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New AgriLife Extension agent named in Sherman County

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STRATFORD - Alexa Reed is returning to the Texas A&M family of state agencies in her new position as the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resources agent for Sherman County, effective Aug. 11, according to Brandon Dukes, AgriLife Extension district administrator in Amarillo.

Alexa Reed has been named as the new Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resources agent for Sherman County. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo by Kay Ledbetter)

"Alexa brings tremendous knowledge of production agriculture and 4-H programs to Sherman County," Dukes said. "I am excited to see her work with youth and adults to build a strong, well-rounded Extension program in Sherman County."

Reed will begin the month-long First Step training program in Moore County on July 15 before taking the reins in Sherman County, he said.

She is a native of Haskell. She earned her bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock and her master's degree from West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

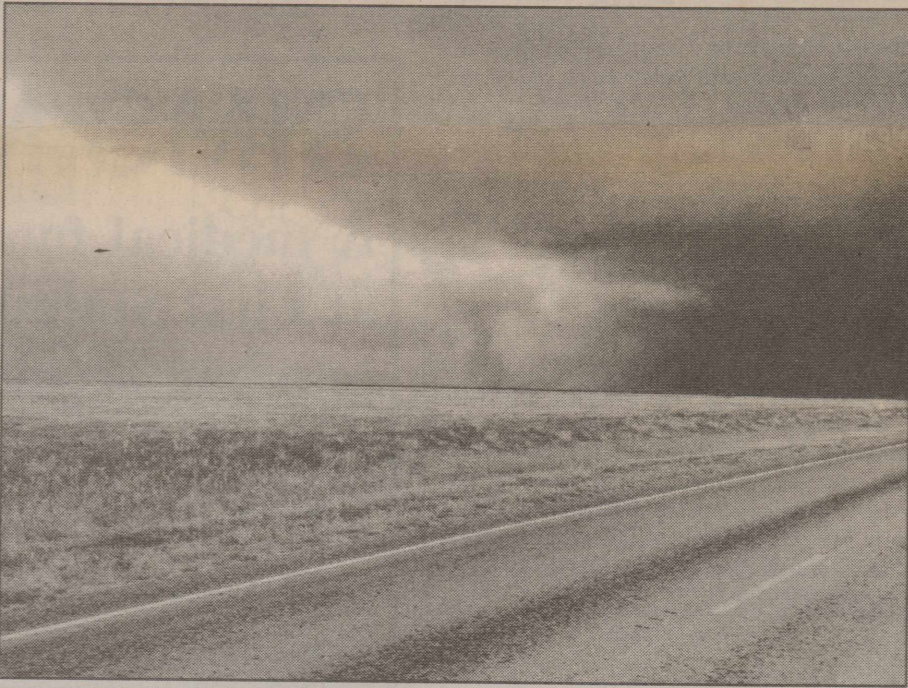
Reed is not new to Texas A&M AgriLife. While working on her bachelor's degree, she worked for two and a half years as a student worker and intern at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Lubbock under Dr. Jane Dever in her cotton breeding research program.

"I was involved in 4-H horse judging, rodeo, FFA livestock judging, and showed steers and lambs," Reed said. "I also learned a lot about leadership and Extension work while I was at Texas Tech."

"I grew up in and have a passion for agriculture," she said. "I've always wanted to be a part of the Extension program and I look forward to working with the agriculture producers and youth in Sherman County."



On Wednesday, July 16, 2014 the skies over and around Stratford really took on a dark color. Before the storm blew through there was hail, high winds, and lots of rain. We showed 2 inches at our house, but some of that was sideways. All different amounts were reported depended on where you lived. Some trees were blown over, or lost a lot of limbs, which what happened at our house. A big limb that was on the tree in the backyard ended up in our front yard. Photos were shared with us by Sheriff Joe Powell and Greg Wright. Appreciate you guys. Greg stated that the downed power lines and the firecracker stand were caused by downburst winds coming out of the storm. NOT a Tornado!!! The storms eventually went tornadic as it moved on through. The funnel cloud photo was south of Buckles headquarters. Lots of reports of gustados he said. A special thanks to the Sherman County Sheriff's Office, Stratford Police Department, Stratford Fire Department, State guys, Highway patrol and all of you who were out trying to help out and take care of lots of folks. We appreciate you all so much.



NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT

Notice is hereby given that applications for a place on the City of Stratford regular/special election ballot may be filed July 21, 2014 thru August 18, 2014 during the office hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. You may file applications in person at City Hall, 518 N. 3rd Street, Stratford, Texas.

Expiring two-year terms are: Ricky Reed, Joe Zak and James Lutes. One council position is available that has a one-year term. Holdover members are Greg Wright and Ann Johnson.

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Board members whose terms will expire are Joe Reinart, Barney Willborn unexpired term Bryan Clift. Holdover members are Chet Everett, Clint Black, Michelle Lutes, and Brad McBryde



Physical time: They are for anyone involved in a school activity that requires one. They will be given at the Stratford clinic on Thurs. July 31 from 1:00 - 4:30 and on Fri. Aug. 1 all day. The cost is \$20. Forms can be printed on the UIL website or picked up from a coach.

There will be a **Quilt Show for New and Vintage Quilts, Adults and Youth, July 25th and 26th**. At the South County Barn during the jamboree events. For more information call the Texas A&M Agri Life Extension Office or Jill Killian, Sherman County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Science 806-366-2081 or 806-753-7755.

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Please bring a birthday card with your favorite "Mr. Gilley memory." If you are unable to attend, cards may be mailed to Jack C. Gilley, PO Box 657, Stratford, TX 79084.

No gifts, please, but donations in honor of Mr. Gilley may be made to the Stratford Education Foundation, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084.



Obituaries



Taylor Dyess Bowman (December 19, 1997 - July 16, 2014)

Taylor Dyess Bowman, 16, of Ballinger, passed away Wednesday, July 16, 2014 as a result of an automobile accident.

She was born December 19, 1997 in San Angelo to Cody and Roxanna Joy (Tillery) Bowman. She was a junior at Ballinger High School where she participated in every Bearcat sport but football.

Taylor was an extraordinary young woman, special and beautiful through and through. She was appreciated by family, friends, teachers, coaches, and anyone who worked with her not only for her abilities but also for her attitude. She was eager to learn and improve, full of goodness and sweetness. If Taylor Bowman was your friend, and she had many, you had a true friend.

Taylor had multiple talents and outstanding athletic ability, but it was who she was—her character and her qualities—that made her excel at what she did. She performed at top speed and at the highest level possible. Sports were her focal point and her passion; sports revealed her character.

Surviving are her parents; sisters, Ashley Byler and husband, Russell, and their son, Ross, and Sydney Bowman all of Ballinger; maternal grandparents, Sandy and Ellen Tillery of Stratford; paternal grandparents, Roy and Toni Bowman of Ballinger; several aunts, uncles and cousins. She is also survived by her Fabs; her sweet friend, Royce Harris; and an entire Bearcat nation.

Visitation for family and friends was held on Saturday, July 19, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Lange Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 20, at the First United Methodist Church. Burial followed in Old Runnels Cemetery. A candlelight service was held Sunday evening at 9:00 pm at Ballinger High School track field.

Lies will be forever changed by losing her, but lives are forever touched by knowing her. Taylor filled our hearts with immeasurable love and joy.

AMERICAN LEGION SCHEDULES MEETING

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion will conduct its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm at SCOT Hall in Stratford. All Legionnaire's in the area are invited to attend. We are beginning another Legion year and everyone is encouraged to attend and become active in the local post. If you are an eligible war time veteran interested in the Legion, come to the meeting and help us be of service to our fellow veterans and to our beloved country. Contacts are Wayne Smith, 806-753-6708 or Robert McGinnis at 806-396-2212.

From a botanical point of view, there is no such thing as a pumpkin. Pumpkins are certain varieties of squash, which through local traditions, have come to be called pumpkins.

Medical/Expense Fund has been set up for **Salma Iliana Ortega Aguilera** at First State Bank. Salma is a 6 year old daughter of Sarah D. Ortega and sister of Baruc, Vinny and Lui. Salma will be undergoing brain surgery in the near future and will be out in Dallas for 2 months during that time. We ask for **many** prayers as the family is undergoing tough times but also want to thank you all for the words of strength, prayers and help received from this wonderful Stratford Community. Words cannot express the true gratitude we feel towards the great people of Stratford and what they have done for Salma and the entire family. May God bless all of you and we thank you in advance for your help.

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The Stratford Star is no longer 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 \$33.00 and out of the area \$40.00. If you are paying for someone else's sub, you will be billed for that person. The Stratford Star, PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084

Thanks-Marty



Sparks win Championship

Sparks win Southwest Hoops National Championship Tournament, varsity division, July 11-13 in Lubbock Texas. They went 4-0 over the weekend against Fuze of Plainview, Lubbock Heat, Dumas Slash and beat Lubbock Heat again in the championship game 51-42. Good job girls! Pictured from left is Desinya Garza, Bethany Everett, Lindsey Williams (Sunray), Sarah Murphy (Texhoma) and Caitlin Williams (Sunray). Front row: Nicolle Law, Samantha Gonzalez, Brittany Law, Braelyn Beattie (Texhoma) and Addison Munsch (Boise City), not pictured Yadhira Chavoya.

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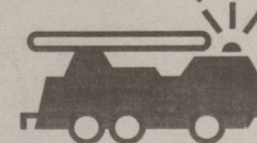
A medical fund has been set up for **Corey Sims** at First State Bank. Corey was critically injured in a car accident and remains in the hospital in Amarillo. Corey is the son of Jamie Hopkins and Larry Sims and the brother of Zakary, Layne and Hannah. Thank you for all your prayers and support for this family.

RED, WHITE & BLUE JAMBOREE BANNERS



The Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept has agreed again to handle the patriotic banners during Jamboree Week. This is a fundraiser for our VOLUNTEER Fire Dept. Most people don't see the firemen doing these things for the community but the last couple of years they've been out on a Sunday afternoon in temps well over 100 degrees hanging decorations for everyone to enjoy. The next weekend they spend their time taking them down. Last year some banners were ordered but never paid for so we're doing things a little different for 2014. This year the banners are \$50 and we're asking everyone to prepay. You can mail your fee to the SVFD @ Box 45 or drop it by the SCDC office.

ALL proceeds go to the Fire Dept - Please support them!!



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Pursuit of Happiness- What is Happiness?

By Joniah Hyssop

My decades of pursuing happiness landed me in a sad state of unhappiness. My personal relationships were often unsatisfactory. People had proven to be an unstable source for producing a lasting positive emotional state. Possessions only offered temporary joy. I was sad, defeated and had reached a point of perpetual disillusionment and depression. I became bitter and angry with God. I began asking myself "Why doesn't God want me to be happy? Why doesn't he just give me what I need to be happy? Why does he allow these bad things to keep happening to me?" Poor me! Poor me! My pity party turned deadly. Taking my own life and ending it all became my exit strategy. The prodigal daughter declared defeat.

In retrospect, naiveté and poor judgment paved the way to disappointment and despair. These villains, however, were unable to put to death God's plan for me. Through a series of fortunate events, God led me to a place of total surrender. I became willing to seek his path to joy. My "pursuit of happiness" had been an exercise in futility. My hypothesis had proven to be false and I was in need of a new one. Clearly, it was time to re-evaluate my definition of happiness. I identified three major flaws in my happiness objective. The first flaw is that people, places, and things appeal to our desire for an emotional euphoria but these emotions are extremely fickle. Unfortunately we are unable to sustain these feelings for long periods because people, places, and things are in a constant state of change. Our emotions change along with these changes in our environment. Any happiness I associated with people, places, or things soon dissipated. The second flaw is that our pursuit of happiness is usually self-absorbed. We have selfish happiness goals that may not be realistic. They may clash with the selfish happiness goals others have for themselves. They may be inconsiderate of the happiness of others. We may look for happiness in people, places or things that are just not right for us. So often, what I believed would make me happy was superseded by what someone else pursued for happiness. The last flaw is we pursue happiness from the outside to the inside. True happiness is not found outside of us; it comes from inside of us. We must look within ourselves to discover an inside source for joyous living. My true happiness could not be achieved with mere acquisitions. My soul required something more.

People, places, nor things were able to provide my soul with any lasting joy. Mr. Right, Mr. Wrong, a flashy car, a stylish wardrobe, a house in the city, a house in the country, or any number of external stimuli all fall short of filling the spiritual hunger God placed at my very core! When he created us he left a place inside of us that only he can fill. He said Blessed are they which hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled. He was letting us know that he knew we would have a deep hunger. That inner drive was placed in us that we would pursue him. His desire is for us to choose him. Our only recourse for true contentment would be to turn to him for fulfillment. In

return for turning toward him, he promises to fill that void with peace.

Meditation: Does God care about my pursuit of happiness?

Matthew 5:6 Philippians 4:6-7

Feedback welcome joniahhyssop@gmail.com

Couple exchange vows

Renee Sue Fangman and Kaleb Lance Horsford were united in marriage on June 14, 2014 at Country Home Weddings in Canyon. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. Tommie Long of Stratford. The evening garden ceremony was followed by a dinner and dance.

The bride is the daughter of Fred and Sharon Fangman of Vega. She is the granddaughter of Dolores Brorman and the late Frank Brorman and Eugene and Elsie Fangman, all of Vega. She is the great-granddaughter of Adeline Loerwald of Hereford.

The groom is the son of Lance and Dinah Horsford of Stratford. He is the grandson of Wilson and Betty Neve and Ed and Wanda Horsford, all of Abernathy. He is the great grandson of Ruby Wisdom of Lubbock.

Matron of Honor was Michelle Gruhkey sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Catie Fangman, sister of the bride, Sharise Richardson, cousin of the bride. Whitney Huseman and Shayla Dukes, friends of the bride.

Best Man was Kyle Horsford, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Andrew Morris and Richard Chumley, friends of the groom, Tate Horsford, cousin of the groom and Chad Fangman, brother of the bride. Ushers were Brittan Gruhkey, brother in law of the bride, Justin Pickrell, Trevor Christian and Brent Reed, friends of the groom.

The bride is a 2009 graduate of Vega High School. She graduated in December 2012 from WTAMU and is employed by Stratford ISD as a Jr. High math teacher. The groom is a 2009 graduate of Stratford High School. He graduated in December, 2013 from WTAMU and is employed by Spurlock Farms. After a honeymoon trip to Jamaica, they are making their home in Stratford.

Quilt Show

The 2014 Then and Now Quilt Celebration will be open for viewing Friday, July 25th from 5-9p.m. and Saturday July 26th from noon-2:30p.m. at the Sherman County Barn (South Barn). New and Vintage Quilts will be exhibited. If you are interested in showing a quilt, entries will be accepted from 10a.m.-12 noon on Friday, July 25th at the South County Barn or may be dropped off at the Sherman County Extension office, at the Courthouse, 701 north 3rd street, prior to the receiving time. Each entry will become eligible for a prize drawing, Adult and Youth prizes.

For entry forms or more information, contact the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension office or Jill Killian, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Science at 806-366-2081 or 806-753-7755.

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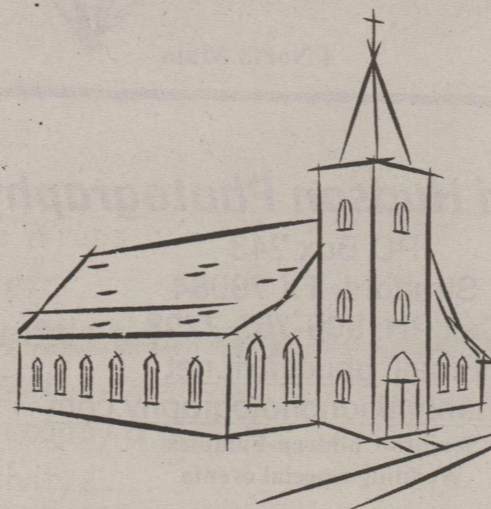
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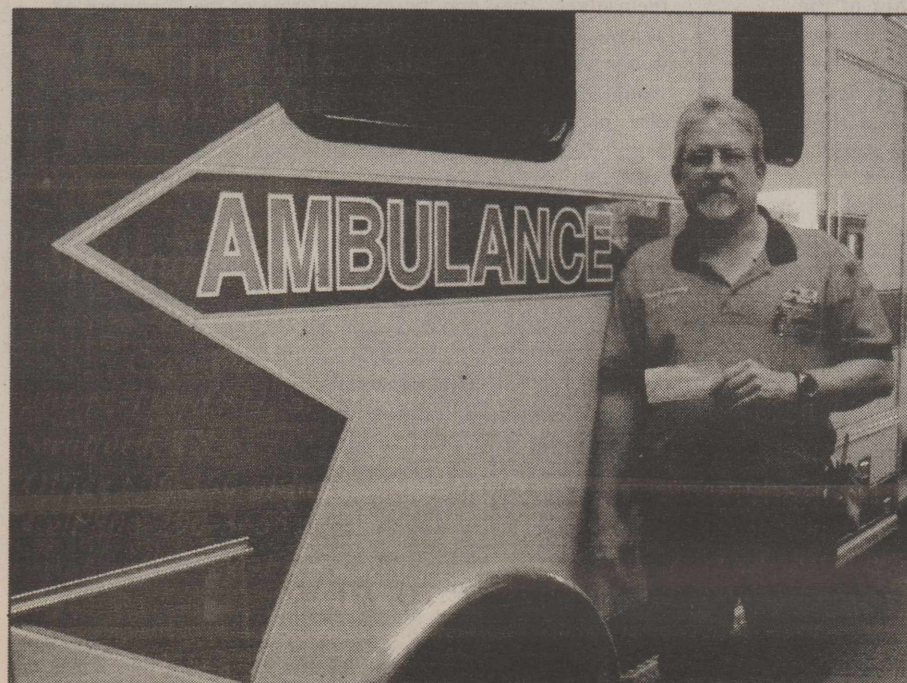
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Community Closet presents checks

These ladies (shown above) were having a good game of cards when interrupted to accept a check for \$500, to be used by the activities fund of Coldwater Manor. They were all discussing what fun times they could have with their donation from the Community Closet. A trip to the Thrift Store had been planned so the Manor Residents could do some shopping. I know they had a good time shopping and spending the morning visiting with the people at the Thrift Store. Jimmy Lanning (shown below) accepted a check from the local Community Closet Thrift Store recently, in the amount of \$500 to benefit the EMT Association. The Thrift Store has continued to be busy throughout the summer, thus various local organizations have received donations. As the summer winds down, new fall items will begin to appear. It's hard to believe right now that we will be looking for sweaters and coats very soon.



USDA Seeks Public Comments on Conservation Program

(COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS). July 18, 2014 — U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Judith A. Canales announced today that a public meeting will be held on August 4, 2014, at Plains Cotton Cooperative Association in Lubbock to solicit comments on a recently completed draft analysis that examines the potential environmental impacts of changes to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) enacted by the 2014 Farm Bill.

CRP encourages farmers and ranchers to establish long-term vegetative species, such as grasses or trees, on environmentally sensitive farmland to help reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat. The draft environmental analysis was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1970 which requires federal government agencies to review the environmental effects of proposed federal actions.

FSA has scheduled five public meetings to provide information on the draft analysis and to provide opportunities for public comment. Stakeholders interested in farmland conservation are invited to attend, and FSA representatives will be available to answer questions. The meetings will be held at the following locations:

Date	Time	Location Information
July 21, 2014	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Hilton Garden Inn, Spokane Airport 9015 West SR Highway 2 Spokane, Washington, 99224
July 22, 2014	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Holiday Inn, Great Falls 1100 5 th Street South Falls, Montana, 59405
August 4, 2014	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Plains Cotton Cooperative Association 3301 East 50 th Street Lubbock, Texas, 79404
August 5, 2014	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Stillwater Library 1107 S Duck Street Stillwater, Oklahoma, 74074
August 6, 2014	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Courtyard By Marriott and Moorhead Area Conference Center 1080 28 th Avenue, South Moorhead, Minnesota, 56560.

The draft environmental analysis can be reviewed online at: <http://crpspeis.com>. For questions, producers should contact their county FSA office or seek information online at http://crpspeis.com/Resources/Documents/CRP_SPEIS_Draft_NOA.pdf and www.fsa.usda.gov.

Today's announcement was made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

Local work group being assembled

Time has rolled around again for the Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District to work with local producers to set and implement criteria for Sherman County in regards to EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program). We are pleased that once again the state and federal levels that work with this program see the advantages in having the criteria set at the local level.

A Local Work Group (LWG) is being assembled to set the criteria for Sherman County. We would like for you to be part of both of these groups. We will be having a meeting for LWG on August 13, 2014 at the Happy State Bank Community Meeting Room at the Happy State Bank in Stratford. The LWG will meet at approximately 9:30 a.m. Please contact the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 and let Amy know if you can attend.

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Saturday, July 26th

7:30 a.m. Registration - Fun Run & Youth Bike-a-thon at the High School - Race starts promptly @ 8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Registration - Old Timers Program at Imagination Station - 202 N. Main

11:00 a.m. Parade on Main Street - Line up at the High School starting at 10:15.

After the Parade BBQ @ the Park - bring your lawn chairs. Adults/\$8 and children/\$4
Old timers (over 55) can be served @ the County Barn, where it's air conditioned.

12:30 (approx) Games & Music at the Park - Sponsored by the Sherman County Sheriff's Office & Stratford City Police Dept

1:30 p.m. Hogman Scholarship Golf Tournament @ The Stratford Country Club on W.Hwy

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Contact Greg Wright - 753.7059 or Roger Allen - 753.7833

2 - 4 p.m. The Depot Museum & Stratford Schools will be open to visitors.

7 p.m. BLOCK PARTY ON MAIN STREET - VENDORS SET UP & OPEN FOR

BUSINESS!!

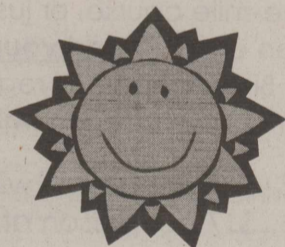
8 p.m. STREET DANCE - MUSIC BY THE TEXAS CROSSROADS BAND from Shamrock, TX!!

***Bring your chairs for the Block Party & Street Dance on Main Street - Stratford, Texas - USA!!!**

Proceeds from The Hogman Scholarship Golf Tournament will go into a scholarship fund, and be awarded to a Senior Lineman who's interested in continuing his education at a higher level.

The Lions Club has established a Vocational Scholarship, with one scholarship each given to a girl and a boy who will be attending a vocational school instead of a traditional university.

*These are just a couple of the many non-profits sponsoring events during the Jamboree,
Please go out and support them as well as our vendors at the Block Party.*



JULY 2014

BLOCK PARTY VENDOR LIST

1. Imagination Station - Baked potatoes, watermelon & face painting
2. Dora - Frito pies
3. Structured Touch Massage - Chair massages
4. Lollipop Junction - Cold drinks, water & ice
5. Snow Cone Zone - Snow cones
6. Charlotte - Baked goods
7. The Ol' Bidy Café - Sausage Wraps
8. Brooks Video - Candy, Icee, etc
9. The Corvette Club - Selling raffle tickets on a Corvette to be given away!
10. Advocare - by Jode Anderton
11. Coldwater Manor - Cotton candy & pickles
12. Baseball Association - Activity
13. Taquena "EL SOL" - Burritos, Tacos, Tortas & Menudo!
14. Sherman County 4H - Activity
15. Catholic Church - Mexican Food
16. Wild Child Nails & Spa - Tanning, nails, pedicures
17. B-Dect Restaurant
18. Mary Lou's Gifts

Se Aproxima Fecha Límite de Nominaciones para el Comité de Condado de la Farm Service Agency

WASHINGTON, 17 de julio de 2014 — Juan M. García, el Administrador de la Agencia de Servicio Agrícola (Farm Service Agency o FSA, por sus siglas en inglés) del Departamento de Agricultura de Estados Unidos (U.S. Department of Agriculture o USDA), le recuerda hoy a los agricultores, ganaderos y a otros productores agropecuarios que tienen hasta el 1 de agosto de 2014 para nominar a candidatos elegibles para servir en los comités locales de condado de la FSA.

Los comités de condado son un vínculo importante entre la comunidad agrícola y el Departamento de Agricultura de Estados Unidos. Los agricultores y ganaderos elegidos a los comités de condado tienen la oportunidad de compartir opiniones e ideas sobre los programas federales agrícolas.

"Aún queda tiempo para que los agricultores y ganaderos elegibles participen en las elecciones del comité de condado de este año, dijo García. "Nominen al candidato de su preferencia o postúlense si mismos para su comité de condado local. En particular se les urge que nominen agricultores y ganaderos principiantes, y mujeres y minorías. Esta es su oportunidad para opinar y tener una voz respecto a cómo se entregarán los programas federales agrícolas en su condado".

TEXAS HIGHWAYS REVEALS MORE READERS' CHOICE TOP 40 TEXAS DESTINATIONS

Throughout 2014, official travel magazine of Texas shares readers' favorite places to visit

AUSTIN — In celebration of its 40th anniversary, Texas Highways magazine announced another round of the Texas Top 40 favorite destinations as chosen by its readers.

The announcement places Brazos Bend State Park at No. 12, Mount Pleasant at No. 11 and Palo Duro Canyon at No. 10.

The August issue of Texas Highways offers a feature on Possum Kingdom Lake, a favorite family destination that was threatened by fires in 2011. Today, the area offers numerous activities, including hiking, biking and watersports.

Also featured in the August issue is the new Lucy and Ian Family Garden at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. The garden, which opened in the spring, was designed by landscape architect W. Gary Smith with the goal of offering hands-on play for children and adults.

Writer Gene Fowler and photographer Will van Overbeek also take readers on a historical journey to discover the legacy of the Guerra family who first arrived from Spain in the early 1600s and ultimately colonized vast territories in far South Texas. Over the past 400 years, the family has amassed an incredible private collection of art and antiques, some of which is on display at the Briscoe Western Art Museum in San Antonio.

There's much more in the August issue, including bats at Bracken Cave, boots in El Paso, barbecue in Tyler and even coonskin caps at the Alamo.

Subscribers began receiving the new issue on July 8; the digital edition was released on July 11; and the hard-copy issue is on sale now at hundreds of newsstands statewide, including H-E-B, Target, Walmart, Randall's and Barnes & Noble.

About Texas Highways magazine
Founded as a travel magazine in 1974, Texas Highways is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2014. Today, Texas Highways has nearly 400,000 monthly readers across the United States and around the world.

Texas Highways' mission is to encourage travel to and within the state. According to preliminary estimates from the Texas Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism division, travelers to and within Texas in 2013 spent more than \$67 billion, an increase of 3 percent over 2012. This directly supported 599,000 jobs and generated \$4.7 billion in state and local taxes.

To learn more about Texas Highways, visit www.texashighways.com. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/texashighways and follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/texashighways.

For media inquiries, contact TxDOT Media Relations at MediaRelations@txdot.gov or (512) 463-8700.

Texas Department of Transportation
The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail, and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its 11,000 employees are committed to working with others to provide safe and reliable transportation solutions for Texas by maintaining a safe system, addressing congestion, connecting Texas communities, and being a Best in Class state agency. Find out more at www.txdot.gov. "Like" us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/txdot; and follow us on Twitter, www.twitter.com/txdot.

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Mientras que los comités de condado de la FSA no aprueban o niegan préstamos agrícolas, trabajan estrechamente con los directores ejecutivos del condado y toman decisiones sobre programas de asistencia por desastre, conservación, emergencia, de apoyo a precios de productos básicos y sobre otros importantes asuntos agrícolas.

Los miembros del comité ocupan el cargo por periodos de tres años. A nivel nacional, hay cerca de 7,800 agricultores y ganaderos que desempeñan funciones en los comités de condado de la FSA. Los comités son formados por de tres a 11 miembros que son elegidos por productores elegibles.

Para cumplir con los requisitos y poder ocupar un cargo como miembro de un comité de condado, los candidatos deben participar o cooperar en un programa administrado por la FSA, ser elegible para votar en una elección de comité de condado y vivir en el dominio administrativo local donde se postuló como candidato.

Para postularse como candidato, agricultores y ganaderos elegibles deben firmar el formulario de nominación FSA-669A. Los formularios de nominación y mayor información sobre las elecciones del comité de condado de la FSA están disponibles en www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. Los formularios para la elección del 2014 se deben matasellar o recibir en el centro de servicio local del USDA para el cierre de operaciones del 1 de agosto de 2014. Las boletas electorales serán enviadas a los votantes elegibles a partir del 3 de noviembre y deberán ser devueltas al centro de servicio local del USDA antes del 1 de diciembre. Los nuevos miembros electos al comité asumen su cargo el 1 de enero de 2015.

USDA es un proveedor y empleador que ofrece igualdad de oportunidades a todos. Para presentar una queja por discriminación, escriba a: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 o llame al (866) 632-9992 (llamada gratuita al cliente), (800) 877-8339 (retransmisión local o federal), (866) 377-8642 (usuarios de retransmisión de voz).

The 2014 Then and Now
Quilt Celebration
Friday and Saturday
July 25th and 26th
5-9 p.m. Noon - 2:30p.m.
Sherman County Barn (South Barn)
Entries will be received at the Sherman
County Barn Friday, July 25th from 10
a.m. - 12 Noon or may be dropped
off at the Sherman County Extension
Office prior to the receiving time

STRATFORD REUNION WEEKEND FUN RUN & YOUTH BIKE-A-THON

Saturday July 26, 2014
Registration Form

As a member of a community that cares, you are invited to help an area family in need of some extra support, by participating in a one-mile Fun Run/Walk & Youth Bike-A-Thon.

Proceeds from the 2014 Fun Run will benefit the Salma Iliana (Aguilera) Ortega Family. They are experiencing medical expenses from 7-year-old Salma's recent brain surgery and continued medical procedures in Dallas, Texas.

Run or walk the one-mile course, or just relax at home as a Couch Potato Participant. Children ages 10 and younger are invited to join the fun by riding along in the Youth Bike-A-Thon. All registered participants will be entered in a drawing to win fantastic prizes and will receive a free race T-shirt!

REGISTRATION FEE: \$15 per person with pre-registration before July 5th
\$17 per person after July 5th

Race T-shirts are only guaranteed to those who pre-register before July 6th.

To pre-register, submit this completed form and your registration fee to
Duncan Chevrolet or Happy State Bank
or mail to
Reunion Weekend Fun Run, PO Box 344, Stratford, TX, 79084

RACE DAY: Registration for the race will be held July 26, 2014 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. on the Stratford High School lawn. The race will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m., starting and finishing at the intersection of Main Street and North 8th Street.

PLEASE INDICATE HOW YOU WILL BE PARTICIPATING:

- RUN/WALK - 1st through 3rd place runners will be recognized after the race
- YOUTH BIKE-A-THON - Open to children 10-years-old or younger
- COUCH POTATO PARTICIPANT - Support the cause from the comfort of your home and get a race T-shirt when you pre-register!

NAME & ADDRESS: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

I hereby certify that I am not unmindful of the danger of competing in road races and I agree to assume the risks that, in the event of my injury or death while racing in the Reunion Weekend Fun Run/Walk & Youth Bike-A-Thon or participating in any other activity remotely associated with the race, neither I, nor my relatives or representatives will sue any person or organization helping with the race for damages; even if my injuries were their fault. I have confirmed with my doctor that I am physically sound and ready to run, walk or bike in the race and I assume responsibility for my own physical well-being before, during and after the race.

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT _____

(A parent or guardian must sign if the participant is under age 18.)

Nomination Deadline Nears for Farm Service Agency County Committees

WASHINGTON, July 17, 2014 — U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan Garcia reminds farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers that Aug. 1, 2014, is the deadline for local FSA county committee nominations.

County committees are an important link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Farmers and ranchers elected to local committees share their opinions and ideas on federal farm programs.

"There's still time for eligible farmers and ranchers to get involved in this year's county committee elections," said Garcia. "Nominate yourself or a candidate of your choice to serve on the local county committee. I especially encourage the nomination of beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as women and minorities. This is your opportunity to have a say in how federal programs are delivered in your county."

While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm ownership or operating loans, they work closely with county executive directors and make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues.

Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers.

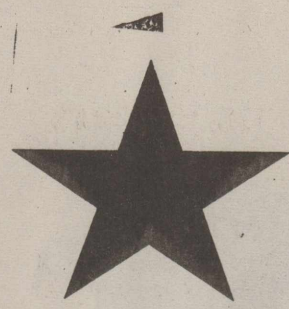
To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area where the person is nominated.

To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign the nomination form, FSA-669A. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. Forms for the 2014 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2014. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 3 and are due back to the local USDA Service Centers on Dec. 1. The newly elected county committee members will take office on Jan. 1, 2015.

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Worry is a thin stream of fear
trickling through the mind. If
encouraged, it cuts a channel
into which all other thoughts
are drained.

—A.S. Roche



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Cimarron Feeders is accepting applications for the following positions:
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Stratford ISD is seeking a highly motivated, team minded individual for campus level paraprofessional. Applicants must have a High School Diploma. Applications available on the school website at www.stratfordisd.net or in the business office. For more information, please contact Barbie Wight at (806) 366-3301. 7-24 & 7-31



A baker's dozen refers to 13 items, not 12. The term may have originated from a custom among bakers to add an extra piece of bread in case a dozen did not meet the required weight.

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House for Sale-413 N. Grace, 2 Bdr-1 bath, 960 Sq. Ft. \$55,500.00. Contact Houlette Real Estate at 935-2863 or Paul Moreno at 930-0932 7-3, 7-10, 7-17, 7-24

For Rent

Office building for rent on N. Main (across from the First State Bank). Centrally located in downtown Stratford. Call 806-570-0441

House for Rent: 3 bedrooms, 1 & 1/2 baths, large fenced in backyard. Nice neighborhood, \$850.00 a month. 619 S. Fourth. 806-683-6467



Protecting Against Sun Damage While In A Car

(NAPS)—The average American spends more than 101 minutes a day in a car. Unfortunately, what many drivers and passengers fail to realize is that when they are in a car, not all the danger they face is on the road.

Both drivers and passengers are often exposed to harmful ultraviolet A (UVA) rays, particularly from the side windows of the cars in which they ride.



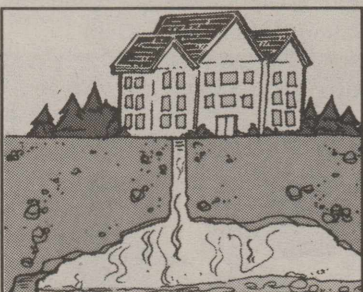
Adding a UV-blocking film or tint to car windows can be an effective way to help block damaging rays and protect yourself while you drive.

"Damage from certain kinds of ultraviolet rays is cumulative," says Dr. Dee Anna Glaser, vice chair of the dermatology department at St. Louis University. "These rays penetrate deep into the skin and can silently accelerate the aging process, cause wrinkles and even skin cancer."

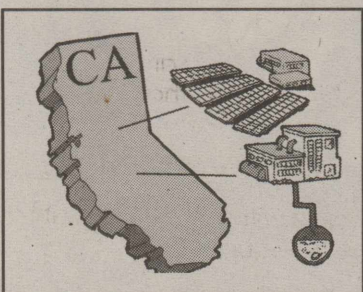
Fortunately, adding a UV-blocking film or tint to car windows can be an effective way to help block damaging rays and protect yourself while you drive.

For example, a range of window film options, sold under the brand name LLumar, provide UV protection. There's even a clear film that appears to those who do not want a darker window appearance, or where the use of dark films is prohibited by state law. When applied over ordinary automotive glass, this film's virtually invisible protection blocks more than 99 percent of harmful UV rays. LLumar window film acts as "sunscreens"—offering daily sun protection with a one-time application.

To learn more, visit www.llumar.com.
*(wavelengths to 280-380nm)



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The first big solar power plant opened in California in 1982. The first geothermal power plant also opened in California in 1921.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

*Kimberly Allen: Block 1 Hacker Subdivision

The Public hearing will be conducted on August 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall council chambers located at 518 N. 3rd.
Published in the Stratford Star, Thursday, July 24, 2014 and Thursday, July 31, 2014

For Sale

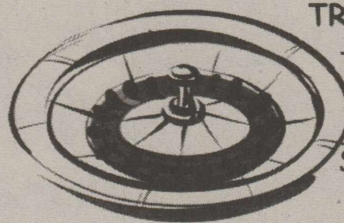
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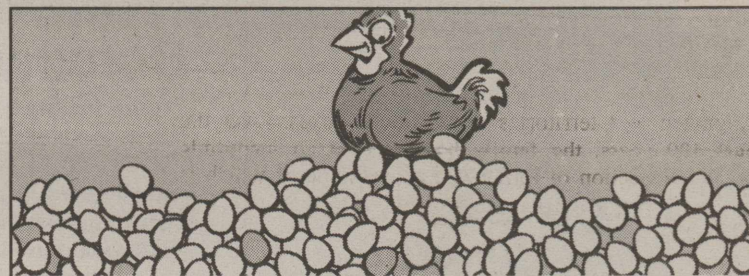
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Acquisitions...

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The typical hen will lay about 19 dozen eggs a year.

School Supply Lists

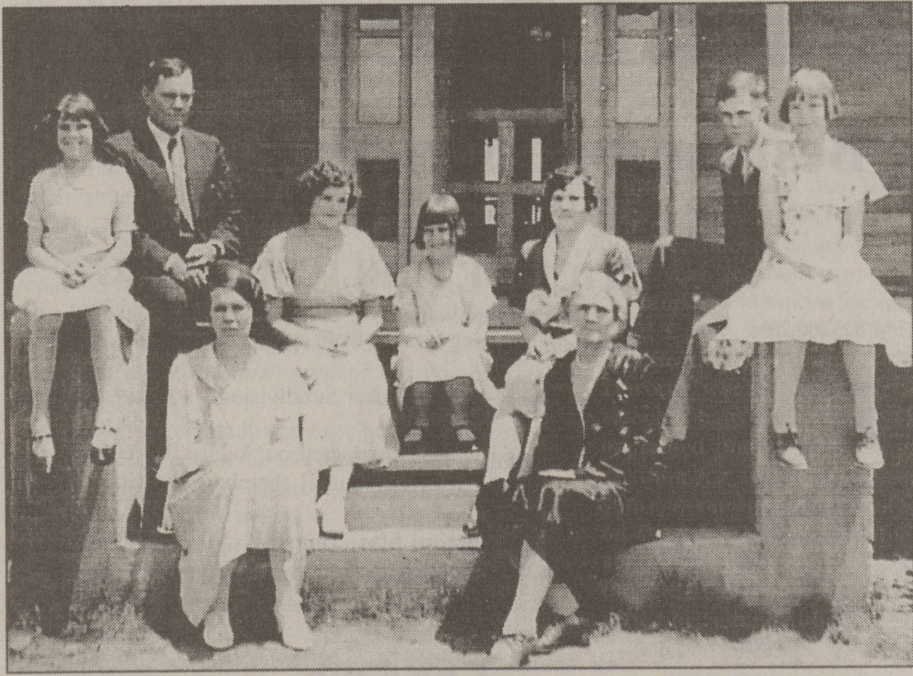
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PLEASE MARK YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS WITH HIS/HER NAME!

Stratford Junior High School Supply List 2014-2015

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|--|--|
| 5th
pencils
red pens
erasable blue or black pens
colored pencils
zippered pencil bag
1 pkg. wide-ruled notebook paper (English)
1 large spiral-not perforated (Social Studies)
1 single subject 70-sheet spiral (Reading)
1 spiral notebook (Math)
1 pocket folder (Math)
2(1 1/2 inch) binder (Reading & Science)
2 large boxes of Kleenex
5 tab dividers (Science) | 6th
pencils
red pens
erasable blue or black pens
colored pencils
zippered pencil bag
1 large spiral-not perforated (Social Studies)
1 wide-ruled spiral (English)
1 pocket folder (Math)
1 spiral notebook (Math)
3 (1 inch) binders (Reading, Technology & Science)
5 tab dividers (Technology, Science)
2 large boxes of Kleenex
personal earbuds or headphones (Technology) |
| 7th
1 pkg notebook paper
12 - #2 pencils
6 ball point pens (black or blue)
6 red ball point pens
2 - 2 inch 3-ring binder (Math & History)
2 (1 subject) spiral notebooks (Science, History)
2 folders w/brads & pockets (English, Reading)
1 folder with pockets (History)
1 large Kleenex box | 8th
1 pkg notebook paper
12 - #2 pencils
6 ball point pens (black or blue)
6 red ball point pens
2 - 2 inch 3-ring binder (Math & Health)
2 (1 subject) spiral notebook (Science & Health)
2 folders w/brads & pockets (English, Technology)
1 large spiral with pocket inserts (History)
1 large Kleenex box
personal earbuds or headphones (Technology) |

Please put your name on all your items!



Dorothy is in the middle with her siblings, mother and father (left) and grandmother (bottom right)



Dorothy and Arlyn, Jack and Sue



Dorothy, Evan, Barbara, Sue and Luke on Santa's Lap (aka - Jack)



Dorothy at 18 months

Arlyn and Dorothy's wedding picture



E.R. and Joan's Wedding photo June 15, 1952



E.R. childhood photo



Dorothy Haile Chosen as Old Timer's Queen

Prospectus Study Club is pleased to announce that they have chosen Dorothy Haile as its 2014 Old Timer Queen. Dorothy Dixon was born in Lipscomb County, 16 miles south of Booker. She was the youngest of 6 children. She attended Booker schools "all 11 years", she said. Her fondest memories growing up were of crocheting and playing hopscotch. Her siblings and she used to pick out special hens from the henhouse, which was until her sister was looking for her special black hen. Unfortunately, that special black hen was dinner that night. She also remembers having to wear dresses to school even in the winter- she just knew she would freeze to death. After graduation in 1941 she went to WT Teacher College, aka WTAMU. She graduated from there in 1945 with a Home Economics Degree. In between her Junior and Senior years at college, she taught school at the one-room schoolhouse back in Booker, then after graduation she taught 7th grade science in Pampa. The next year she moved to Sherman County and became the County Extension Agent. The 4-H Program and the Home Demonstration Clubs were her favorite part of her job. One day the Judge brought in a fellow for her to meet - Arlyn Haile. Well I guess we can say, the rest is history. Dorothy and Arlyn married in December 1951 in the old Baptist Church in Stratford. Dorothy affectionately referred to him as her "main guy". Arlyn passed away in 1973 and the following year, Dorothy went to work for Stratford ISD as the Home Economics teacher. She remembers that they made ski jackets and sleeping bags in her class. One student in particular (Don Reed) was giving her grief over finishing his down coat. Dorothy explained that she did not care if it was going to get ruined on the farm - he was to finish it for his grade. She stayed in this position for 10 years and then went to work as the librarian at the Sherman County Library. A favorite program was the summer reading program. They had a program on different modes of transportation. She laughed about Jack Haile riding in on the horse, Mr. McAlister bringing his bright yellow car he built, the Ewers contributing a limo and then Jim Taliaferro rolling in on his combine. Another fun program was when they went to the Lowe's farm and got to milk a cow. Of course, they also saw chickens, turkeys and pheasants. In addition, they learned how to cream milk into butter by shaking it in little jars. She remained here for 11 years and then retired for good. Dorothy and Arlyn had two children - Sue and Jack. Sue is a retired librarian and lives in Childress. Jack married Barbara and had two kids - Evan and Luke. Jack runs/owns the new RV park in Stratford. Congratulations Dorothy on being Queen!!

ER Bell Selected as Old Timer King

Prospectus Study Club has chosen ER Bell as their 2014 Old Timer King. ER was born Dec 25, 1928 to Roy and Lola Bell in Perryton, Texas. He was drafted in January, 1951 and was in basic training at Camp Chaffee. He was in the Army and served in Korea as second lieutenant. He went to leadership school at Camp Chaffee, and then the Signal Corp officer candidate school in Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. He married Joan Sims on June 15, 1952 and they moved to Camp San Luis Obispo, CA. They moved to Stratford January 21, 1956 and bought Sherman Implement Company. ER and Joan were part of the Starlighters Dance Club and of the Stumblebums Square Dance Club. Their first Christmas in town they decided to host a Christmas Party; however, they did so with a hole in their ceiling. According to Don Riffe, ER was having heater troubles the morning of the party, and much to Joan's hesitation, ER called Dick Woolsey to fix it. Well, he missed a step and came right through the ceiling! The party went on though. ER and Joan had two daughters, Tern (Blevins) and Vicki (Naughton). He sold Sherman Implement in 1989, and served the town as Stratford City Manager for five years. One funny story that was told on him being manager was the year of the skunk troubles. ER had an old wooden box that he would trap the skunks in and then he would take them to the country and shoot them. One skunk outwitted him and kept running back in the box by the time he got his gun ready. Finally, he had to come back to town and get another person to help him get rid of the skunk. He is now retired and spends his time with family in Red River, NM, working on jigsaw puzzles and having coffee with his friends in downtown Stratford. ER has 4 grandchildren, Ben Blevins, Lyndsey (Blevins) Stevens, Taylor Naughton and Garrett Naughton and 5 great-grandchildren (so far): Elisha and Adiya Grace Blevins, and Macy, ER, and Grayson Stevens. Congratulations ER on being King!



The E.R. Bell Clan, daughters, grandchildren, great grand children and in laws. Great looking bunch of folks