \$6 for students, \$8 for adults and are available at the door. Sound of Music is a family friendly show. This marks 15 years of Broadway Academy of Performing.

Tostitos Salsa Five Finger Shrimp Ceviche

- 1 (15.5-oz.) jar of Tostitos All-Natural Chunky Salsa ½ cup cucumber (peeled, seeded and diced)
- 1 Tbsp. chopped cilantro ½ lime, juiced
- 1 cup shrimp (cooked, peeled, diced into bite-size pieces)

Pour Tostitos All-Natural Chunky Salsa into a large bowl. Add in 1 cup of cooked, peeled and diced shrimp. Add in ½ cup cucumber. Squeeze in the juice of half a lime. Fold in 1 Tbsp. chopped cilantro.

Mix contents and transfer to serving bowl(s). (Prep time: 15 minutes. Cook time: 5 minutes. Servings: 20.)

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For more information, recipes
and cooking tips, you can go to
www.fritolay.com/recipes.

Private pesticide applicator license training set Aug. 9 in Amarillo

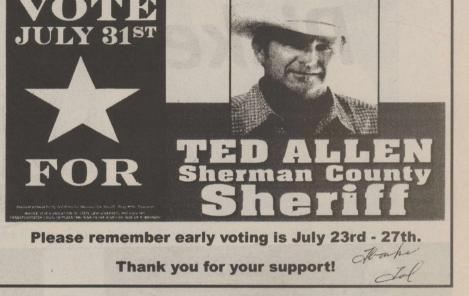
Contact: Brandon Boughen, 806-373-0713, bwboughen@ag.tamu.edu

AMARILLO - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Potter County is offering private pesticide applicator license training on Aug. 9 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo.

The training session begins at 8 a.m., according to Brandon Boughen, AgriLife Extension agent for Potter County. The three and a half hour training will give participants the needed information to take the private applicator license test, which will be administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Cost of the training is \$60 and all materials will be provided.

Anyone in the Texas Panhandle may and are encouraged to participate if they need a private pesticide applicator license, Boughen said. The private pesticide applicator license is for agricultural producers and land owners who apply restricted-use pesticides to their own property.

RSVPs are requested by Aug. 3, and can be made by contacting Boughen at 806-373-0713.



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Deadline for Stratford Star items. Photos by Sundays at 4 p.m. Letters to Editor 9 a.m. on Mondays (typed) and all other articles and ads at 10 a.m. on Mondays. (PLEASE) Thank you

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Pastor Gary Smith
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist Rev. Jim Smith 396-2178 520 N. Main Sunday School 9:20 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
6th & Pearl
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Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)
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Pastor Jason Stone
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Susuinos Durante El Servicio

Old Timer Queen Elsie Pickens



Elsie, Kay, Kenneth (front) Ann, Ronnie & Ricky





Steven Pickens, Skipper Bachman, Dee Harman, Shelly Pickens, Eddie Pickens, Doug Pickens.



Elsie with brothers & sisters

The Life of Elsie Ellison Pickens

Elsie Ellison Pickens was born on October 15, 1919 to Mary "Molly" and A.H. "Butch" Ellison. She was born in Kansas and was the youngest of nine children. Her family moved to the Fred Ingham place, three miles northeast of Stratford in 1930 and moved into town in 1939, growing up, her family made their living by raising chickens, beef and hop.

Elsie had a passion for basketball during high school. One story she remembers is going to Conlen to play ball but unfortunately they could not return home due to a dust storm. Finally the storm subsided and they arrived home at about four in the morning! She graduated from Stratford High School in 1939 and attended Draughan's Business School in Amarillo.

The next stage of Elsie life involved a man named Kenneth Pickens. Elsie and Kenneth were married in June of 1940 and they called Stratford their home. Kenneth started his farming career by working for Dick Buckles. He then ran his own farm and cattle business. Elsie helped on the farm by driving a truck. She also worked at the Poly Clean cleaners for many years beginning from when it opened in 1961. In her spare time, Elsie sewed, crafted and helped out with 4-H. Elsie enjoyed being part of the Home Demonstration Club has the honor of being named their first "Woman of the Year" of Sherman County. It should be noted that she was also one of the origina! members of this club.

Elsie and Kenneth had four children together - Kay, Ronnie, Ricky and Ann. Kay is married to Dick Bachman and they live in Stratford. Kay works at the Sherman County Library. Ronnie eloped in 1964 with Zelda Roach but Zelda passed away in 2011. Ronnie stills lives in Stratford and works for Frontier Fuel. Ricky lives in Dumas with his wife, Sharon. He is employed by Family Farm Store. Ann is married to Mike Kech and they both work at Pantex and live in Amarillo.

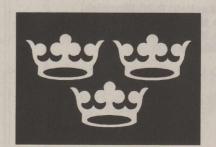
Elsie lost her husband, Kenneth, in 1986. Elsie is also the only living sibling left in her family. She is a member of First Baptist church and is now one of the oldest members.

Elsie has eight grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren and fourteen great-great grandchildren. Elsie can be seen driving around town headed to SCOT Hall or to visit friends at Coldwater Manor. She still loves to go for walks and work in her flower bed. Congratulations on being Prospectus Study Club Queen of 2012!



Ricky, Kay, Ann & Ronnie, Elsie & Kenneth (seated) 40th wedding Anniversary







Donnie Ellison

Old Timer King Donnie Ellison



Glenanna Craig, Larry Norris, Verlie Norris, Ernie Ellison, Sheryl



Hugh and Billie Ann Stewart, Mom & Pop (Oma and Alice Ellison), Don & Martha Ellison (1960)



The life of Donnie Glen Ellison

The life of Donnie Glen Ellison Donald Glen, Donnie, is the son of Oma (Whitey) and Alice Ellison; he was born at their home north of Stratford on Beaver Road April 23, 1932. He has one sister Billie Ann Stewart who resides in Pampa, TX. Sometime around 1934 the family moved to the Kerrick community where they worked as day laborers mostly for Roy Allen. While living there their house burned and they moved to the Marion Green place, currently where Mary Lou Lavake and the Walden's live. Donnie began school at the Palo Dura School and attended through the 3 d grade. In 1941 they moved to the Stillwell place across the road east of Everett's farm. Donnie attended the Ruby School, located on the Bob Burgess place, for the next 2 years. The next move was to the Marion Foreman/Red Dortch place in 1943. This land, which Donnie still owns, was purchased from Red Dortch for \$5.00 an acre and they wondered how they would ever pay for it. Donnie then attended school in Stratford from the 6th- 12th grades, graduating in 1951. After graduating he worked for Russell Garrison at his Gas Station and then with the construction of the swimming pool at the school. He and some of the other workers were the first to swim in the

June of 1953 Donnie married his wife, of 59 years, Martha Crabtree. They have 3 children Glenanna Craig, Verlie & Larry Norris, Ernie & Sheryl Ellison, 7 grandchildren Chris & Lyndsie Craig, Bethany & Wade Calloway, Shannon Norris, Katie and Stephen Nutt, Laura and Jason Rogers, Brenna Ellison and Nathan Ellison, 15 great grandchildren (who call him Grandpa George) Caleb, Hanna, Lily & Nathan Craig, Creed, Keegan, Caris and Kinley Calloway, Patrick Norris, Rylie

and Morgan Nutt, Lauren, Slade, Kennedy Rogers and Lexi Cisneros.

August of 1953 Donnie was called into the Army and since he had been serving in the National Guard he was sent immediately to Germany where he served the next 2 years guarding the Russian Border. Glenanna was born during this time and she was almost a year and a half old before he saw her. Upon returning home he worked on the family farm and for the neighboring farmers until the early 1980's when the farm was leased to Clifford Ellison at which time he began to work for him. Donnie went to work for Bill Reed & Sons in the mid 1990's and was there until his health began to limit his activities. He then worked for Elk Junction again until his health would no longer permit it. Now he is enjoying retirement and playing with the great grandchildren.

As the kids were growing up Donnie enjoyed the many activities they were involved in, 4-H stock shows and the family camps we took along with the Henry's, Baskin's, Christian's, Jackson's and Crosses to Cimarron Canyon. We also camped in Palo Dura Canyon and attended "Texas" in its first month of production. He bought a donkey and cart for the kids but he enjoyed it as much as they did. He also had a motorcycle to ride along with Verlie and Ernie, they especially enjoyed riding in Cimarron Canyon with Buddy and David Jackson. While living on the farm, before all the TV, playing domino and card games with the neighbors was the main source of entertainment and he still enjoys these games with whoever will play with him.

The mid to late 50's were very diverse in the weather patterns. First we had dust storms where in order to get home we had to follow the fence because you couldn't see the road. Then there was rain and lots of it everyone in the community enjoyed water skiing on the lakes in Hudson's pasture and Spurlock's field. Last but not least there was a HAIL storm, the hail was in sheets not stones. It tore foot long holes in the Quonset I barn, broke the windows in the car and the house, knocking holes in the wall across the room from the window, those not broken by hail were pushed out by a tornado going overhead, flattened the wheat stubble, they had finished cutting that afternoon, knocked all the leaves and many branches off the trees and killed all the birds.

When Donnie's grandma Ellison passed away he received all her plants so with no place to keep them he built a greenhouse which led to a bigger greenhouse and growing wholesale and retail bedding plants along with a wedding floral & catering business. A couple of years later George & Gaynelle Oakley ask if we would be

interested in purchasing their floral shop, located in the building where Primo's Café is now, which we did in 1978. After outgrowing the Building we moved into the Woolsey buildings on Main Street and added M'Meet & Eat with Margie Bryson. We sold the restaurant equipment to Eddie Duncan & Howard Naugle so they could open their restaurant. At this time we added children's and ladies clothing. Donnie enjoyed visiting and waiting on people at the café and delivering flowers during holidays. The business was sold to Linda Young in 2004 after 26 years of serving the community and our customers.

Donnie is a member of First Baptist Church, has served on the Sherman County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, the Appraisal District Board, and Stratford EMS as an EMT and ambulance driver. He is a member of the Stratford American Legion.



Donnie Ellison, elementary



STRATFORD EX-STUDENTS & TEACHERS REUNION JULY 27-28, 2012

Friday, July 27th

Food and visiting for ex-students, teachers, families & friends 7:00 p.m.

County Barn @ 6th and S. Maple

Class activities as noted 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 28th - Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs!!

Registration-Old Timers Program @ Imagination Station/202 Main St 9 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Crowning Old Timers Queen Elsie Pickens & King Donnie Ellison

9:45 a.m. Start lining up at the High School for the Parade

Parade on Main Street 11 a.m.

Lions BBQ at the Park with Invocation & the Star Spangled Banner 11:30 a.m.

Adults \$7/plate & Children \$3/plate. Music will be furnished at the park.

Kids Games: turtle races, sack races, horseshoe pitch, etc.

Old Timers can be served @ County Barn Cookers check in and set up for Coldwater Creek BBQ Cook-off 1 p.m.

1:30-4:30 p.m. Quilt Show @ SCOT Hall \$5 admission 2-4 p.m. Depot Museum & Schools open for visiting

Vendor booths start setting up for Block Party 4 p.m.

6 p.m. Educ. Foundation Program for the Honored Classes @ Imagination Station

Block Party begins 7 p.m. 7:15 p.m. Cook-off Awards Announced

Street Dance featuring Agave Posse from Amarillo 8:30-11:30 p.m.

CLASS ACTIVITIES

Class 1942-52-62 Saturday lunch at County Barn Class 1962 Saturday afternoon at Claude & Leonda Fedric – 1111 N. Putman **Class** 1967 Saturday gathering – Joyce Hodges McBryde & Linda Sutton Hauser **Class** 1972 Friday & Saturday at Tana Smith Pemberton's – 1208 Putman **Class** 1982 Friday at Don & Viann Ferguson Reed's – 1205 NW 1st Saturday at the BBQ @ the Park

Class 1992 Saturday at the BBQ @ the Park

Class 2002 Friday at Valerie Valenzuela Salas' - 207 S. Wall

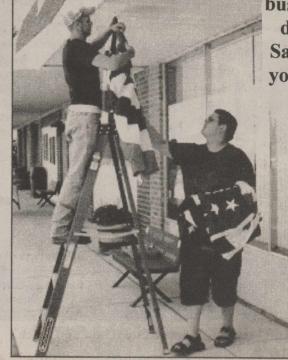
Saturday at the Parade 1 p.m. Family time at the Stratford Country Club

SUNDAY - JULY 29TH STRATFORD CHURCHES WELCOMES YOU.

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WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK EVERYONE FOR COMING OUT FRIDAY NIGHT AND BEING A PART OF OUR 11TH ANNUAL HOGMAN SCHOLARSHIP GOLF SCRAMBLE. WE HAD A GREAT TIME AND RAISED SOME MONEY FOR A GREAT CAUSE. THIS YEAR OUR RECIPIENT IS CASEY LANTELME. CASEY RECEIVED A \$1,000.00 SCHOLARSHIP AND WILL BE ATTENDING WTAMU THIS FALL. WE WANT TO THANK SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE THAT HELPED MAKE OUR FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS. RICHARD CHUMLEY FOR COOKING SOME FANTASTIC BURGERS, CHAD HINDS AND CORONADO FEEDERS FOR DONATING THE MEAT, CONNIE BIDDY AND THE OL'BIDDY CAFÉ FOR THE VEGGIES. BRET MOORE AND MOORE'S FOOD PRIDE FOR THE BUNS, AND HAPPY STATE BANK FOR THE BOTTLED WATER. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK **OUR DONOR'S WHO WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND AND GAVE** EXTRA TO THIS YEAR'S EVENT. PANHANDLE GRILLS, CRIFF LASLEY, HAPPY STATE BANK, FIRST STATE BANK. AND STRATFORD FEED YARD. WE ALSO WANT TO THANK SHARI HUDSON FOR TAKING PICS, FOR THE PAPER. WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR THOSE WILLING TO DONATE TO THIS YEAR'S HOGMAN FUNDRAISING DRIVE, SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION, PLEASE CONTACT GREG WRIGHT OR ROGER ALLEN, OR DROP IT BY HAPPY STATE BANK C/O HOGMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND, BOX 1, STRATFORD, TEXAS 79084 THANKS AGAIN FOR EVERYONE'S SUPPORT.

> SINCERELY. GREG & ROGER

LEGAL NOTICES

Sealed Bids Being Accepted

Texhoma ISD is accepting sealed bids for surplus property located at Block 13, Lots 13- 14, 700 South Fifth Street, Texhoma, Texas. Sealed Bids will be accepted until Monday, July 30, 2012 at 9:00 am and will be opened at 6:30 pm on July 30, 2012. Contact Hope Appel at 806-827-7400 for more information. Bids can be mailed to Hope Appel, Superintendent, Texhoma ISD, PO Box 709, Texhoma, OK 73949. Hand delivery will be accepted until Monday, July 30 at 9:00 am to Texhoma Elementary, Fourth and Denver, Texhoma, Texas. The TISD Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and

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Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District Board of Trustees will accept sealed bids for a 1992 Van Hool Activity Bus. Specifications can be obtained by calling the transportation department at 366-3344.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 PM, August 9, 2012. Any requests for bids after this date will not be accepted. The bids may be mailed to Stratford ISD, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084 or delivered to the business office at 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The bids will be opened on August 9, 2012 at 2:00 PM. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM **IMPROVEMENTS** FOR LOTS 1-12, BLOCK 72 ORIGINAL TOWN TEXHOMA, TEXAS

will be received at the office of the City Secretary at City Hall, South 6th Street, Texhoma, Texas until:

> 2:00 P.M. August 14, 2012

A cashier's check certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Texhoma in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with the City of Texhoma and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the City of Texhoma, South 6th Street, Texhoma, Texas, telephone (806) 827-7411 and the offices of Brandt Engineers, Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineers, Brandt Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

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> **RUSTY SHOULDERS, MAYOR** CITY OF TEXHOMA, TEXAS

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Sherman County is accepting applications for the position of Justice of the Peace, to fill an un-expired term. Applicants are encouraged to pick up an information packet in the County Judge's office. Applicants must be residents of Sherman County. Applications and resumes shall be mailed or hand-delivered to Terri Beth Carter. Sherman County Judge, 701 N. 3rd, PO Box 165, Stratford, TX 79084.

Deadline for accepting applications will be Friday, August 3, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Faxed, e-mailed, or late applications will not be accepted. Sherman County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Notice of Public Hearing

Please be advised that the City of Stratford has received an application for a zoning change from:

Lorenzo Fierro Lots 1-10 Block 72

Please be advised that the City of Stratford has received an application for a zoning variance from:

Augustin Ibarra 102 N. 4TH

The public hearing for the variance and zoning change requests will be conducted on August 7th, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall council chambers located at 518 N.

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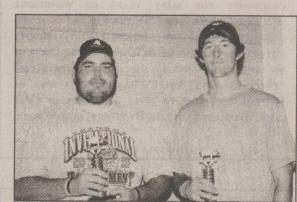


1st place team: Greg Wright, Pistol Audrain, Clint Black and Tanner



3rd Place: Scott Hudson, Roger Allen, Casey Lantelme and Caddy Kenlee McBryde

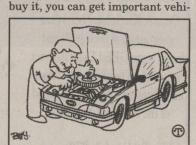




2nd place: Time Moore, Ronnie Brooks (Not Pictured), Ken Boatman (Not Pictured), & JD Pugh (also Closest to Pin).

4th Place: Duane Pittman, Kenton Kimball, Shannon Boatman (Not pictured), and James Young (not pictured) and Chase Lantelme.

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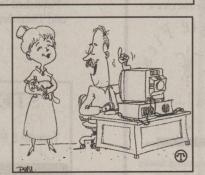


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Reception for Honored Classes

What: Reception for SHS Honored Classes at the Ex-Students & **Teachers Reunion**

Where: The Imagination Station; 202 N. Main

When: Saturday, July 28, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

Who: Everyone!

Stratford The Education Foundation invites you to come and enjoy a fun-filled time with new and old friends while nibbling on light refreshments before attending the Main Street Block Party and Dance. We'll have a great time, so don't miss out. See you there!