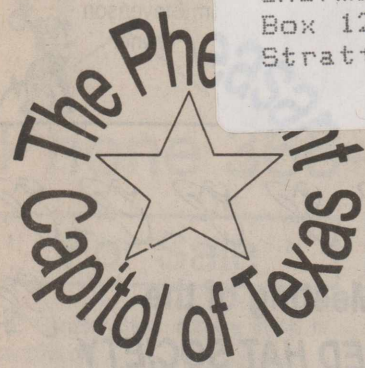


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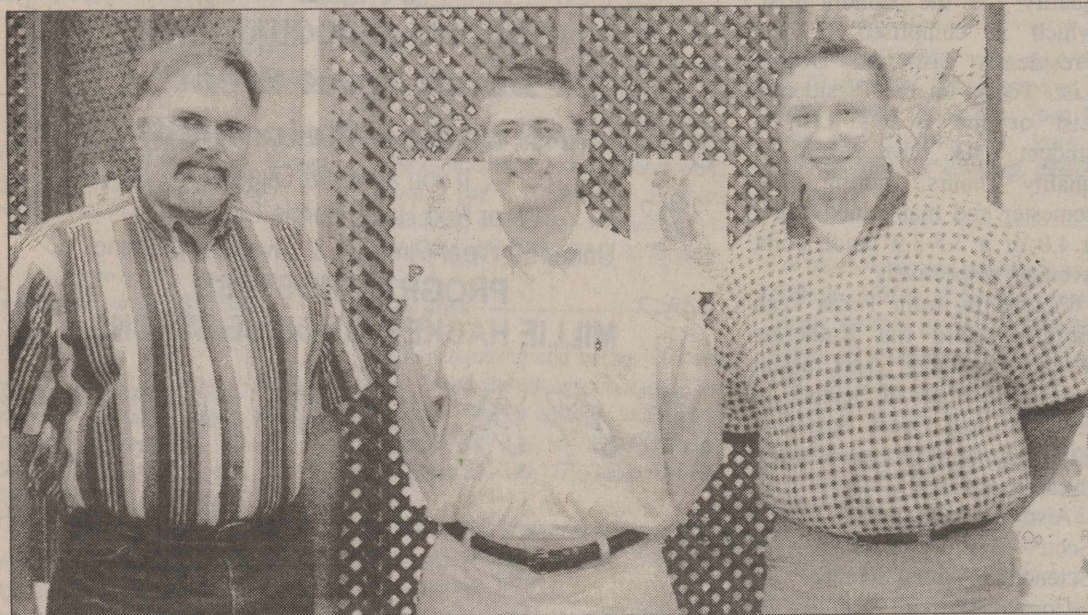


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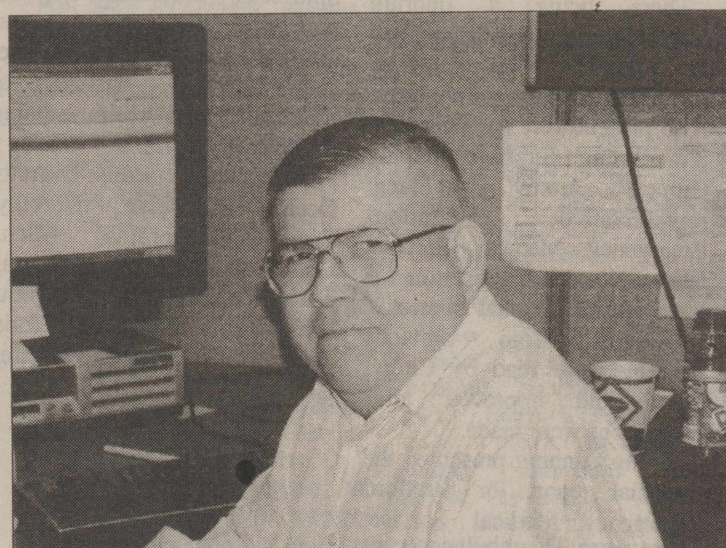
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## Representative Thornberry Visits Stratford

U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry visited Stratford in a Town Hall Meeting at the Imagination Station, Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. He related the atmosphere in Washington was as partisan as anytime he has served in the Congress and it was very difficult to accomplish legislation. Many programs are on hold until after the elections. He visited with the 25 persons in attendance about their concerns and asked his constituents to keep in touch via E-mail, Fax or mail to his Amarillo Office. (Washington mail is still delayed through screening.) Shown above L/R Mayor David Brown, U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry and City Administrator, Sean Hardman.



## Alexander To Join First State Bank-Stratford

First State Bank is proud to announce the return of Jim Alexander to the Texas Panhandle. Jim will be joining First State Bank's Stratford Office as Sr. Vice President. His responsibilities and duties will include both Agriculture & Commercial lending. After being in the Army 1964-1968, Jim attended Texas Tech University, where he received his BS in Animal Science, as well as his MED in Agriculture Education. Jim began his lending career as an Ag Loan Officer for Production Credit Association. In 1980, he joined Citizens State Bank and was in Dalhart until August of 2002. At that time, Jim transferred with Wells Fargo to Billings, Montana, where he was an Ag Loan Underwriter. Jim is extremely excited to be "coming home" and looks forward to working with past customers, as well as new ones.

## Medical Center League House Information in Stratford Aug. 3

What is the Medical Center League House to be built in Amarillo? It will be a hospital hospitality house to provide lodging and support services to families and their loved ones who are receiving medical treatment far from their home communities. Much like the Ronald McDonald House, which provides services to families of children, the League House will provide services for families of adults.

The Harrington Regional Medical Center and the Amarillo Junior League will be in Stratford on August 3 to give an overview of the project. Mark your calendars and watch for updates.

# 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Pendleton Park



## Reunion Of North Fork School To Be Held July 17th

There will be a reunion of the North Fork School at noon on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at Four-Corner Café.

## Alzheimer's Support Group To Meet

Alzheimer's Support Group meets every third Wednesday of each month at Coldwater Manor at 4:00 p.m. in the Boardroom. Guest Speaker Roy Puentes LSW, Regional Director Amarillo Alzheimer's.

You are invited to come and meet families who have loved ones with Alzheimer's. Come and support each other. Sponsored by Activity Director's JoAnn Cobos & Janice Vaughn.

## Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

Cowboy Church will meet every Wednesday at the County Barn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

## Crimestoppers Reward

Up to \$1000.00

Monday night, May 31, Memorial Day, the high school was broken into and vandalized. Anyone with information please contact CRIMESTOPPERS at 366-TIPS, 366-8477, or the Stratford PD at 366-3051, or the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office at 366-5551.

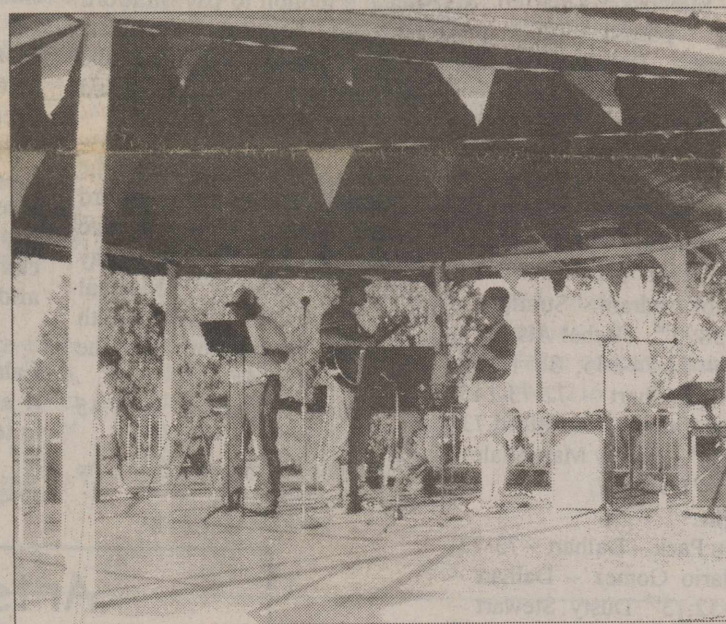
CRIMESTOPPERS pays up to \$1000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons involved in crimes.



Patti Tims and Pat Hartman selling a hat to Brooke Teel.



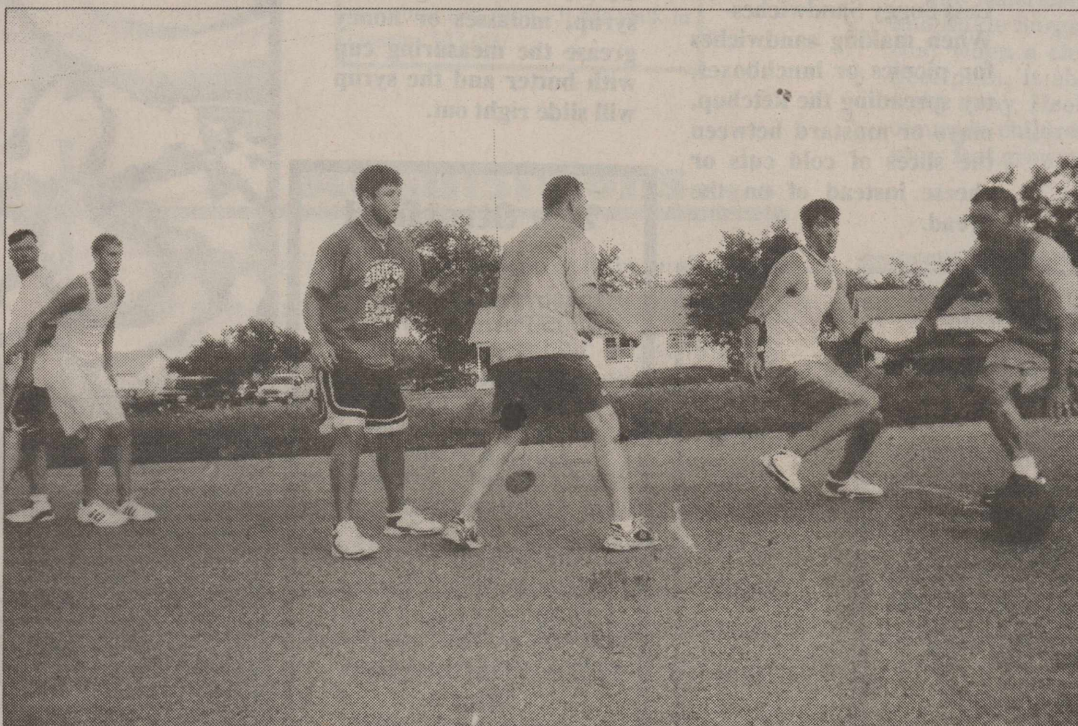
These girls were enjoying some refreshments at the Pendleton Park on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Liz Sanders, Geneva Bell, Jean Everett and Elsie Pickens. Sorry Jean, but she was sitting at the table.



Stratford has some terrific talent. Just a few Ted Bouldin, Brett Cummings and Chris Riffe.



Homemade ice cream and funnel cakes were a big hit at the park on July 4<sup>th</sup>.



Young and old enjoyed 3 on 3 basketball. Colby Wheeler, Tyler Haynes, Josh King, Tim Gilliland, Jason Ashley and Blake Confer.



Kelly's Gymnastics sold Hamburgers at the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at the Park.



## Obits

### Alana B. Jackson

Alana B. Jackson, 74, died Wednesday, June 30, 2004 in Amarillo.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 2, 2004 in Stratford Cemetery with the Rev. Brent Farney, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Jackson was born May 8, 1930, in Amarillo. She married Vernon L. "Buddy" Jackson on March 7, 1952, in Altus, Ok. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Cactus. She was an Amarillo resident since 1994 and a former Stratford resident for 40 years. Her passion was sewing and quilting.

Survivors include her husband; a son, David Jackson and wife, Cindy of Stratford; a sister, Mollie Galloway and husband, Jerry of Dumas; three grandsons, Jeremy, Louis and Colby and wife, Shawnda; a granddaughter, Hillary and husband, Mark; three great-granddaughters; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family suggest memorials be to BSA Hospice, PO Box 950, Amarillo, TX. 79105.

### Men's Golf Association Holds Tournament

The Men's Golf Association held their Stratford Invitational June 11 & 12<sup>th</sup> with 36 Hole Stroke Play. Sixty-eight golfers from Tucumcari, Guymon, Dumas, Dalhart, Clayton, Sunray, Lubbock, Amarillo & Stratford played in the invitational. Results were as follows:

**Championship:**  
1<sup>st</sup> - Chase Cooper - Guymon 71-64-135; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jim LaGrange - Guymon 69-67-136; 3<sup>rd</sup> Dario Garza - Stratford - 69-72-141.

**1<sup>st</sup> Flight:**  
1<sup>st</sup> - Pistol Audrain - Stratford - 72-66-138; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Rebel Aistrup - Dumas - 71-74-145; 3<sup>rd</sup> Royce Howell - Dalhart - 72-73-145; 4<sup>th</sup> Duane Pittman - Stratford 73-74-147; 5<sup>th</sup> - Bobby Martindale - Dumas - 71-76-147.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Flight:**  
1<sup>st</sup> - Ken Pack - Dalhart - 73-77-150; Mario Gomez - Dalhart - 77-75-152; 3<sup>rd</sup> Dusty Stewart - Stratford 81-74-155; 4<sup>th</sup> Raymond Cole - Guymon 82-74-156.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Flight:**  
1<sup>st</sup> - Rich Eichman - Guymon 83-78-161; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ted York - Stratford - 85-79-164; 3<sup>rd</sup> John Wilson - Stratford - 82-83-165; 4<sup>th</sup> - Ken Wight - Stratford 83-84-167.

**4<sup>th</sup> Flight:**  
1<sup>st</sup> - Mike Hyer - Dalhart - 86-81-167; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jimmie Taylor - Clayton 86-82-168; 3<sup>rd</sup> - Mannie Melendez - Dalhart 85-87-172; 4<sup>th</sup> Mike Shafer - Stratford 88-86-174; 5<sup>th</sup> Louis Gallegos - Dalhart 89-86-175.

Sat. closest to pin award #3/#12: Sponsored by Bing Seal Agency (Dalhart) - Sam Gustin of Dalhart. Sat. closest to pin award on #5/#14: Sponsored by Edward Jones Investments - Dumas - Michael Montoya of Amarillo.

Sun. closest to pin award on #3/#12: Sponsored by C&D Body Shop - Joe Harris of Sunray.

Championship Best Sat. Cont. on page 5

### Stratford Hospital District Minutes

#### Board of Directors Meeting May 11<sup>th</sup>

Stratford Hospital District Board of Directors met for the regular monthly meeting, May 11, 2004. These officers and directors were present:

Shannon Taliaferro, President  
Ronnie Brooks, Vice-President  
Ineta Chesher, Secretary-Treasurer  
Wayne Smith, Director  
Betty Brown, Director

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Shannon Taliaferro. Also present were Judy Griffith, representing Stratford Family Clinic, Jimmy Lanning, representative Stratford Emergency Medical Service, Cheryl Ward, administrator for the Stratford Hospital District.

Minutes from previous meeting were read by Cheryl Ward and approved after corrections were made.

Jimmy Lanning presented the financial report for Stratford Emergency Medical Service. There were 33 ambulance runs recorded for the month of April. Ronnie Brooks made a motion to pay Stratford Emergency Medical Services payables as presented, Ineta Chesher seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5/0. Jimmy Lanning discussed getting a new ambulance.

Cheryl Ward presented the financial report for Coldwater Manor. Wayne Smith made a motion to pay Coldwater Manors payables, Ronnie Brooks seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5/0.

Cheryl Ward presented the financial report for Stratford Hospital District. Ineta Chesher made a motion to pay Stratford Hospital Districts payables, Ronnie Brooks seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5/0.

Judy Griffith presented the financial report for Stratford Family Medical Clinic. Ronnie Brooks made a motion to pay Stratford Family Medical Clinics payables, Wayne Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5/0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes approved by Shannon Taliaferro.

### Want \$250 for \$1.00

Want \$250 for \$1.00? Sherman County EEA is having a BACK TO SCHOOL \$250 Gift Certificate fundraiser. Funds raised go toward activities supported by the group-4-H, County Library, Area Foundation, etc. The \$250 can be spent as one wishes. One ticket, \$1.00, six tickets for \$5.00 may be obtained from any Southstar or Lunch & Learn member. The certificate will be awarded July 31.

The two clubs met June 15 at the County Exhibit Building for a luncheon and program "What's Up, Doc?" Susie Spurlock, Extension Agent, presented the program on information to have for the doctor when visited a prescription for health, saving health care dollars.

Present were Jean Everett, DeeDee Deweese, Dorothy Deweese, Dorothea Allen, Connie Oquin, Cindy Jackson, Teresa Edmond, Marylou McDaniel, Paula Nusz, Doris Dyess, Kim Crippen, Margaret Graham.

### Kitchen Household Hints

**No more soggy veggies-** Place a clean sponge in the vegetable bin of your refrigerator and it will absorb any excess moisture.

**Save money on salad croutons** Cut soft leftover bread into cubes and bake until dry (about 10 minutes). Sauté in seasoned butter and store in the refrigerator. If bread is stale, you can skip the baking and just sauté the cubes. Can be used in salads or for stuffing.

**Store apples and potatoes in the same bag or bin to keep potatoes from sprouting**

**Keep an extra measuring cup in the flour or sugar canister. This saves time and washing-up, too!**

**Cake Tester Idea-** If a toothpick is too short to test if a cake is done, try a piece of uncooked spaghetti

### Texas Tech Graduates & Named to Honors List

Lubbock, TX-Spring 2004 commencement at Texas Tech University saw approximately 2,330 students awarding degrees. Degrees awarded included approximately 1,830 undergraduate degrees, 435 master's degrees and 54 doctoral degrees. Commencement ceremonies took place May 15 in the United Spirit Arena on campus.

Also for the Spring 2004 semester, Texas Tech University had 2,126 students qualify for the Honors List, which is comprised of the President's List and Dean's List. To be on the President's List or the Dean's List, a student must have taken 12 quality hours during the semester and maintained either a 4.0 or a 3.5-3.9 grade point average, respectively.

Graduating from Texas Tech from Stratford was Katherine Lynz Browning McCracken with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Sciences-Cum Laude. Lynz also made the Dean's List.

Also graduating was Ryan Scott Swain, Bachelor of Science in Animal Science.

Corey Darren Naugle, a Junior, made the Dean's List in Electrical Electronics.

### Please Help Us Out!!!!!!

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter suffered considerable damage from the high wind and rain. Many of the dog pens were bent and all of the food was ruined as the tarps were blown off of the food.

The Dalhart Animal rescue Shelter is totally dependent on the donations from the public. If you can help in any way, be it bags of food, helping in the care of the dogs, rebuilding the damaged pens, or donations of money, it will be greatly appreciated and it is desperately needed. Donations of money may be sent to:

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter  
P.O. Box 911  
Dalhart, TX 79022

Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 or 333-4911 for additional information.

### Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

June 3- August 21	"Texas Legacies" (TEXAS) Monday Through Saturday Pioneer Amphitheatre, Palo Duro Canyon State Park 806-655-2181 1-877-58TEXAS www.epictexas.com
June 13 August 22	"Heavenly Country" (Sundays) Pioneer Amphitheatre, Palo Duro Canyon State Park
June 23 Aug 15 Wed.-Sun.	"Lone Star Rising" Out door Drama 806-677-1706 Fritch Fortress Amphitheater- Lake Meredith
July 9-11	"West Side Story" Present by Area High School Students Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
July 17	Ron White- Outback Concerts Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
Aug. 5, 6, 7	"Blazing Guns at Roaring Gulch" Melodrama Dalhart LaRita Theatre 806-244-5646
August 17	Nickel back Rock Band Civic Center Coliseum 806-378-3096
Sept. 6	"Discover! Sky High" Symphony Concert /Fireworks Don Harrington Discovery Center 806-355-9547

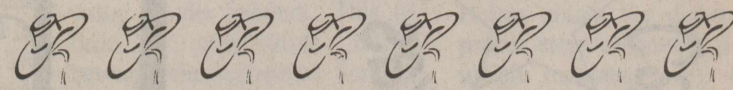
**Less Soggy Sandwiches-** When making sandwiches for picnics or lunchboxes, try spreading the ketchup, mayo or mustard between the slices of cold cuts or cheese instead of on the bread.

**Before measuring corn syrup, molasses or honey** grease the measuring cup with butter and the syrup will slide right out.

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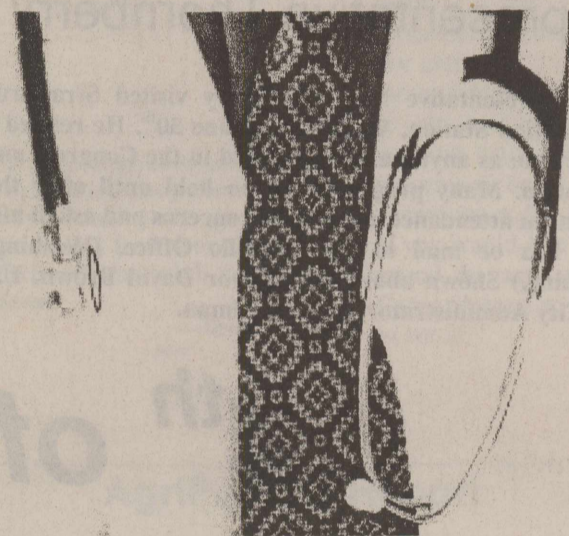
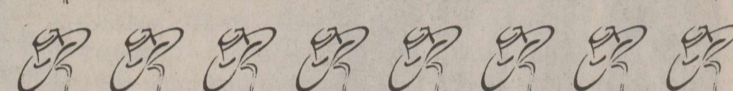
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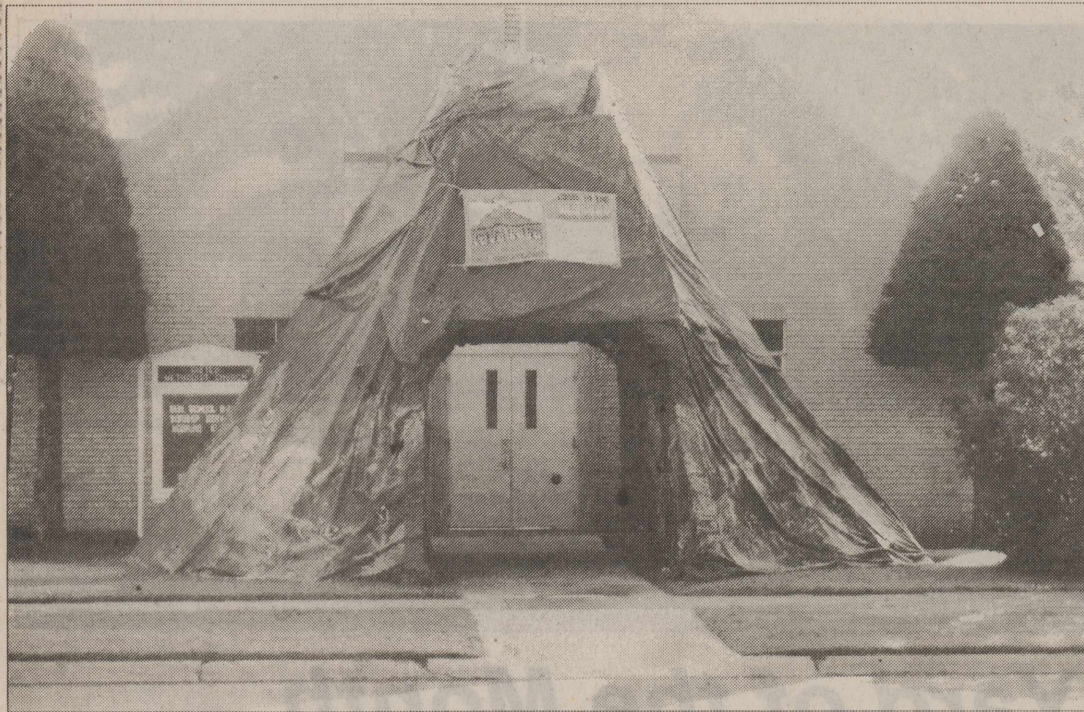
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## Lava Lava Island

Shown above is the Volcano in front of the First United Methodist Church, ready for Vacation Bible School to be held July 11-13, 2004, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

### Lava Lava Island! First United Methodist Church

See the volcano towering over the jungle. Hear the rible in the distance. Feel the ground shaking under your feet. You can almost taste the excitement that's building as you head into big adventures at Lava Lava Island, where Jesus' love flows!

Join us in the jungles of Lava Lava Island! You'll enjoy Bible Point Crafts and exciting games, experience thrilling Bible stories, taste a yummy snack and hear unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

Come to First United Methodist Church July 11-13 at 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. For more information call Stacy Metcalf at 366-2035. This is for ages 3-11.

### High Plains Resource Conservation & Development Council Celebrates National RC&D Week July 11-17, 2004

High Plains RC&D Council joins the 375 RC&D Councils across the country in celebrating "RC&D Week". RC&D week was declared in recognition of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the designation of the first 10 RC&D areas. In the past 40 years the program has grown from 10 designated areas to 375 designated areas that cover over 80% of the United States and its territories.

Sharon Ruggi, President of the National Association of Resource Conservation & Development Councils expressed pleasure and pride as the thousands of RC&D council members prepare to celebrate the National Community Service that RC&D Councils provide to America.

President Ruggi stated "Local people determining their community needs and creating solutions for these needs in our communities, and the many projects that RC&D Councils carry out, are far too important to go unnoticed in our

communities and unrecognized by the media.

Counties in the western Texas Panhandle are part of the High Plains RC&D Area. The office is located at 1306 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Friona. Sherman County is represented by Dana Buckles of Stratford on the High Plains RC&D Board of Directors. For more information or assistance with a community project please call Thomas Reed at (806) 250-2020.

Resource Conservation & Development councils are volunteers who serve their communities in all-50 states and US territories. RC&D Councils identify, address and solve the challenges needed to sustain and improve the quality of life in their own communities. The RC&D program is administered and funded by the USDA

Natural Resources Conservation Service.

<http://www.rcdnet.org>

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Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

### First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed  
5th & Main

Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
No Sunday Evening Worship  
Wed. Adult Choir 8:00 pm

### First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weinette  
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Sunday School 9:40 am  
Morning Worship 10:50 am  
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm  
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm  
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Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### Church of Christ

Larry Evans  
N. 3rd & Chestnut

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Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

### Calvary Baptist

James Washburn

302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message  
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Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

### First Baptist

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Growth groups/Sun. School 10:00 a.m.  
Late Service 11:00 a.m.  
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Wed. - Youth Group Teen Kids 7:00 p.m./Adult Choir 7:00

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Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday



## Main Street Art Program

Imagination Station Main Street Art Program made birdhouses. Shown with their birdhouse from left, Russell Spurlock, Shay Hess, Mazie Vincent, and Kade McBryde. Watch for Mosaic Flowerpots July 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Texas Farm Service Agency Announces Authorization for Managed CRP Haying & Grazing

Cutting hay and grazing livestock on land enrolled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program, in the absence of a weather-related emergency, is now an option for Texas producers.

Rebecca Hemphill, County Executive Director for the Sherman County Farm Service Agency, announced today that managed haying and grazing is allowed on CRP lands. Haying is approved in Texas July 2 through September 29 and grazing is approved beginning July 2 and ending October 29, 2004. The starting date for both haying and grazing is tied to the end of the primary nesting and brood rearing season in the state. Prior to the 2002 Farm Bill, commercial use of CRP land was generally prohibited except for weather-related emergencies such as droughts.

To take advantage of the haying and grazing options, producers must modify existing conservation plans for the CRP acreage to include managed haying and grazing practices. The plans must be developed in conjunction with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or one of its technical service providers.

Producers must also agree to certain terms and conditions, including signing an agreement to re-establish, at the producer's own cost, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of haying or grazing and to remove all hay within 10 days of being notified that the managed haying and grazing season has ended.

Hemphill emphasized that for acreage that is hayed or grazed, annual rental payments producers receive for enrolling land into CRP will be reduced by 25 percent.

Under this enhanced CRP provision, producers can cut hay or graze livestock on a given acre no more than once every three years after the vegetative cover is fully established. An area hayed or grazed this year, for example, may not be hayed or grazed again until 2007. CRP participants can choose to hay or graze their entire CRP acreage in the first year, or only a portion of their CRP acreage each year. Producers may not harvest hay and graze livestock on the same land in the same year.

Progress always involves risk; you can't steal second base and keep your foot on first base.  
—Frederick Wilcox

Look well into thyself; there is a source of strength which will always spring up if thou wilt always look there.

—Marcus Aurelius Antoninus

## Grassland Reserve Program Application

"The managed haying and grazing option provides producers latitude when making land management decisions regarding their operations. The periodic disturbance of vegetative cover under managed haying and grazing will increase the diversity and quality of the cover and improve wildlife benefits," said Hemphill.

For additional eligibility criteria and information regarding CRP Managed Haying and Grazing, contact the Sherman County FSA office at 806-396-2211 or visit the USDA Web site at

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

## Foster/Adoptive Parent Informational Meeting July 13

There will be a Foster/Adoptive Parent Informational meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. Second Tuesday of every month at the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services-6200 I-40 West in Amarillo, Texas. Contact Darla Ingram, Foster/Adopt Recruiter (806) 354-6230.

When abuse and neglect occurs, and children are no longer able to safely remain in their own homes, we are fortunate enough to have individuals willing to provide care and support to them in licensed foster homes. Foster care provides a temporary safe haven for children as Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworkers and foster parents work toward uniting children with their families. These children, through no fault of their own, were placed in abusive or neglectful situations by their biological parents. In some situations, they are not able to return home and deserve a chance for a new life with adoptive parents who can teach them that family can be a safe place.

There is an urgent need for more families to open their hearts and homes by becoming foster and adoptive parents. To learn more about fostering and adoption, attend an informational meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the CPS office located at 6200 I-40 West, in Amarillo.

Owners and operators of grassland including natural prairie, improved pastureland, or native rangeland now have the opportunity to enroll their lands in the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP). GRP is a voluntary program that restores or protects these lands while maintaining their use as grazing lands.

The program emphasizes support for grazing operations, plant and animal biodiversity and grasslands under the greatest threat of conversion. The minimum amount of eligible land for enrollment is 40 acres.

Enrollment options are: Permanent and 30-year easements; 10-year, 15-year, 20-year, or 30-year rental agreements. Restoration agreements are available in conjunction with easements or rental agreements to provide cost share for needed conservation practices.

Allowable activities include common grazing practices, haying, mowing or harvesting for seed. Fire rehabilitation and the construction of firebreaks and fences are also allowed.

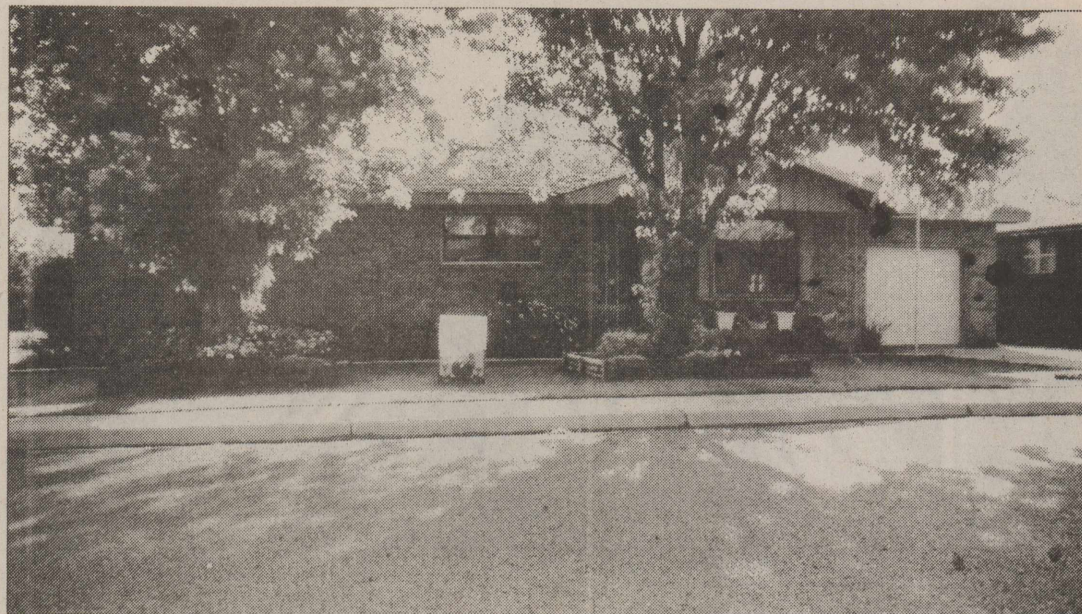
Prohibited activities are the production of crops, fruit trees, and vineyards that require breaking the soil surface. Also prohibited are any other activities that would disturb the surface of the land except those permitted by an NRCS approved conservation plan.

Applications for GRP are now being accepted at the NRCS office. The last for submitting an application for this year's funding is July 23, 2004.

## Patronage Distribution Benefits Stockholder Borrowers

The Board of Directors of Great Plains Ag Credit, ACA has declared a \$662,000 cash patronage distribution to its stockholder borrowers, the largest amount in the lending cooperative's history according to Carroll Haygood, the agricultural lending cooperative's president. It was reported that a total of \$5.8 million in earnings has been allocated through GPAC's allocation of earnings program since the 2000 year. Such cash distributions defray interest costs to both short and long-term borrowers, according to the release.

GPAC, which is headquartered in Amarillo, provides short-term loans through its Production Credit Association and real estate loans through its Federal Land Bank Association throughout the Panhandle and upper South Plains. Other loan offices are in Plainview, Dalhart, Dimmitt, Dumas, Friona, Olton, Muleshoe and Tulia.

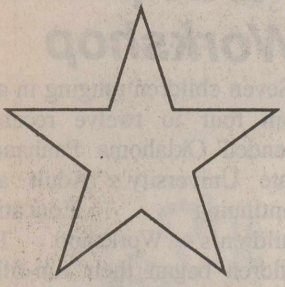


## Yard of the Month

Yard of the Month chosen for July, 2004 by Stratford Chamber of Commerce is Ken and Linda Forthman at 301 South Fulton. Congratulations!

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Every human soul is of infinite value, eternal, free; no human being, therefore, is so placed as not to have within his reach, in himself and others, objects adequate to infinite endeavor.  
—Lord Balfour

<h3>Business Directory</h3>	<h3>Stratford Hospital District</h3> <p>Coldwater Manor Stratford Family Medical Clinic Stratford EMS Proudly serving the medical needs of Stratford and Sherman County</p>
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It Pays To Look In The

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## For Sale

THE General Store nursery stock is now 25% off.  
6-10-tfn

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The aging process has you firmly in its grasp if you never get the urge to throw a snowball.  
—Doug Larson

For Sale: '91 Hitchhiker #5<sup>th</sup> wheel 29 1/2 ft. trailer 12' slide out-18' awning. Excellent condition 806-396-2285.  
4-22-tfn

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If at first you don't succeed, well, so much for skydiving.  
—Victor O'Reilly

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We now sell MEXIPASS-auto insurance for Mexico. Call or come by for your free quote.  
Allen-Tarver Agency  
806-396-5810  
7-17-c

For Sale: Maple finish, king size, bookcase headboard & heavy-duty bed frame \$200. 806-366-5388 after 3:30 p.m. weekdays. Sisty Vincent.

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Sometimes you just have to take the leap, and build your wings on the way down.  
—Kobi Yamada

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## Pets

Going out of business sale. Charli's Pets at 113 W. 7<sup>th</sup> in Dumas, Texas 934-2148. 20 gal. Aquarium \$45.00 All merchandise 25 % off.  
7-15-c

## Help Wanted

J.W. Resources Inc. needs Oil field truck driver wanted. Must have CDL & hazmat. Good salary + health benefits. Sherman County Area Only. Interested parties call 806-467-9600.  
4-22-tfn

Certified Nurses Aide positions are now available at Coldwater Manor. Excellent benefits including health insurance and retirement after 90 days of employment. Apply in person at Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX 79084 E.O.E.  
3-3-tfn

Help Wanted: Machinist/Mechanic for irrigation motors. A&I Parts. Good pay with benefits after 3 months. Contact Jerry Ewers at 806-366-5592 or cell phone 806-753-7593.  
7-8-c

First Christian Church is taking applications for nursery attendant. Job description/applications at Church Office at Fifth and N. Main. 366-2301. EOE  
7-8-c

West Texas Gas is now accepting applications for a part time clerk in the Stratford Office. Applications can be picked up at the Stratford or Texhoma office.  
7-1-tfn

**SIRENS:**  
**TORNADO:**  
**WARNING: WAVERING SOUND 10 MINUTES IN LENGTH. ISSUED WHEN TORNADO HAS BEEN SIGHTED IN AREA OR INDICATED ON RADAR**

**CHEMICAL EMERGENCY:**  
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**3 MINUTES OF CONTINUOUS TONE=GO INDOORS AND REMAIN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**  
**1 MINUTE OF CONTINUOUS TONE=ALL CLEAR**  
**ALL CLEAR: 1 MINUTE OF CONTINUOUS TONE**

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I love deadlines. I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by.  
—Douglas Adams

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## Services

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Is your House or Foundation Settling? Cracks in brick or walls? Doors won't close?...Call Childers Brothers Stabilizing & Foundation Leveling. 1-800-299-9563 or 806-352-9563 Amarillo, TX.  
1-4-1yrpd

Custom swathing and baling: 2 new John Deere Balers, volume discounts available. Call for quotes. John Bourk 580-546-7308 Cell # 806-683-5967; Matt Elder 580-349-1272 Cell #806-570-4694.

I will do little handiwork jobs for the elderly at a reasonable cost. Call Dick Bachman 366-7679.  
6-24-c

## For Rent

For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished apt., 6th & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime, 396-5692 at nights.  
1-28-tfn

Small house for rent: 619 N. Wall please call 753-4490 or 676-2931.  
3-4-tfn

FOR RENT...Office space on Main Street for rent. For information call (806)396-5541.  
11-27-tfn

Two-bedroom house for rent 308 S. Chestnut. Call 396-2125.  
5-6-tfn

**PHEASANT RIDGE APARTMENTS**  
**STRATFORDS' NEWEST & NICEST**

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- \* Very Nice
- \* C/H/A
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**806-244-3418**

For Rent: House at 609 N. Grace, Call Daytime 1-800-888-2822 or nights 303-424-5575.  
6-10-tfn

For Rent: Newly remodeled 2-bedroom house. Appliances furnished. No indoor pets. References required. Call 366-5927.  
6-24-4xc

## Land for Sale

Land for Sale: Section 66 and South 1/2 of Section 67 Block 8. Capital Syndicate sub-division Dallam County CRP to 9-30-2007. Contact Trust Dept. at First State Bank of Stratford 806-396-5521.  
10-23-tfn

## Houses For Sale

For Sale: Our home at 619 S. Pearl (we're moving to the farm). 2572 sq. ft. living area, 3 b, 2 b, fireplace, heated tile floor in den & kitchen, 2 car garage, separate storage garage, extra lg. Lot 366-5829 or 753-7775.  
4-22-tfn

Must see! Beautiful home on 1 acre. 2,100 sq. ft. 4 yr. Old, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, double car garage. Open floor plan w/lg kitchen. Call Johnny @ (806)366-3584 or Brian @ (559)947-3272.  
4-1-tfn

For Sale: House and furnishings as a package. 1320 sq. ft. living; detached garage; sprinkler system. \$49500.00. Shown by appointment only. Trust Dept. 396-5521.  
9-25-tfn

Home for Sale: 1216 NW 2nd, 2240 Sq. ft. 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, 2 living areas, Sprinkler system. New Windows & Heating System & Roof. 366-3520.  
5-27-tfn

For Sale: 3850 Sq. Ft. living area, 4 BR, 2 1/2 baths, basement, covered patio, 2 car garage, corner lot w/circle drive. 420 N. Chestnut. Call 806-396-2348.  
7-10-tfn

House For Sale or Lease: Recently remodeled 2500 sq. ft. house. 3 bdrm, 2 baths. Call for more information. 244-2155 or 333-7120.  
8-8-tfn

For Sale: 14 x 60 Trailer house, needs work, owner-financing possible. Call 396-2125.  
1-15-tfn

House & Acreage for Sale by Owner. 2400 Sq. Ft. House, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. 14.9 acres. 40'x60' metal bldg, roping arena, 3 horse sheds, detached 2 car garage. Shown by appointment only. 806-966-5219, 806-679-8015.  
8-21-tfn

**Ad Rem Land Co.**

Office  
803 S. Bliss, Dumas  
806-935-7364  
Fax 806-935-7687  
E-MAIL [adrem@adremland.com](mailto:adrem@adremland.com)  
Visit our website @ <http://www.adremland.com>

**This 2 Bedroom, 1 3/4 bath that has style. The office could serve as 3rd bedroom. Beautiful large living room and dining area. Extra room off of kitchen could serve many purposes, such as hobby room or office. Hardwood floors, decorative wall paper. Home sits on a beautiful corner lot with sprinkler system, nice patio area and storage building in backyard. Hurry! \$78,900.**

**Buyers—You will fall in love with this 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath property! The home has been lovingly taken care of and is wonderfully decorated. The kitchen, dining and living room are all open. Large master suite. Master bathroom shower has a wall with beautiful glass blocks. The shop has 2 overhead garage doors, heat & air and a 1/2 bath. Great patio. Near schools. \$98,500.**

**This charming home has been remodeled and sits on a 5 1/2 fenced lots. Attached 18'6"x24'8" workshop and 11'9"x12' storage building in backyard. Seller will furnish home warranty. \$79,900.**

**Super nice home has been recently refurbished with new floor coverings and paint. It has walk-in closets. \$33,000.**

Owner Financing, Buying a House Made Simple. All 3 Bdrm. 319 S. Main, 611 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Call Brett Cummings 366-7664 (hm) or 753-6677 (cell).  
1-2-04-tfn

FOR SALE BY OWNER...Beautiful 4 bedroom home, large sized rooms, 3 full baths, office, large utility room, basement, covered patio, beautifully landscaped backyard. W/deck. This house is located in a GREAT neighborhood!! 202 Kay Ave. Approx. 3800 sq. ft. Call 806-366-2482.  
4-22-tfn

Well maintained home in nice neighborhood. This home has large kitchen with dining area and large living room. Two large bedrooms, with large walk-in closets, plus office with closet that could be third bedroom, two full baths and large utility room. Two car attached garage, sprinkler system, CHA, and large shop in fenced backyard. We are offering a one-year home warranty with this home. This is a must see home ready to move into, for more information call 806-570-5716 or 806-655-2560.  
6-17-4xc

4 Bdrm Brick Home in Texhoma, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces, 2 car garage, large walk-in closets, new roof & barn in backyard 40'x25'. (580)423-4553 or (580)423-7718 for more info.  
7-31-tfn

House for sale by owner: 204 S. Pearl, 2 Bdrm, 1 bath, utility, CHA. Possible financing. Call 806-244-5486.  
7-29-c

House for Sale: 320 N. Wall-2100 sq. ft. 3 bdrm-3 bath, hardwood floors, sprinkler system, 2-car garage, \$95,000. Will show by appointment only. Call 396-5521 or 366-3628.  
5-27-tfn

For Sale: 1984 American Mobile Home. CH/AC 2 Bdrm, 2 baths, 2 decks, to be moved. 806-753-4522 or cell phone 753-7633.  
7-15-c

I'm mad.at banks who don't give house loans because of bad credit, problems or new employment, I do, call L.D. Kirk, Homeland Mortgages, (254) 947-4475, Belton, TX TSLD#1667  
7-8-p

3 Bdrm Brick, 2 baths on large corner lot 1201 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> St Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Located in Casa Bonita Addition. Call 366-2153 for Appointment  
9-30-c

## Cards of Thanks

I'm sorry this is so late but I still want to way a great big Thank You to Sandy Williams and the people who work at Western Organics for all their care and help when the wind caught me and threw me into a car in front of their business. Sandy had the ambulance and crew in a very short while and went to Dumas with me and stayed until my son got there from Elk City. Nora Wells and Jimmy Lanning were great to help, as was the staff at ER in Dumas. Thanks again for everything.

Esther Israel

## Golf Cont. from page 2

Round: Sponsored by Happy State Bank was a tie between Dario Garza & Jim Lagrange at 69. 1<sup>st</sup> Flight Best Sat. Round: Sponsored by First State Bank was a tie between Bobby Martindale & Rebel Aistrup at 71. 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight Best Sat. Round: Sponsored by Willis Construction was Ken Pack at 73. 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight Best Sat. Round:

Sponsored by Gustin Equipment was a tie between Eddie Carson & Red Parker at 81. 4<sup>th</sup> Flight Best Sat. Round: Sponsored by Stratford Grain Co. was Curtis Carter at 84.

Special Thanks To All The Sponsors: Happy State Bank, First State Bank, Stratford Grain Co., C&D Body Shop, Allen/Tarver Agency, Bing Seal Agency, Cline's Corner, Brooks Motor, J&C Golf, Edward Jones Investments, Willis Construction, Gustin Equipment, Brett Wilson Pro Shop, Kautz Lawn & Maint. & Cimarron Feeders.

## Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

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

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter ("no kill" facility) currently has over 100 dogs & Puppies available for adoption. These dogs are all sizes & range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed and/or neutered & have their shots. These dogs need a good home.

## HEALTHY IDEAS

(NAPS)—Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) wants to remind the public that those who drive drunk are not only making roadways more dangerous for other drivers—they are endangering the lives of children in their own cars. From 1997 to 2002, more than 1,500 children died in crashes while riding with a drinking driver and 68 percent were unrestrained. MADD recommends creating tougher child endangerment DUI/DWI laws and increasing awareness in the legal system. Too often adults who drive drunk with children are not charged with child endangerment. To support stronger child endangerment laws, visit [www.madd.org](http://www.madd.org).

The American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons recommends that when a child complains of heel pain, it should be treated right away. Heel pain commonly occurs in children ages 8 to 14 as their feet grow and the heel bone



develops. As more children get active in competitive sports, they increase their risk for growth-plate injuries and subsequent heel pain. New bone forms in an area behind the heel, known as the growth plate, and cartilage is vulnerable to severe inflammation from strain or stress. With repeated stresses and strains from overactivity, the heel becomes very painful. For more information, visit [www.FootPhysicians.com](http://www.FootPhysicians.com).

## Acquisitions...

We just returned from a buying trip with some great new discoveries. . .painted primitive chests, shelves, chairs, and tables; picnic baskets in all shapes and sizes; kooky kitchenware; funky lamps and assorted doodads; an old child's church pew; gameboards; hatboxes and suitcases; a steam table for shaping hats; and SO MUCH MORE!! Stop by and see what's new at the corner of Hwys 54 & 287 in Stratford, Texas Now open every Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, Call

Kathie Altman-366-5611  
David Cross-396-2396  
Ken Forthman-366-2586  
Patsy Harland-827-7568  
Michal Meyer-827-7453  
Jesse Resendes-769-4454  
Larry Evans-366-2242

Austin Hotline  
1-800-252-5400  
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Champions keep playing until they get it right.  
—Billie Jean King  
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A favor well bestowed is almost as great an honor to him who confers it as to him who receives it.  
—Sir Richard Steele  
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If we do not succeed, then we run the risk of failure.  
—Dan Quayle  
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# Stratford Jamboree & Ex Students Reunion

FRIDAY JULY 30 &  
SATURDAY JULY 31

## JULY 30

- 5:00PM **MEET AND GREET EX-STUDENTS**  
@ COUNTY BARN
- 7:30PM **CALCUTTA**  
BEFORE RODEO
- 8:00PM **RANCH RODEO** (Stratford Chamber of Commerce)  
@RODEO ARENA

## JULY 31

- 10:00AM **OLD TIMERS KING AND QUEEN** (Prospectus Study Club)  
@FIRST STATE BANK OF STRATFORD
- 11:00AM **PARADE**  
"LOCAL HEROES"
- 11:30AM **LIONS BBQ**-----ADULTS \$5.00 KIDS \$3.00  
@PARK  
**NATIONAL ANTHEM & PRESENTATION OF COLORS**  
GREG WRIGHT & COURTENAY SHIELDS  
US ARMY COLOR GUARDS???? **BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS**  
**EX-STUDENTS MEET AT THE PARK**
- 12:00 **LIVE MUSIC** (GREG WRIGHT & COURTENAY SHIELDS)  
@PARK
- 12:30PM **KIDS GAMES**  
(Stratford Student Council)
- 1:00PM **HORSE SHOE PITCH** (Museum Board)  
@ PARK
- 2:00PM **GREENS FEE GOLF**  
@ STRATFORD COUNTRY CLUB
- 8:00PM **RANCH RODEO**  
@ RODEO ARENA

STRATFORD JAMBOREE  
PARADE  
"LOCAL HEROES"

The Stratford Jamboree invites you to show off your town, organization or business in the Stratford Jamboree Parade, Saturday July 31, 2004. The Parade theme is "Local Heroes".

Entries will be judged for awards: Theme Floats 1<sup>st</sup> - \$100.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$80.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$65.00  
Commercial & Organization Floats (Separate Adult and Youth categories)

Riding clubs must be attired in long-sleeved western shirts, blue jeans, boots and hat. Individual Cowgirl or Cowboy 1<sup>st</sup> prize- \$35.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$20.00 Riding Club - 1<sup>st</sup> prize- \$35.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$20.00

Kiddie entries - Theme & Non-Theme, prizes ranging from \$7.50 to \$1.50

Parade entries will be placed and judged at 10:00am at the Stratford Depot parking lot. Horse participants may unload and park trailers on the CRP ground north of the ball park (the end of the parade) and assemble on the vacant lot north of the water tower. Kiddie entries will be placed and judged at the Stratford Grain Feed Store parking lot.

Please fill out this form below and return it to the Stratford Jamboree (Happy Bank) or the Chamber of Commerce by July 29, 2004.

For more information contact: Sean Hardman, Parade Chairman  
366-5581(work) 366-3650(home)  
Chamber of Commerce 366-2260  
Stratford Jamboree (Trish) 366-2265

Stratford Jamboree Parade Entry Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 1 PO Box 570  
Stratford, Texas 79084 Stratford, Texas 79084

### CIRCLE ENTRY AND INDICATE NUMBER IN GROUP

- Automobile Open Class Wagon or Buggy
- Riding Club Cowboy/Cowgirl - Junior/Senior Machinery/Equipment
- Theme Float - Commercial/Adult Organization/Junior Organization
- Kiddie - Theme / Open Class Marching Organization
- Number in Group \_\_\_\_\_

For publicity purposes, please give a description of your entry and identify the participants.

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Salad Days

Refreshing And Flavorful Options For Hot Summer Nights

**Classic Italian Chicken Salad**  
Prep Time: 15 minutes  
Total Time: 15 minutes  
Makes 4 servings

- 1 bag (10 oz.) mixed salad greens (about 8 cups)
- 1 package (6 oz.) LOUIS RICH Grilled Chicken Breast Strips
- 2 medium tomatoes, chopped
- ½ cup thin red onion slices
- ½ cup KRAFT Zesty Italian Dressing
- ¼ cup KRAFT 100% Grated Parmesan Cheese

**TOSS** salad greens with chicken breast strips, tomatoes and onions in large salad bowl.  
**ADD** dressing; mix lightly. Top with parmesan cheese. Serve immediately.  
Nutrition (per serving) Calories 200, Total fat 12g, Saturated fat 3g, Sodium 1070mg, Carbohydrate 9g, Dietary fiber 3g, Protein 14g.

**Grilled Steak & Parmesan Salad**  
Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Total Time: 1 hour  
Makes 4 servings

- 1 boneless beef sirloin steak (1 lb.), ½ inch thick
- 1 cup KRAFT Zesty Italian Dressing, divided
- 1 bag (10 oz.) mixed salad greens (about 8 cups)
- 2 medium tomatoes, cut into wedges
- 1 medium yellow summer squash or zucchini, chopped

¼ cup KRAFT 100% Grated Parmesan Cheese

**PLACE** steak and ½ cup of the dressing in resealable plastic bag; seal bag. Refrigerate 30 minutes to marinate. Remove steak from marinade; discard marinade.  
**GRILL** or broil steak 5 to 10 minutes on each side or until cooked through. Cut steak across the grain into thin slices.

**TOSS** greens with tomatoes, squash and remaining ½ cup dressing. Place on serving platter. Top with steak slices; sprinkle with cheese.  
Nutrition (per serving) Calories 300, Total fat 17g, Saturated fat 4.5g, Sodium 550mg, Carbohydrate 11g, Dietary fiber 3g, Protein 25g.

For additional summer salad suggestions and other recipes, you can visit the Web site at [www.kraftfoods.com](http://www.kraftfoods.com).

**Keep cookies fresh** - Just put a slice of fresh bread in the bottom of the cookie jar. Cookies will stay soft and yummy.

**If you are out of powdered sugar** try running regular granulated sugar through the blender to make your own confectioners sugar.

## Hexythiazox (Onager Miticide) Available to Texas Corn Growers

Lubbock-Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) has played an active role in making sure Texas corn growers in the Panhandle and South Plains have access to Hexythiazox (Onager Miticide), an efficient tool that controls spider mites and Banks grass mites. Recently, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) issued an exemption, under Section 18, for the use of the miticide manufactured by the Gowan Company.

"There was a critical need for this emergency exemption for Onager," said Texas Cooperative Extension Entomology Specialist Dr. Carl Patrick. "University research has demonstrated that Onager provides satisfactory suppression of Banks grass mite in corn."

Banks grass mites are the most prevalent pests throughout the corn-growing season, but spider mites can increase and become serious later in the season, especially after insecticides eliminate beneficial insects after tasseling. Both pests can have severe adverse effects on the plant.

Onager breaks the mite life cycle by controlling eggs and immatures while interrupting the laying of viable eggs by adult females. Applied at the first sign of eggs and immatures, Onager offers extended control of up to 60 days and is extremely safe to beneficial mites and insects.

"Producers voiced that there was a definite need to have access to Onager," said Gowan Company sales representative Kenny Zimmerhanzel. "Texas Corn Producers Board recognized this urgency and took responsibility for conveying the message to the Texas Department of Agriculture and the

Environmental Protection Agency."

TCPB Executive Director David Gibson noted that Dr. Pat Porter, Dr. Carl Patrick and Dr. Robert Bowling with the Texas Cooperative Extension Service also played a key role in helping document the need and value of the product. This is been a cooperative effort between the Extension Service and Texas Corn Producers Board.

A total of 608,000 acres of corn could potentially be treated under this exemption. Applications may be made to commercial fields of field corn growing the following Texas counties: Bailey, Borden, Carson, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Gaines, Gray, Hale, Hansford, Hartley, Hockley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Moore, Oldham, Ochiltree, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Scurry, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler and Yoakum.

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I hope if dogs ever take over the world, and they chose a king, they don't just go by size, because I bet there are some Chihuahuas with some good ideas.  
—Jack Handey  
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## AgriPartner Report

Week of June 28, 2004

Dallam, Sherman, Hartley & Moore Counties

First generation corn borer continues to feed on leaves and in the whorl of corn plants. Some have entered the stalk. Overall infestations are light and do not justify an insecticide application. If borers have entered the stalk, an insecticide application would be of very little value.

Moderate temperatures and rain have reduced area spider mite infestations to almost nonexistent. Continue to closely monitor this pest, for as corn enters the reproductive phase spider mites can rapidly increase.

Corn earworm moths are active. These moths will lay their eggs in a variety of crops. In corn, the larvae that hatch from these eggs will feed in the whorl generally causing insignificant "shot hole" damage to leaves. Most of their damage will occur when they begin feeding on ears.

Western corn rootworm beetles are emerging and will continue to feed for several weeks. Beetles will feed on leaves and available silk and have the potential to reduce pollination but seldom do. More importantly, they will lay the eggs that will hatch next spring and become your 2005 rootworm problem. Not continuously planting corn on the same land is one way to avoid a rootworm problem.

Corn leaf aphids continue to develop in the whorl of sorghum. These aphids are of little economic importance. They do serve in establishing beneficial insects, which are important in controlling greenbugs that typically develop later.

Cotton fleahoppers and Lygus bugs are light in area cotton. Percent square set is high. Continue to closely monitor these pests, for they can suddenly move into cotton fields from nearby weed hosts. They will feed on squares and cause them to shed.

Beet armyworm moths continue to be caught in pheromone traps, but no field infestations have been observed or reported.

Recent rains have helped to reduce thrips populations; however, check late planted seedling cotton for these pests, for they still may be able to develop to economic threshold levels which varies with the number of true leaves present on the plant.

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It would seem that something which means poverty, disorder and violence every single day should be avoided entirely, but the desire to beget children is a natural urge.  
—Phyllis Diller  
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The basic difference between an ordinary man and a warrior is that a warrior takes everything as a challenge while an ordinary man takes everything either as a blessing or a curse.  
—Carlos Castaneda  
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