

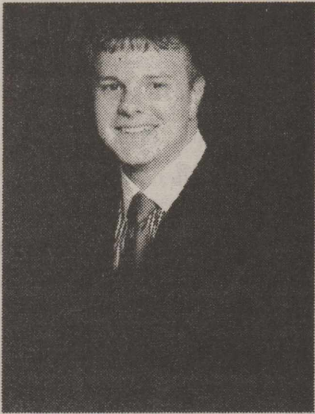


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SHS Valedictorian & Salutatorian



Tyler Wright

Tyler Wright
Valedictorian-101.444
Objective:
Attend a four year university and study in sports medicine.
Education:
Plan to graduate Stratford High School in the spring of 2011.
Honors Courses
English Honors I-IV
Honors Chemistry
Dual Credit History
Dual Credit Algebra
Honors Anatomy & Physiology
Dual Credit Trigonometry
Have worked from 1998-Present
Farming with Wright and Wright Farms, Stratford, Part-time mowing for Horsford's Cattle Care and worked for my uncle

- Field Work
- Harvest
- Combine
- Grain Cart
- Irrigation Sprinkler Moving
- Fence Repair
- Irrigation Servicing

Awards Received:
Tyler has been accepted into the Attebury Honors Program at West Texas
Awards received

- Individual**
President's Education Award I-IV
Scholastic Banquet I-IV
All-District Center III
All-District Basketball II, III
All-Region Basketball III
Academic All-District Basketball I-IV
Academic All-District Football I-IV
All State Honorable Mention Offense & Defensive Lineman IV
National Honors Society III, IV
- Team**
State Football Champions II
Football Area Qualifiers I
Basketball Bi-District Qualifiers I
Basketball Regional Quarterfinalist I

Extra-Curricular Activities:
Football I-IV Basketball I-IV Track I-IV Student Council I, III-IV, FFA I-III, FCA, Sherman County Youth Board, Meals on Wheels Volunteer, FBC Youth

Remember to Vote
Saturday, May 14th, 2011

ATTENTION!
JR. Students
@ Parents

Your help is needed each **Thursday @ 6 p.m. to help with prom decorations.** We meet at the high school. Call Desine if you have questions 930-2758.

The museum is in need of volunteers to set at museum 2 hours a month April through October. Call Kay 366-7679

Reminder
Stratford Star
Fax number is 366-5884
Office phone 366-5885

Charity

(NU) - According to the National Center on Family Homelessness, one out of every 50 American children experiences homelessness each year. That's 1.5 million children. The majority - 75 percent - are elementary-school-aged. Forty-two percent are younger than six.

To help homeless children in need, The Company Store (www.thecompanystore.com), a catalog and online retailer of various bedding and home furnishings, launched its Buy One, Give One Comforter Donation Program. The program will benefit homeless children across the country. For every comforter purchased from its website or catalog, The Company Store will donate one comforter to a homeless child.

Heidi Brooks
Salutatorian-101.431
American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girl State Representative for Sherman County
National Honor Society Treasurer
Scholastic Banquet (Freshman- Senior)
Salutatorian
Farm Bureau Leadership Camp Nominee
Who's Who in Speech (Freshman- Senior)
Who's Who in Math (Junior)
Who's Who in English (Junior)
Who's Who in History (Junior)
Who's Who in Government (Senior)
LD Debate (Freshman- Senior)
* 2nd LD Debate at "The Bobsled Classic" Tournament in Friona
* LD Debate Regional Alternate (Sophomore)
* 5th in LD Debate at Regional UIL (Junior)
* Regional Qualifier in LD Debate (Senior)
LITERARY CRITICISM (Sophomore- Senior)
STRATFORD ONE ACT PLAY (Freshman- Senior)
* Freshman- Alternate ,
* Sophomore- Lights
* Junior- Lighting Manager
* Senior- Stage Manager
BAND (Freshman- Senior)
* Freshman-Straight ones in Marching Band,
* Straight ones in Concert Band
* Sophomore- Straight ones in Concert Band
* Junior- Straight ones in Concert Band
* Senior- Straight ones in Marching Band
Fall Production (Junior and Senior)
* Lighting Manager Junior Year
* Stage Manager Senior Year
Active Member of First Christian Church



Heidi Brooks



Sherman County Appraisal District Board Minutes

Friday, March 18, 2011

The Sherman County Appraisal District Board of Directors met on Friday, March 18, 2011 in the appraisal district board room. Board members present were David Jackson, Tim Hudson, Jeff Crippen, Mel Yates, Tom Moore, Chet Everett, and Valerie McAlister. Roger Wells was not present. Chief Appraiser Teresa Edmond was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Secretary Hudson at 7:00 a.m. Crippen moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Yates seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

There was no Old Business. The January and February financial reports and bills were presented and reviewed. Everett moved that the reports be approved and the bills be paid. Jackson seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The return of funds remaining in the 2010 budget was presented. Funds remaining in each year's appraisal district budget are returned to the jurisdictions in the same percentages as they were billed. From the 2010 budget, \$36,596.03 is being returned. This is 10.93% of the budget. After discussion, Crippen moved that the return be approved, and Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Consideration of Service Contracts included in the 2012 budget was next on the agenda. Contracts remaining the same amount for 2012 are Rent, Insect Control, Mineral Valuation, Mapping, and Computer Contract. An increase of 3% for 2012 was estimated for the Audit. After discussion, Yates moved that the contracts be approved, and Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Edmond presented the proposed 2012, the 2011 and the year-end 2010 budgets along with information about staff qualifications and several salary surveys. After discussion, the board adjourned and went into an executive session at 7:25 a.m.

At 7:45 a.m., the board re-convened in regular session. Jackson moved to approve 2% salary increases. Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with Crippen voting against the motion.

Everett moved that the proposed 2012 budget be approved with the changes approved by the board. Crippen seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Chief Appraiser Edmond reported that the Comptroller's MAPS Review Appraiser will be conducting the follow up in April. Several thank you notes were read. Edmond reported on the Comptroller's 2010 Ratio Study on Property Values. All of the ratios were good with the exception of the ratio on utilities for Sunray ISD. It is out of "the confidence level". This is being appealed to the state comptroller's office. Edmond reported the staff is busy working on 2011 appraisals and ownership changes as well as collection of taxes.

Jackson moved the meeting be adjourned. Yates seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

Fun Run Committee seeking nominations for honoree

The Stratford Reunion Weekend Fun Run Committee is currently seeking nominations for the 2011 Fun Run honoree.

The Reunion Weekend Fun Run was established in 2010 as an exciting way for the Stratford community to show its support for a local family or organization facing a difficult time.

Last year over 100 area residents came out to show their support for Corey Sims in his battle with B-Cell Leukemia by participating in the Fun Run. Proceeds from the event were used to assist Sims' family with medical bills.

We are working to make the 2011 Fun Run an even greater success, and this year the event will also include a youth bike-a-thon for children ages 10 and under.

If you know of a local family or non-profit organization in need of some additional community support, please nominate them to be honored at the 2011 Stratford Reunion Weekend Fun Run/Walk & Youth Bike-a-thon.

To submit a nomination, please write to the Stratford Reunion Fun Run Committee at PO Box 572 Stratford, TX 79084 or e-mail baileynaugle@yahoo.com. Please include the name and contact information of the person or non-profit organization being nominated and a brief description of the situation the nominee is facing and how the funds would be used.

Please note: all nominations must be received by 5:00 PM Friday, May 13, 2011 to be eligible for consideration.

The nominations will be reviewed by a neutral party, and the person or organization selected will be contacted by the Fun Run Committee and announced in *The Stratford Star*. Contact Bailey Naugle at 806-543-3313 or Heather Braden at 366-3224 with any questions.

Sherman County Depot Museum
Hours
Open Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
2 till 4 p.m.
For more information call
Ann Wells 396-2527
Pat Hartman 366-7644
Dick Bachman 366-7679

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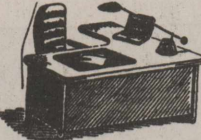
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Attention to all subscribers!!

Effective immediately The Stratford Star will no longer be sending out notices when your paper is due. Check the label on the paper and see what month your subscription expires. I will be putting "Stars" on the current month. If you have a Star on your label it means that your sub expires that month. If you are not sure the amount you owe if you live out of the area call 753-7373 and double check. Locally is \$30.00 and out of the area \$37.00. If you are paying for someone else's sub, you will be billed for that person. Due to the rising cost of postage, etc. we feel this is the best solution for us at this time. Thanking you in advance.
Marty



From the desk of Chief Powell



Editors Note: In last weeks column the article should have said common sense, not collation sense. Yes folks I do make mistakes. Sorry about that!!!!

We are stepping up patrol on 54 and 287. Our current focus is on drugs and the school zones. In the last few weeks, we have issued numerous citations in the school zone on 54 and we have made arrests on motorists in possession of illegal drugs / narcotics. We will not tolerate illegal drugs in Stratford, nor will we tolerate speeding in our school zones.

The Stratford Police Department, along with assistance of the Sherman County Sheriff's Office, will be putting on a DWI Simulation class at the High School this month. As a former DWI Division supervisor, I plan to educate the officers in every way possible in this area, for the purposes of increasing our DWI detection and enforcement efforts.

As always, thank you, Stratford for the continued support of your police department.
Chief Joe Powell www.stratfordpd.com

Street Maintenance Sales Tax Information

On May 14, 2011 the Citizens of Stratford will be hitting the poles to place their vote for three 2-year terms and one 1-year term City Council positions. In addition to this, Citizens will be voting for or against the implementation of a Street Maintenance Sales Tax. This article is to provide you a little information regarding the Street Maintenance Sales Tax.

Section 327.004, Tax Code, allows cities to raise their local sales tax rate by one-eighth of one percent or one-fourth of one percent if the funds are dedicated to street maintenance and repair. Being put in perspective one-fourth of one percent would be \$.25 per every \$100 taxable within the City of Stratford. With the voters' approval, the City will be able to impose this tax in order to provide more revenues for the repair and maintenance of existing streets within the City.

If the voters approve the implementation of this tax it will become effective on the first day of the first calendar quarter after one complete quarter passes from the date the Comptroller receives the City's notice that voters have approved the tax. In other words, the tax will become effective October 1, 2011. The Street Maintenance Sales Tax expires four years after it takes effect unless voters vote to continue it in an election held for that purpose. Therefore, voters have the choice every four years to extend the tax or to not extend the tax.

As mentioned above, this is a way the City of Stratford could provide more funding for the purposes of maintaining and repairing existing streets in the City. The street maintenance sales tax will allow this to be done for, literally, pennies on the dollar.



Sherman County 4-Hers Compete at District Fashion Show

Five local youth competed on Saturday, April 30th at Boys Ranch. Overall they represented Sherman County very well with both Kavan Killian placing first in the Buying/Formal Category and Rhyann Burton winning first in the Buying/Specialty Category. Both of these young men will be going on to State 4-H Roundup in June in the Fashion Show. Mary Ann Spurlock was second in the Construction/Casual Category. She did not qualify for Roundup, but has already qualified in Share the Fun and hopefully by the time you read this she will have qualified in Rifle. Daniela Valdez took first place in the Construction/Casual Jr. Category. And Abby Ely was 3rd in the Construction/Dressy for the Jr. Category. All five of these 4-Hers did a terrific job.

Aggie Mom Group Promotes Their Organization with Boots

The Parker County Aggie Moms' Club has designed in partnership with Nocona Boots, Aggie Mom Boots. This is a unique way for all Aggie Moms to promote their affiliation with Texas A&M University and their role as an Aggie mom.

The boots, which are brown in color, have a heart with the words Aggie Mom, located on the top of the foot area and up on front calf portion of the boot.

The Parker County group, which has exclusive marketing rights for the boot, uses their proceeds to fund scholarships, support organizations and events at Texas A&M University.

For additional details, to see the boot and place an order, visit www.aggieboot.com



SHS Annual Fundraiser

Grand Prize - iPad 2nd Prize - Kindle

**\$5.00 for 1 Ticket
or 5 Tickets for \$20.00**

*Drawing will be held
Wednesday, May 25 2 p.m. -H.S. Library*
Do not have to be present to win!
To purchase your ticket see any annual staff member

**Courtney Hartman, Taylor Melton, Ragan Foos,
Jordan Johnson, Kammi Birdsong, Perla Reta or
Call Shari Hudson at 753-7798**

Letter to the Editor

SCOT HALL SCUTTLE

BY: CINDY JACKSOIV

I hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day and enjoyed the weather.

Exercise class is going strong. We have anywhere from 5-7 people every Wednesday. We have wonderful music and really enjoy the friendship. Come and join us! Strength training can help revive your metabolism, multiple studies show that your metabolism level may remain at a high level after the use of free weights and resistance-training. The faster your metabolism, the more energy your body exerts, even while sitting still. Don't forget to also work-out your mind. Do crossword Puzzles and find a words, on a weekly basis. Keep learning. Learn a new word and its definition once a month.

Luncheon hostess are: Martha Mitts, Shorty Albert, Online Caraway and Dorothy Haile.

Birthday hostess is: Lynn Wells

Get your Memorial Day flowers before they are all gone. Call Karen Perrin@ 396-2097

May 11, 2011- Exercise class starts @ 8:00 a.m. May 13, 2011- Games @ 2 p.m.

May 18, 2011- Exercise class starts @ 8:00 a.m. May 19, 2011-Birthday Party @ 2 pan. / Bingo @ 3

May 24, 2011- S.CO.T. Hall Board Meeting 5; 15 p.m.

May 25, 2011- Exercise class starts @ 8:00 a.m. May 26, 2011- Noon Luncheon

Dues are due! The dues are \$24.00 for a year.

Thank you for being a part of the S.C.O.T. Hall family.

SUBMITTING A LETTER: Letters should be no more than 200 words and can be mailed to PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084 or faxed to 366-5884 or e-mailed to stardm@xit.net. Please include your street address (NO PO boxes), daytime phone number and full name. All submissions are subject to editing for length, libel, clarity and taste. The newspaper has the last say on whether a letter will be published. Letters to the editor are the opinions of the writer, not the newspaper.

Dear Editor

Update on the Quiet Fighter

Since the last time I wrote I have been in touch with the doctor in Seattle. He has stated that Matthew should be seen by a motility specialist. So I did the research and got the number of the only motility specialist in Dallas, called and sent him Matthews records for review. We now have an appointment for June 7. We will be down there for a consultation. Hopefully he can figure out what to do.

Thank you for all your prayers and support during this trying time in Matthew's life. I know that you all will be praying for us on the 7th.

If you have any questions about what is going on be sure that you ask me, I have no problem explaining things.

I will be e-mailing updates as they happen so please be on the lookout for them.

Thank you,
Tiffany Chaffee

A benefit fund has been set up for Medical Expenses for Matthew Chaffee at The First State Bank of Stratford.

Ken Forthman For City Council

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UPDATE ON SCDC WEBSITE

If you have homes/apartments/mobile homes for rent or for sale and you'd like to List them on the SCDC website, it's free. We offer this service to all Sherman County residents. You can email the details to scdc@xit.net and we'll get it on the website for you. Please include at least one phone number so interested parties can contact you and not the SCDC office. Currently the following properties are listed for sale on the website, if the properties have sold please contact me so the information can be removed. The office number is 366-2897 or you can email me. For Sale: Sherman County 2,439 acres w/home 806/435-4623 816 N. Maple 806/366-7664 3 bed/2 bath 806/366-5997 1201 NW 2nd St. 806/717-0172 301 Kay Ave. 806/753-7844 1205 Division 806/753-7815 212 N. Poplar 806/679-5585 This is a public service provided by Sherman County Development.

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Spirit Camp 2011

June 21-24
9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
Pre-K thru 6th grade (As of fall 2011)
Forms due with payment by May 20
Individual Instruction by Age Group

- ✓ Personal Spirit Book
- ✓ Become a certified Spirit Leader
- ✓ Learn cheers, pom routines, and much much more!


Each participant who completes camp will be invited to show off their spirit at a HOME GAME PEP RALLY and CHEER at the HOME GAME!

- \$35 Camp Fee
- \$30 Camp Fee for second child in family if pre-registered
- T-shirts are included if registered by May 20
- No shirts for late registration
- Cheerleading memory mate pictures will be taken June 21

For additional information contact: Cassidy Mizer 580.461.0213
Please fill out a separate form per child-payment may be made with one check.

Please make all checks payable to SHS CHEERLEADERS
Return this portion with your money to:
Mary Allen Office or Ms. Mizer at the HS

Name: _____ Camp fee: _____
Grade (FA 2011): _____ Circle T- Shirt size:
Parents: _____ Yes Youth A= Adult
Telephone: _____ Yes YM YL AS AM AL



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366-5505
Angie Hipp, RPh

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396-5583
Tommy Brian, ANP

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Nursing Facility**
396-5568
Karl Punch, LNFA

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Engagement Announced

Blake and Tiffany Confer of Amarillo announce the engagement of their daughter Jordan Brooke to Eric Nathan Riffe of Lubbock. Grandparents of the bride-elect are Carol Sue LeGate of Amarillo, the late Tom LeGate and Bill and Pat Confer of Hereford. Riffe is the son of Chris and Ronna Riffe of Stratford. Grandparents of the prospective groom are Marihoward Engelbrecht of Stratford, the late Ronald Engelbrecht, and Don and Gaynelle Riffe all of Stratford. The couple plan to wed July 9 at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas.

Congressman Bill Flores to Receive Award from Ranching Heritage Association.

William H. "Bill" Flores will receive the Ranching Heritage Association's 2011 Boss of the Plains Award on June 10, not because of his role as a U.S. Congressman, but because of what he learned as the son of a rancher. The newly elected official from Bryan, Texas, credits his father and his upbringing on the ranch for giving him the values he needs to be an effective public servant.

The Boss of the Plains Award is named for Stetson's premier Western hat. It will be presented to Congressman Flores during a dinner following a 6:30 p.m. reception at the Lubbock Country Club, 3400 Mesa Road in Lubbock. Among his presenters is Congressman Randy Neugebauer of Lubbock.

Reservations are required. Cost is \$60 each or \$50 for Ranching Heritage Association members. Reserved tables for six are \$650 and for eight \$1,000. Call Vicki Quinn-Williams at 806-742-2498 or go to www.nrhc.ttu.edu to make reservations online.

The award was created in 1999 and is reserved for individuals who are highly regarded in their professions and who have provided noteworthy support of the National Ranching Heritage Center.

A member of the Ranching Heritage Association's prestigious National Advisory Board, Flores honored his father and family with underwriting to create the Joe Flores Family Gallery in the NRHC's DeVitt-Mallet Museum Building.

A ninth-generation Texan, Bill Flores was elected in November to the U.S. House of Representatives from the 17th Congressional District. He serves as a member on the Budget, Natural Resources and Veterans' Affairs Committees.

Flores was born at Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming, while his father was serving in the military. At the age of 3, his family moved back to the Texas panhandle where he and his five siblings were raised. At the age of 9, he helped his father work cattle. A year later, he obtained his first newspaper route. Soon, he got a loan to buy a scooter so he could double the size of his deliveries. In high school, Flores hauled hay, built barbed wire fence and broke ice on cattle water troughs on his way to school. Upon graduating, he put himself through Texas A&M University. He was elected to leadership positions in the student body, and as a member of the Corps of Cadets he earned his way into the Ross Volunteers, the honor guard of the Governor of the State of Texas. After graduation, Flores received a CPA certificate and later attended graduate school, earning a Master's in Business Administration degree. In the energy industry he rose through the ranks and compiled an impressive record of building and leading successful companies, creating good-paying jobs and developing American energy.

Flores served as CFO for a number of successful energy companies and ultimately became the CEO and president of Phoenix Exploration. He has 30 years of experience in the energy industry, including oil field services, as well as exploration and production.

Through it all, Flores was a consistent leader in community service. He was 2007 chairman of the Association of Former Students for Texas A&M and a director for Houston Baptist University. In 2010, Texas A&M University honored him as a Distinguished Alumnus, its highest award for former students.

Flores and his wife Gina are members of Central Baptist Church in Bryan, and they have two adult sons.

Spurlock Presents Program

Mary Ann Spurlock was in costume May 4 as she presented the story "Which Shall it Be?" by Ethel Lynn Elliot Beds to GFWC/Prospectus Study Club. Cindy Jackson, Michelle Lutes and Margaret Reed attended the Spring convention in Canyon April 16.

Old Timer King and Queen were voted on. They will be honored July 30.

Members present for the important meeting were Michelle Lutes, Jill Killian, Joyce Hart, Dorothy Haile, Laurie Spurlock, Margaret Reed, Ann Johnson, Cindy Jackson, Karen Perrin, Penny Sheehan, Linda Swain, Marty Bain, Marylou McDaniel.

Publish a Book To Support Your Cause

NewsUSA (NU) - Thanks to continuing advancements in digital technology and print-on-demand resources, more people who want to make others aware of a worthy cause can have a professionally published book.

When Margarete Cassalina lost her daughter Jena to cystic fibrosis, her world stopped; life, as she knew it, was over. Within one year, however, Cassalina went from the depths of depression to simply existing to recovery, discovering that she could not just survive but even harness the power of true and absolute love. She literally went from "beyond breathing" to living a full and purposeful life.

Cassalina published her book, "Beyond Breathing," through iUniverse (an imprint of indie publisher Author Solutions), and a film about her story is currently in production. Sixty-five percent of the net proceeds from book sales go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Indie book publishing empowers anyone to publish a professionally designed book, maintaining complete control of the content, rights and marketing. For as little as \$1,000, a book can be available for sale on all leading online retailers and ordered at any bookstore.



Engagement Announced

De'lon and Mary Catherine Judd, of Nara Visa, New Mexico, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mettle Ilena, to Sean Jeffrey Taylor, son of Teri and Michael Taylor, of Salado, Texas. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Inalve James of Dalhart, Texas and the late Newton James, and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Judd, of Stratford, Texas, and the late Oleen Judd. The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Van Dyke, of Van Alstyne, Texas, Mr. & Mrs. Bud Smith, of Lake Kiowa, Texas, and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Taylor, of Lakeland, Florida.

The bride-elect and prospective groom are both 2010 graduates of Texas Tech University School of Law. They met during law school and fell in love while studying for the Texas Bar Exam. Mettle, a graduate of West Texas A&M University, studied education, and Sean, a graduate of Baylor University, majored in political science.

Mettle is an associate at Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal in Dallas, Texas. Sean is a briefing attorney to the Honorable Sam. R. Cummings, United States District Court, Northern District of Texas. He resides in Lubbock, Texas.

The couple will exchange vows in a creek-side ceremony at Tenroc Ranch in Salado, Texas, on September 17, 2011. The reception will follow.

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Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Service 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church
Pastor Gary Smith
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service

First United Methodist
Rev. David Terry
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Senior High UMY 5:00 p.m.
Youth High UMY 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic
6th & Pearl
Rectory 366-5687
Sunday morning: 8:00 a.m. (English), 9:30 (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade Wed. Afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed.-6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ Brad Beckett
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. p.m.



Heritage Bible Baptist
Pastor Rick Carter
302 S. Main
For more Info-Call 396-2212
Morning Worship-11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service-7:30 p.m.

First Baptist
Pastor Jason Stone
702 N. 3rd
Sun.-Coffee-8:30
Sunday School-9:30
Worship Service-10:30
Wed.-Children-6 p.m. youth-7 p.m.

La Mision Bautista
Mision Bautista
401 S. Wall 396-5376
Domingo-(Sunday)
Escuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.
Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11 a.m. Estudio
Biblico & Servicio De Oracion 6 p.m.
Servicio De Adoracion 6 p.m. se Cuidamos
Sussinos Durante El Servicio

Eben-Ezer Templo Hispano
Asambleas De Dios
Pastor: Juan M. Valenzuela-
806-366-3071
205 N. Poplar-Hwy 287 268-2188
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.-12 noon
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

Kerrick Community
Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
10 a.m. Worship Service

NewsUSA

(NU) - Fiber - you know it's good for you. But if you're like many Americans, you don't get enough. Most of us get less than half the recommended amount of fiber each day.

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Different types of fiber might affect your health in different ways. Soluble fiber can help lower blood sugar and cholesterol. It's found in oat bran, beans, peas and most fruits. Insoluble fiber can treat or prevent constipation and diverticular disease, which affects the colon. It's found in wheat bran and some vegetables.

"In general, people should not be too concerned by the specific type of fiber," says Dr. Somdat Mahabir, a nutrition and disease expert with the National Institutes of Health. "The focus should be more on eating diets that are rich in whole grains, vegetables and fruits to get the daily fiber requirement."

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Council Minutes

COUNCIL MINUTES March 29, 2011

Stratford City Council met in regular session, March 29, 2011 with Mayor Marca Ewers presiding and the following were present:

Present Council Members: Joe Zak, Brad Williams, Ann Johnson, Ricky Reed
Absent Council Members: Bryan Wright
City Administrator: Scott Caldwell
City Attorney: Rob Elliott
City Secretary: Kathy Rendon
City Planner: George Harding
Police Chief: Joe Powell

Others: Jon Cooley, Police Officer, Henry Davis, Terri Neal, Angela Harbour, Lori Vincent, Wayne Smith, LeRayne Donelson

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff Reports

- Scott Caldwell reported on the following:
 - Fire Department Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 6:00 pm. Valerie Salas will take care of the RSVP
 - The new sewer plant is on line
 - Currently working on and will present future plans for street repairs

Consent Agenda Items

- Minutes from December 30, 2010 Special Session, January 11, 2011 Special Session, February 22, 2011 Regular Meeting and March 8, 2010 Special Meeting
 - Ricky Reed motioned to approve the minutes, Brad Johnson seconded. Joe Zak abstained from a vote on account that he was not present at one of the meetings. All else in favor, motion passed.
- Accounts Payable for February
 - Ricky Reed motioned to approve Accounts Payable for February, Joe Zak seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Financial Statements for February
 - Ricky Reed motioned to approve Financial Statement for February, Joe Zak seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Auditor's Report
 - Henry Davis, Partner with Doshier, Pickens, and Francis, presented the Auditor's Report for the City's FY 209-2010 Financial Audit.
 - Ricky Reed motioned to approve the Auditor's Report, Ann Johnson seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Budget Review
 - Scott Caldwell gave a brief overview of the City's 2010-2011 budget and forwarded information to the Council regarding the current state of the budget. Mr. Caldwell also informed the Council that the budget was adopted by departments and this means that amendments to the budget are not mandatory unless the bottom line of the budget is overdrawn. Therefore, if a line item within a department is over budget, there is no necessity to perform a budget amendment. This was confirmed by Henry David of Doshier, Pickens, and Francis, the City's CPA.
 - No action was taken on this item.

Presentations to the Council

There were no presentations.

Council Business

- Discuss and consider action re: Snow Cone Zone proposal to lease or purchase Roxy Park for the purposes of conducting business activities in that area
 - Lori Vincent, Owner, Snow Cone Zone presented regarding her request to open a Snow Cone business on a piece of land owned by the City known as Roxy Park. Roxy Park is located on Main Street in Stratford. Ms. Vincent asked that the Council consider leasing or selling the piece of land for her so she can place her establishment at that location for business. Ms. Vincent presented an offer to lease the land for an amount of \$600/year for a period of 4 years. Ms. Vincent further explained that if given the opportunity to lease the land she would be willing to make improvements to the location by placing security lights in the back alleyway and cleaning up the general area to make it aesthetically pleasing for her patrons as well as other visitors to the area.
 - Rob Elliott, City Attorney, explained that if the City sold the land it is mandated that a formal bid process would be required. However, since the land is not specifically dedicated for public use and there are no special deed restrictions on the land, there would be no problem if the City chose to lease the land. Mr. Elliott suggested that the land only be leased on an annual basis so that this agreement could not be construed as an indirect sale to Ms. Vincent.
 - After discussion among the Council, Brad Johnson motioned to lease the subject property to Ms. Vincent for the purpose of placing her snow cone business to conduct business for a period of one year at a rate of \$600/Year, to be effective April 1, 2011. Furthermore, he motioned to require the Snow Cone Zone to obtain a general liability insurance policy in the amount no less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence, and this policy should remain valid throughout the period of the lease agreements. Ricky Reed seconded. Ricky Reed and Brad Johnson voted for the motion, Joe Zak and Ann Johnson voted against, the tie was broken by the Mayor, Marca Ewers, who voted for the motion. Motion passed.

Mayor Ewers ordered a short recess at 7:45 pm and the meeting resumed at 7:54 pm.

- Discuss and consider action re: SC Services and Associates/Collection Services
 - Terri Neal, Texas Account Manager, SC Services & Associates presented regarding debt recovery services that her company could offer the City of Stratford Municipal Court regarding the recovery of unpaid tickets owed to the Municipal Court. Ms. Neal explained that the ticket must be at least 60 days old before the City can pursue collections. Furthermore, Ms. Neal explained that her company's services are free to the City of Stratford and that all associated expenses are passed on to the defendant in the amount of 30% of the total citation cost once money is collected.
 - Ricky motioned to enter into a contract agreement with SC Services & Associates for the purpose of them providing debt collection services for unpaid tickets owed to the City of Stratford Municipal Court. Furthermore, Mr. Reed instructed Rob Elliot to review the contract before authorizing Mayor Ewers to sign. Brad Johnson seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Discuss and consider action re: livestock permit request
 - Angela Harbour presented to the Council requesting a City Ordinance variance in order for her to keep miniature cows within the city limits of the City of Stratford.
 - After some discussion, Joe Zak motioned to grant Ms. Harbour the requested variance under the condition that the pens the cows will be housed in are "dog proof," Ricky Reed seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Discuss and consider action re: Sherman County Depot Museum requesting funds of \$1000

- Sherman County Depot Museum is requesting funds from the City in the amount of \$1000 to cover expenses associated with the regular operations of the museum. This request will exceed the amount the City had budgeted for this purpose by \$500.
- Ricky motioned to pay the museum what was originally budgeted, which is \$500, Brad Johnson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: Jail services contract between Sherman County and the City of Stratford
 - Chief Joe Powell presented information regarding the jail service contract between Sherman County and the City of Stratford. Mr. Powell informed the Council that the daily rate for jail services will be increasing this year. Mr. Powell also introduced the City of Stratford's newest Police Officer, Mr. John Cooley.
 - Joe Zak motioned to enter into a jail services agreement with Sherman County, Ann Johnson seconded. All in favor. Motioned passed.
- Discuss and consider action re: Election Services contract between the County Elections Officer and the City of Stratford
 - After discussion Joe Zak motioned to enter into an election services contract with Sherman County, Ricky Reed seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Discuss and consider action re: Sherman County Appraisal District 2012 Budget
 - After discussion Ricky Reed motioned to reject the Sherman County Appraisal District 2012 Budget, Joe Zak seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Discuss and consider action re: Ordinance No. 2011-03-08 authorizing the issuance and sale of City of Stratford, Texas, combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation, Series 2011; Levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said certificates; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject
 - Scott Caldwell read a memo from the City's bond counsel advising the Council to table this item until the next Council meeting.
 - Ann Johnson motioned to table this item until the Council's April meeting, Brad Johnson seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Discuss and consider action re: Accept and review bids solicited by the City of Stratford for property described as Lots 6 through 10, Block 88, Original Town of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas
 - The city received a bid for \$2,525 from Felix Saenz.
 - After discussion, Ann Johnson motioned to reject the bid, Joe Zak seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Discuss and consider action re: Purchase of brush for Skid Steer
 - Scott Caldwell presented some quotes he received for the purchase of a planer and a brush to be attached the City's skid steer loader.
 - After discussion and review, it was suggested that City look for more cost effective alternatives.
 - No action was taken on this item.
- Discuss and consider action re: Incode Municipal Court and Cash Collections systems implementation and additional work
 - Scott Caldwell requested that this item be tabled until the next Council meeting.
 - Ricky Reed motioned to table this item, Joe Zak seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Discuss and consider action re: City Health Inspector
 - Scott Caldwell explained to the Council that the City is covered by the state when it comes to having qualified professional inspectors and health officials to make decisions regarding the general health and well being of the City of Stratford's citizens. Mr. Caldwell further explained that Dr. Pendergrass is the appointed health authority for this particular region. He explained that if we want to appoint our own health official for the City of Stratford, it would be advisable to work with the County

on this and appoint an official for the entire county itself and not just for the City of Stratford.

No action was taken on this item.

- Discuss and consider action re: Bids received to provide mowing and regular maintenance services to the Stratford Cemetery
 - Several business people have been contacted to see if they would be interested in the maintenance at the cemetery. However, no one has been hired for this position. An ad will be placed in the paper and written requirements for this service will be available.

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Lollipop Junction daycare is seeking a motivated, loving individual to care for children. If interested, please inquire at Lollipop Junction or call 366-5885 ask for Breo 1-20-tfn

Coldwater Manor is seeking an R.N. to work at least 8 hours per day on Saturdays and Sundays. If interested, please contact Shelly Turner, R.N., Director of Nurses at 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX 79084 or call 806-396-5568 4-14-tfn

Stratford ISD is seeking a Director of Maintenance to manage maintenance and district's custodial operations. Applications available on school website. For more information, please call (806) 366-3300 5-5-5-12

Garage Sales

Two Family Sale, Saturday only May 14th from 9-12. Home décor, kitchen stuff, some toys, dog house, furniture, mens, womens and girls clothing. 300 Roper Lane (Law Home). Turn south after crossing the railroad tracks behind Brooks Motor. 5/12/c

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Home for sale at 411 North Fulton: 4 or 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, office, large kitchen with gas fireplace, covered patio, privacy fence, attached 2 carport, attached 1 car garage. CH/A please call and leave message at 806-396-5673 or 806-753-6721. 4-7-tfn

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A tract of land lying and being situate in the South Half (S/2) of Section 163, Block 3-T, T&NO RR Co. In Sherman Co. Texas containing 4.18 acres, more or less.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$4,493.37 Dollars in favor of plaintiff and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof. Witness my hand the 2nd Day of May, 2011.

Sheriff Jack Haile
Sherman Co. Texas

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sherman County, Stratford I.S.D., City of Stratford, Stratford Hospital District, and North Plains Water District will be accepting sealed bids on the following property:

Property #S5 -613 N Grace (house), S12 Lt 13 & All Lts 14-15 Blk 27, Stratford #S6 - 1313 Division (vacant lots), S40 of Lt 12 & N42 of Lt 3 Blk 3 Unit 1 Elk, Stratford

Bids must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2011. Bids received after the stated time will not be considered.

Bids will be opened on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 7:30 am during an open meeting in the Appraisal District board room.

Bids should be sealed, marked "Bid" on the envelope, and delivered to:

Sherman County Appraisal District 402 North Third PO Box 239 Stratford, TX 79084-0239

The taxing entities reserve the right to refuse any or all bids. Published in the Stratford Star, Thursday, April 28, 2011, Thursday, May 5, 2011, and Thursday May 12, 2011.

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- n. Discuss and consider action re: police department racial profiling report
 - Chief Joe Powell handed out the racial profiling report for Council review. Ricky Reed motioned to approve the report, Joe Zak seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
 - Chief Powell also advised that Officer Rob Powell has resigned. He will start searching for a part-time officer.
- o. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - Council will convene into closed session in accordance with Government Code 551.074 to deliberate regarding the evaluation and duties of the Chief of Police
 - Council convened into Executive Session at 8:35 pm and reconvened into open session at 9:16 pm.

Mayor Ewers ordered a short recess at 9:16 pm and the meeting resumed at 9:18 pm.

- p. Council will reconvene into open session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session
 - Joe Zak motioned to approve a pay raise for Chief Joe Powell to \$47,495, Brad Williams seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Citizen Comment Period

- There were no citizen comments.

Items from the Council

- Joe Zak wanted to give a shout out to Marca Ewers for organizing the runner that came through Stratford. She did a great job!
- Ricky Reed commented regarding status of the USDA Grant
- Ann Johnson noted that the work that was completed behind the Dairy Queen is very rough.

Adjourn

- Joe Zak motioned to adjourn at 9:21 pm, Ricky Reed seconded, all in favor, motion carried.



Modern Woodmen Plant Tree!

Local Stratford Chapter of Modern Woodmen of American enjoyed planting five trees at the Baseball Park on Saturday, April 30th. It was, as usual, a bit windy. The trees are looking really good and are a nice addition to the park. We would like to thank Main St. Essentials for getting the trees in for us. Shown planting the trees are Walt Berry, Katelin Berry, Nikie Berry, Stephanie Birdsong, Payton Berry, Jerry Birdsong, Sandy Tillery and Ann Wells. Thanks to all of those who helped make Stratford more beautiful!

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Commits to Groundwater Protection

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District recently made a commitment to the protection of local groundwater supplies by entering the Groundwater Guardian program. Groundwater Guardian, a program of the Lincoln, Nebraska-based Groundwater Foundation, recognizes the groundwater protection accomplishments of community teams throughout the country and encourages citizen involvement at the local level.

To enter the Groundwater Guardian program, communities form a broad-based team of citizens, educators, business and/or agriculture representatives, and local government representatives. This team then works together to implement activities that address local groundwater-related concerns and priorities, such as public awareness, education, conservation, pollution prevention, public policy, or best management practices.

"Groundwater Guardian Communities are truly stewards of the resource," said Program Director Jennifer Wemhoff. "Communities like North Plains Groundwater Conservation District are voluntarily working to educate their communities and protect this precious resource, both now and for the future."

Groundwater Guardian began in 1994 with eight pilot communities. North Plains Groundwater Conservation District has been designated as a Groundwater Guardian for 6 years and was among 131 communities in 33 states and one Canadian province designated as Groundwater Guardian Communities in 2010.

The Groundwater Foundation is a non-profit organization that works to educate people and inspire action to ensure sustainable, clean groundwater for future generations. Since its inception in 1985, the Foundation has offered various educational programs and opportunities for youth and adults.

For more information about Groundwater Guardian or The Groundwater Foundation, please visit www.groundwater.org, call 1-800-858-4844, or e-mail guardian@groundwater.org. The Groundwater Guardian program is co-sponsored by the U.S. Geological Survey.

Forage Management for Cow-Calf Programs

By Brad Easterling

I have been discussing forage management for the past couple of weeks now and this week I am going to try and talk a little bit about forage quality. There are basically two ways that you can improve the quality of the forage that you have, plant a higher quality type of forage than what you are currently growing or fertilize what you do have.

Now in many instances both of these options will and will not work. For instance, planting an improved grass species over a native can provide both quantity and quality. But depending on soil types, rainfall, management practices, a variety adapted which is not adapted this growing region, etc... one could actually end up producing less forage than with a native grass. On the other hand, in most instances it is not economical to fertilize native pasture. The additional growth generally will not pay for the fertilizer.

However, selecting adapted varieties of improved grasses, or mixes and establishing them under the proper growing conditions, keeping them grazed or cut to the proper height, and fertilizing properly can add significantly to the quality of the forage that you are producing.

Weeds are going to be the one of, if not the biggest issue in terms of quality as well as quantity. If you are producing hay then it is definitely a quality issue. Dairies and horse folks do not want weedy hay. Ask any farmer how much time he spends controlling weeds, you should probably be spending the same amount of time controlling weeds in your hay. Even if the hay is for your own use, it lowers the quality of your hay, those weeds in the field take up moisture and nutrients that the grass could have been using, and when the weeds out grow the grass they shade out the grass and stunt it. We have all seen that one weed out there become twenty, which becomes 200, which becomes 5000, and so on. Some of these pastures have so much broom weed in them there is no grass.

One way that "cattlemen" should be looking at pastures is that too many do not think they are grass farmers first. Without high quality forage, and a lot of it, their cost of gain goes up. To always think of themselves as a "Cow man" or "Stocker Operator" but not worry about every little thing that they can do to improve the quality of what goes in those animals is missing the most important part of being a cattleman.

I have probably said about all I can on this subject for the past several weeks. I will see if I can find something else to cover next week.

Remember
to vote
May 14th,
2011



Recipients of Scholarships Announced

The Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund Committee is pleased to announce the selection of the new recipients of scholarships from the Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund. These students, who will be incoming college freshmen this fall, will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarship is renewable each year of their undergraduate degree program. The new recipients are:

Luke Kraft of Hooker, Oklahoma plans to attend the Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma, and major in Engineering Physics by a doctorate in Nuclear Engineering;

Rachel Kurt of Hugoton, Kansas will be attending Oklahoma Christian University, in Edmond, Oklahoma to major in biology; and

Sarah Taylor of Rolla, Kansas will attend the University of Kansas, at Lawrence, and major in Bio-Mechanical Engineering.

These new recipients will join approximately fourteen students who are also receiving the renewable scholarships. Since the Scholarship Fund was established in 1991 there have been 98 scholarships awarded, with \$392,900.00 being awarded to the selected recipients.

Eligible applicants must be residents of one of the following counties: the Southwest Kansas counties of Hamilton, Kearny, Finney, Stanton, Grant, Haskell, Stevens, Seward and Morton; the Oklahoma Panhandle counties of Texas, Beaver and Cimarron; or the Texas Panhandle counties of Moore, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree and Hutchinson.

For further information about The Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund, Inc., please address inquiries to P.O. Box 248, Hugoton, Kansas 67951, or you may call us at 620-544-4333, or via email to erick.nordling@nordlinglaw.com.

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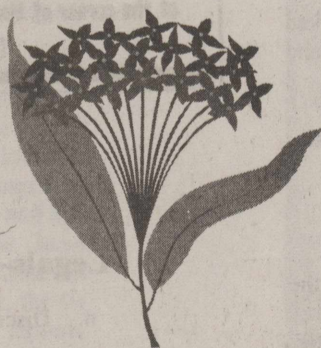
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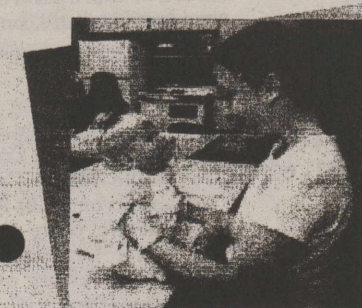
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