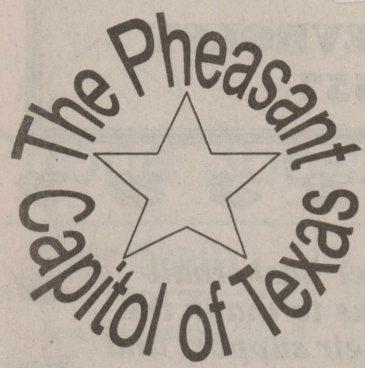


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CEO Pat Hickman takes time to explain the origin of Happy State Bank to Case Crabtree and Tyler Haynes.

Origin of Happy State Bank

By Tyler Haynes

Happy State Bank is excitedly anticipating the conclusion of construction on their new bank building. For this reason, Happy State Bank has decided to run a series of articles that will allow you to take a deeper look into Happy State Bank and the construction of the Stratford Branch.

Happy State Bank opened their doors on June 1, 1908. It was founded by Mr. L. T. Lester who was accredited for the founding of many banks in Texas and Eastern New Mexico. Sometime between 1911-1915, he sold controlling interest to Mr. Wight who in 1926 sold the bank to Mr. L. H. Campbell. Mr. Campbell ran the bank until his death in the late 1950's at which time his wife ran the bank. She turned over control to her son-in-law Carl Small. In 1990, current Chairman and CEO, Pat Hickman put together a group of investors called Happy Bancshares Inc. and bought the bank from Mr. Small. This the modern era of Happy State Bank as we know it today. On May 1, 1990, Happy State Bank opened their first branch in Canyon, Texas. In 1990, Happy State Bank had about \$12 million in assets. Today Happy State Bank has over \$250 million in assets. Happy State Bank operates 11 branch communities making them a regional bank in the Texas Triangle. They opened their doors at Stratford in September 2002 and have been offering full banking services since that time.



Happy State Bank Vault Installed

The Happy State Bank vault was being installed on Monday, July 19, 2004 at their new location. An interesting fact is the door alone weighs 7500 lbs. Watch for future article about the vault and history of the door.

Local Emergency Planning Committee to Hold Meeting

Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting to be held on July 26, 2004, 5 p.m. at the Stratford EMS Training Facility 1109 Beaver Road, Stratford, Texas.

Program will be presented by Mr. Dean Looper, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission regarding health and Medical Services for Sherman County under the Emergency Management Program.

All interested persons are invited to attend and specifically individuals in the medical profession, First Responders and City of Stratford, City of Texhoma, and Sherman County elected officials and the Stratford Independent School District and Texhoma Independent School District.

Stratford High School Announces Registration

Classes begin for students at Stratford I.S.D. on August 16 at 8:15 a.m. High school students new to the district may register at the high school office during regular business hours beginning August 4. New students will need a parent with them to register them into school. They will also need transcripts, shot record and any other pertinent educational records from their previous school. The staff at Stratford High School can assist you in requesting those records.

Students who pre-registered at school last fall may pick up your schedule and locker assignment at the following times.

Wednesday, August 4 - Seniors 1:30 - 2:30, Juniors 2:30 - 3:30.

Thursday, August 5 - Sophomores 1:30-2:30 and Freshman - 2:30 - 3:30.

Students who unable to pick up their schedule at the assigned time may do so in the high school office anytime during the week of August 9 or the first day of class.

Who will use the Medical Center League House in Amarillo????

The Medical League House will provide a home away from home to those families with adult patients in the hospitals as the Ronald McDonald House provides for families of pediatric patients. Patients who are traveling to Amarillo for outpatient therapy will be accommodated. The Medical League House will provide accommodations for those who travel to Amarillo for medical services not available in their local communities.

The 16,000 square foot facility will be located on the campus of the Harrington Regional Medical Center in the triangle of land bordered by 9th Ave, Amarillo Boulevard and Coulter Drive in the vicinity of the Ronald McDonald House and the Botanical Gardens. It will include 30 rooms with private bath and television, kitchen, dining room, large living room and laundry. A manager's suite will allow 24-hour access to and from the facility.

There is no charge for staying at the Medical League House, however a modest donation of \$30.00 per night per room is requested. However, guests will not be turned away if they cannot contribute to the Medical Center League House. Social workers from the nearby medical facilities will determine the recommended donation for each individual family.

Spokespersons from the Harrington Regional Medical Center and the Amarillo Jr. League will present an information program in Stratford at the Imagination Station on Tuesday, August 3, 2004 at 7:30. The public is invited to attend.

The great secret of success in life is for a man to be ready when his opportunity comes.
—Benjamin Disraeli

Opportunity is rare, and a wise man will never let it go by him.
—Bayard Taylor

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

There is nothing inherently wrong with a brain in your 90s. If you keep it fed and interested, it will last you very well.
—Mary Stoneman Douglas



Ione Kendrick

Museum Open on Sat. July 31st

Ione Kendrick, our local artist, has provided the Depot Museum with a wonderful display of her paintings.

Ione has been active in the Art World since 1934, when she won first prize with a watercolor entered in the West Texas Art Association competition. That was only the beginning of her many awards through the years.

In 1981, she was commissioned to do a portrait of Gen. Sidney Sherman for whom Sherman County derives its name. The portrait hangs in the entry of the museum. Ione is also the designer of the Texas Bi-Centennial coin in 1986. It is on permanent display in Washington, D.C.

She has provided award-winning work in different media such as watercolor, oils, mixed media and collage. She has done stained glass, which is in a church in Sun City West, Arizona. She has created beautiful jewelry in silver and copper.

Ione has had a One Woman Art show in Sun City and Sun City West, AZ; Harper's Ferry

Art Colony, VA; and No Man's Land Museum, Goodwell, OK. Her work has been included in Art Shows in Amarillo and Borger, TX, Side Walk Showing, White House Lawn, Washington, D.C.; Alexandria, VA and many times in Phoenix, Sun City and Sun City West, AZ.

Ione is a graduate of West Texas University, now WTA&MU. While a student at WT she took all the art that was allowed for an Elementary Education major. Her interest was furthered with work at Palo Duro Art Colony. She studied with Grant Reynard of New York, Dord Fitz, Amarillo and Dr. Emelio Coballero, Canyon, TX.

The Depot Museum is open Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Special hours are planned for July 31st from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. so that those coming for the school reunion might have an opportunity to visit the museum. We encourage everyone to come and enjoy the special showing of Ione's Art.

Pantry Meeting Thursday, July 22

The Pantry Meeting will be held Thursday, July 22, 2004 at the XIT Building at 7 p.m.

Attention: All Lions

The Annual Ex-Students/Stratford Days Barbecue is in the works. All Lions are needed to help at the following times.

Thursday, July 29th at 5:00 p.m. at Brown's Meat Locker. Wrap Meat and throw wood in pit.

Friday, July 30, 8:00 a.m. Light fire

3:00 put meat on.

Saturday, July 31, 10:30 a.m. Pull Meat

12 noon serve.

Clean up

Thanks to all Lions

Jim Taliaferro, Boss Lion

Horseshoe Pitch

Loosen up your pitchin' arm and start rounding up your 2-person teams for the Horseshoe Pitch to be held Saturday, July 31, 2004, at Pendleton Park after the Stratford Jamboree parade and Barbecue. It will start about 1:00 p.m. The Sherman County Depot Museum Board will host this event, and this year we're hoping to have some competition between some of the Honor Classes at the Ex-students' Reunion. You may contact Ann Wells at 396-2527 or Richard Ragsdale at 727-4613 to sign up your teams. Let's make the Horseshoe Pitch the best event of the Stratford Jamboree!

Ex-Student Reunion July 31-31

Ex-Superintendent in the '40 M.E. Cleavinger regrets he will not be able to attend the Reunion this year but sends his good wishes.

The Honored Classes and representatives are 1934 (70 years) Betty Lou O'Brien (Old Timers Queen), (60 Years)- Wanda Bryant Riffe; 1954 B.A. Donelson, Jo Wayne Harding Summerour, Yvonne Mitts Prichard; 1964 Gary and Sue Plunk Hudson, Sherry Collins Phelps; 1974 Jack Haile, Laura Melton Smith; 1984 Brent Spurlock, Greg Wright 1994 Dean Hauser, Kaci Wight McBryde, Friday Night 7:00 p.m. will be family visiting with Hamburgers and Ice Cream at the County Exhibit building, 8:30 the class of 1954 will meet at B.A. and LeRayne Donelson's home; the Class of 1964 will meet at Dennis and Sherry Phelps home.

Saturday activities include some classes to ride in Parade at 11:00 a.m.; the community Barbecue at the City Park at 11:30 (bring your own chair); the School, Museum and SCOT Hall will be open from 1:00 to 4:00; Senior Ex-students are invited to come to SCOT hall from 1 to 4 on Saturday, July 31. It will be cool and has tables and chairs. Class of 1974 will meet on Saturday, July 31 for a Come and go get together at Verlie Ellison Norris, 719 N. Maple. Class activities for 1954, 1964, 1984, 1994 will begin at 5:00 at designated homes.

Interesting note: I have spent several hours calling to get addresses and have not received ONE address from the list of addresses posted at the Post Office. Does it pay to advertise?? Maybe next year.

Obits



William "Bill" Joseph Ross

William "Bill" Joseph Ross, 79, of Stratford, died Saturday, July 17, 2004.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 22, 2004 at the Stratford Cemetery with Rev. John Wagoner officiating. Memorial services will follow at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at First United Methodist church in Stratford. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers at Stratford.

Mr. Ross was born in Stratford and was lifetime resident. He had worked as a custodian and bus driver for the Stratford School District and delivered Meals-On-Wheels. After retirement, he loved to work in landscaping and enjoyed reporting the weather to KAMR for the nightly news. He also helped as the custodian and groundskeeper at the post office.

Mr. Ross loved snow skiing, the Olympic sports and most of all his cats.

Mr. Ross was a very active member of the First United Methodist Church in Stratford.

He is survived by a sister, Lorraine Mehner of Stratford; a brother, Gene Ross, of Kansas; three nieces, Dolly and husband Dexter Wilson of Amarillo; Jean Anne, and husband Ned

Smith of Dallas; and Bonnie Ross of Houston; and one nephew, Allan Ross and wife Sallie of Houston.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church in Stratford, P.O. Box 1289, Stratford, TX 79084 or the SPCA at P.O. Box 1014, Amarillo, TX 79105-1014.

Teig To Lead Drama Workshop

Terri Teig will be leading a drama workshop July 26-29th at The Imagination Station. She will teach three sessions during this time. The session are for ages four to six 9:00 to 10:30, ages seven to eleven 1:00 to 2:30 and for all over the age of eleven 7:00 to 8:30. For the evening class if there are not at least four people this class will cancel. If you are interested in this class please call and register. Stage presence, pantomime, blocking techniques, costuming and understanding drama will be investigated. A performance for each group will be presented to the community on Thursday evening. The registration fee will be \$15.00 per participant. For more information call Terri at 727-4412.

Chamber News

By Patti Tims

RANCH RODEO

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce Annual Ranch Rodeo will be held July 30 & 31. Friday night July 30, 7:00 p.m. will start off with the Calcutta, followed by the Rodeo at 8:00. Saturday night the rodeo will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please help support the Ranch Rodeo. Half of the income earned from the Ranch Rodeo is used for the Chamber of Commerce Scholarship given each year. As of today 16 teams are entered into the Rodeo, leaving 2 openings. So, if you know of anyone who would like to put a team together, have them call or come by the office. This year's limit is 18 teams and teams will be able to register up until Friday, July 30.

FAIR FLAGS

The members of the Chamber of Commerce Board will be going from business to business this week selling fair flags. If your business is missed and you would like to have a fair flag, please contact the office at 366-5570. The fair flags are 9-ft. banners and cost \$15.00; the chamber will put up and remove the banners.

MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is offering a membership special for single memberships. This will begin in the month of August. Single membership will cost \$15.00 for any individual wanting to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is a non-profit organization that supports our local businesses please become a member and help keep the businesses we have in Stratford. George Harding is the newest member, taking advantage of this membership special. Remember, the Chamber cannot do any project or event without its members support. Thank you George for your support. By the way, this was George's idea, no wonder he was voted citizen of the year. Any who, come by the office or call me.

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 Aug15 Wed.-Sun. "Lone Star Rising" Out door Musical 806-677-1706 Fritch Fortress Amphitheater- Lake Meredith
- July 22,24 "Deathtrap" thriller 7:30 Amarillo College Experimental Theatre 806-371-5359
- July 23,25**** 30,31,1 "Victoria" Musical comedy Amarillo College Concert Hall theater 806-371-5359
- Aug. 5,6,7 "Blazing Guns at Roaring Gulch" Melodrama XIT Celebration Dalhart LaRita Theatre 806-244-5646 Nickel back Rock Band Civic Center Coliseum 806-378-3096
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Thank you also to the following for loaning basketball goals, Coach Horsford, Brent Farney & Donita Robertson and thank you to Adrian Jacquez, Marcus McAlister, Tyler Haynes, Carlos Jacquez, and Trent Boyd for helping move them.

We would also like to thank our parents for making ice cream and for all their hard work and to Mrs. Nita Hudson for all her help and support!

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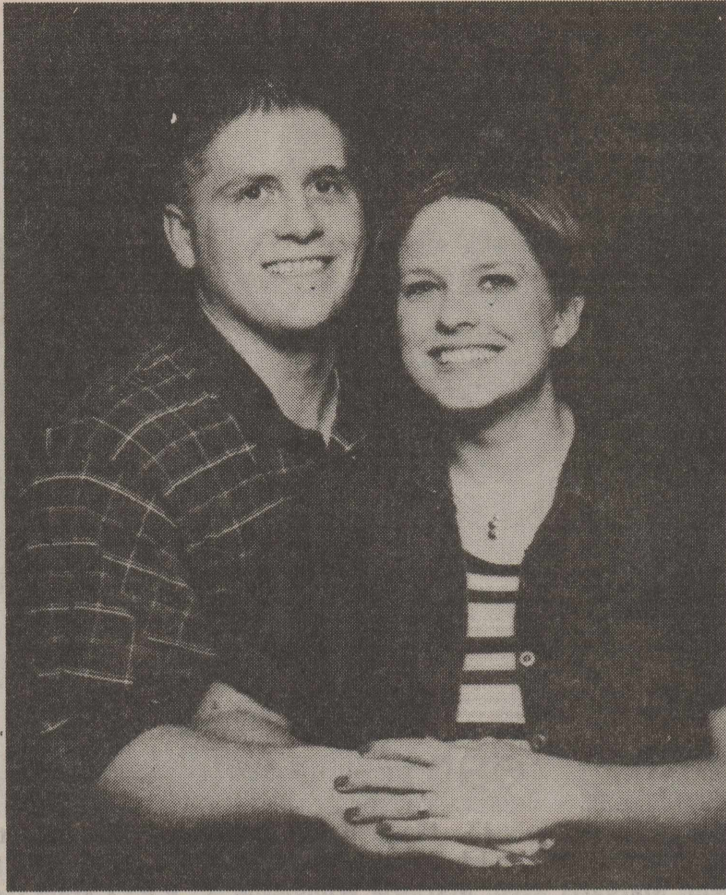
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Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hitchings would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Misty Rae, to Paul Desbien. Paul is the son of Ed and Mary Desbien of Boise City. Misty graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in Agribusiness. She is employed by the First State Bank of Keyes. She is the granddaughter of the late Clifford and Evelyn Hitchings of Texhoma, and Betty Hammer and the late Bob Hammer of Sublette, Kansas. Paul graduated in May from the University of Central Oklahoma with a degree in Finance. He is currently engaged in the family farm/ranching business. He is the grandson of Verna Arpin and the late Philip Desbien of Damar, Kansas, and the late Bill and Marian Kennedy of Truth or Consequence, New Mexico. The couple will reside at the Hitchings Ranch. A July 31 wedding is planned at the St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Boise City at 5:00 p.m.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

With four grandsons for five days at their home in Folsom, NM, Terry & Barbara Schoonover had a fun time. There was picnicking, crawdad hunting, swimming in cold mountain water and Cowboy & Indians. The grandsons were Reed 10, Rett 8, and cousins Hunter 6 and Noah 5. The Folsom Inn is open again, Barbara says. Saturday night Terry & Barbara attended the wedding of Chad and Debra Turner in Elkhart, KS. Donna Gillenwaters and Jo June McDaniel attended the

Health

(NU) - Allergy season is here, and that spells trouble for millions of Americans. Many people use special filters as part of their air conditioning system. But what about the millions of allergy sufferers using evaporative coolers instead of air conditioners? Now, cooler owners can filter the air coming into their homes with CoolPad Plus, is an evaporative cooler pad that provides both high-efficiency cooling and allergy relief. CoolPad Plus is sold at leading home centers. Visit www.rp.coolpad.com for more information.

Home

(NU) - According to the Vanished Children's Alliance, a child is missing or abducted every 40 seconds. A car is stolen every 24 seconds in the United States, according to the Insurance Information Institute. What can you do to prevent these crimes from happening to you and your family? Video surveillance is one effective option. CCS International (OTC BB: SITG) makes video surveillance systems for home and personal use that monitor, record and broadcast real-life conditions. For more information, log on to www.spyzone.com.

Consumer

(NU) - If the air conditioning in your vehicle is not blowing cold in 90-degree heat, you'll probably be running to the repair shop. But should you? If saving money and time are your goals, many car repair experts say maybe not. Easy-to-use, cost effective air conditioner charging products, such as Measure & Charge from Interdynamics, can save the do-it-yourselfer up to \$100 per use compared to repair shop services. For more information on do-it-yourself air conditioner recharging and retrofitting, visit www.id-usa.com.

First Baptist Church invites all Children to Vacation Bible School

First Baptist Church would like to invite all children who have just finished Pre-K through 6th grade to our annual Vacation Bible School. We will begin Sunday, July 25 and end with parent's night Thurs. July 29. Supper will be served at 5:00 p.m. each night and the children can be picked up at 8:00 p.m.

This year we will travel across the spectacular islands of Japan. The Far-Out East Rickshaw Rally is an exotic race that will challenge racers

with twists and unexpected turns as they dash through the streets of Tokyo, climb Mount Fuji, dive for pearls in the Sea of Japan, and speed on bullet trains by rice fields and cherry trees. To complete the course, racers will brave many contests, but the ultimate prize is within every racer's grasp. We hope to see you at The Far-Out East Rickshaw Rally-Racing to the Sun!

If you have any questions or need a ride please call the church office at 396-5554.

District 4-H Record Book Judging Results

Five Sherman County 4-H members competed at the District 1 Panhandle 4-H Awards Program Record Book Judging held July 15 in Amarillo.

Sherman County participants included: Walter Spurlock, Senior Shooting Sports; Shiloh Dickenson, Senior Sheep; Jennie Spurlock, Intermediate Clothing and Textiles; Kaleb Horsford, Intermediate Swine; and Kyle Horsford, Intermediate Swine.

Walter Spurlock won 1st place and his book will advance to state competition in late July. Shiloh Dickenson's book took 2nd place at the contest.

4-H Awards Program Awards Record Book participation is the gateway to 4-H Scholarships, educational tours and awards. For more information on 4-H Record Books and the Sherman County 4-H program, contact Susie Spurlock or Leslie Neve, Sherman County Extension Agents telephone 366-2081 or 366-2122. Sherman County youth ages 8 and enrolled in the third grade through age 19 are eligible for membership.



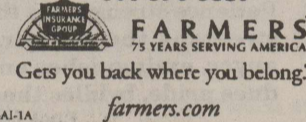
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
No Sunday Evening Worship
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Morning Worship 10:50 am
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Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7:00 p

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Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master

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Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Church

N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
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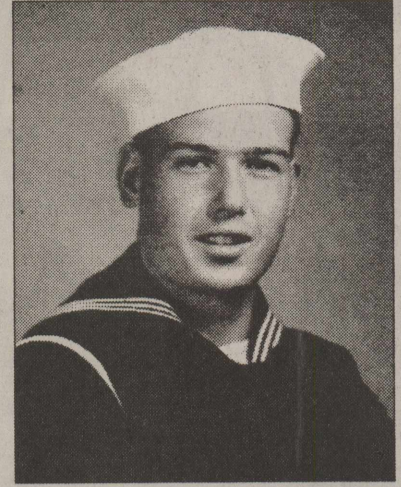
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Growth groups/Sun. School 10:00 a.m.
Late Service 11:00 a.m.
Growth Groups Nightly 7:00 p.m.
Wed.- Youth Group Teen Kids 7:00 p.m./Adult Choir 7:00

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Ahoy, Matey! Look who is 80!



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Saturday, July 24, 2004

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Stratford, Texas

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A lot of people want to know what the future holds. They practice astrology and read the daily horoscope. Other folks are asking why we are here and why the world is here. To find some purpose and meaning to life they are looking for a valid interpretation of life. They are looking for an authority to give them direction. In the beginning, God gave the first man and woman, the kind of direction and purpose for living that men and women are looking for today. God also gave Adam and Eve a glimpse into the future. How did God do this? God spoke to Adam and Eve. God gave them His word. First of all, God outlined their duties in the world He had created. God said, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule...over every living thing that moves on the earth" (Genesis 1:20). In other words, God gave Adam and Eve the privilege of ruling this world for Him. Their goals were to build a society in this world that would honor and glorify God. God also told Adam and Eve, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day you eat from it you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:16-17). This was all our first parents needed to know about the future: obey God and live. You see, God spoke to Adam and Eve. God gave them His word. Did you know God has also spoken to you? He has! God has spoken to you through His word found in the Bible. Today, God's word in the Bible gives you the direction you need. It also tells you all you need to know about the future.

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TFWC Traveling Team

TFWC Traveling Team was in Dumas July 13. Pictured with them are Prospectus Study Club members. From left, Marylou McDaniel; Patricia Siegfried-Giles, President-Elect; Barbara Winingham, President; Margaret Reed; Marjorie Williamson, 1st V.P.; Gerald-Deane Wood, Secretary.

New Places/New Faces

"Let's Make Arrangements" flowers and gifts, is in a new place (next door) and has added a new fact in the "Let's Make Arrangements TeaRoom" serving a special lunch each day Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Take-outs available. Make arrangements for whole meal delivery service or home baked pies, cakes and cookies. (coming soon, Red Hat clothing and gifts). L/R Linda Brotherton, Terri Teig, Kathie Altman, Kathy Switzer enjoying lunch prepared and served by standing: Linda Young, Martha Ellison, Missy Williams, Julie Willard.

Scot News

By Jack Gore

Last week-Birthday party was enjoyed by several, but no birthday people came to the party.

Thursday night Bingo was enjoyed by a record crowd. Everyone enjoyed the homemade ice cream.

This week will be Hamburger dinner at 5:30 p.m. July 22-for Scotters and their guests.

Craft classes are still going on. First and Third Tuesday.

Lollies Lines

By Lorelyn Powers

Howdy to all of the Star readers everywhere. This weekend and next weekend will be very busy and fun filled with the Concert at The First Baptist church July 25th. Then the following weekend with Old Timer Reunion with Queen Betty Lou O'Brien and King Jack Dettle. Parade and all of the activities of different classes mates here are returning for the SHS reunion.

For the folks who are responsible for the fire works we want to Thank you. There were several folks, from Coldwater Manor who enjoyed the fireworks display.

I want to thank all of those who helped and were concerned when I was not feeling well.

This reminds me that Jesus loves us all like the song says red or yellow black or white we are precious we are precious in his sight.

If we can remember that in our small community let us not forget that some of our neighbors live alone. Let's not forget to check on them even though we think they are gone with family on a trip or just to drink coffee or eat a hamburger. When we notice a lot of papers laying around their house, cars at home, TV's on and door's open. Either lets check or have some official of our law enforcement. Where has the neighborhood watch gone, we have now lost several citizens by living in our own little world and I am talking to myself as well as all of Stratfordites and even the Star readers who live away they need to have a watchful eye like the one on the neighborhood watch sign.

Well the sermon is over. Have a good week see ya at the festivities July 30-31.



Patience strengthens the spirit, sweetens the temper, stifles anger, extinguishes envy, subdues pride, bridles the tongue.
—George Horne

Births

Big sister Kori Layne Hernandez is proud to announce the arrival of her new baby sister, Mallori Jo Hernandez.

She was born July 15, 2004 at 11:49 a.m. in Dumas, TX and weighed 5 lbs 9.6 ounces and 17 1/2" long

She is welcomed home by proud parents Eric and Valerie Hernandez, proud grandparents Joe & Jessie Valenzuela and Joe & Mary Hernandez, all of Stratford, TX and many aunts and uncles.

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—Henri Frederic Amiel

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Thank you to the Board of Sherman County Farm Bureau for giving a copy machine to the museum (because they got a new one). Also thanks to George Harding for moving the machine to the museum from the Farm Bureau building. We appreciate you thinking of us.

The Depot Museum Board

Thanks to Hugh Coleby and Jarrod Cling for replacing light bulbs at the museum on June 6, 2004. We now have illumination! Hugh is from Australia and Jarrod is from Kentucky. They were traveling with a harvest crew and got spotted in Stratford during all the wonderful rain. Thanks again for helping out.

The Depot Museum Board

Consumer

(NU) - Consumers will spend millions of dollars on electronics this year. Now we all know the frustration that can quickly set in if the new piece of electronic equipment you purchased doesn't work as described out of the box. Bill Owens, vice president for service and support for IBM, says you should call customer support in late morning or early afternoon to avoid long waits. Remember to have information about the product and the problem at your fingertips.

Consumer

(NU) - "You load thirteen tons and what do you get?" An abundant, clean, affordable source of power in the United States. The United States is returning to coal to generate electricity. Long-dormant mines are being reopened to gather coal, which generates most of the electricity in the country. Quest Minerals and Mining (OTC BB: QMMG.OB) has acquired and re-opened mines in the southeastern United States that were closed due to a downturn in the price of coal. For more information about Quest, visit www.questminerals.com.



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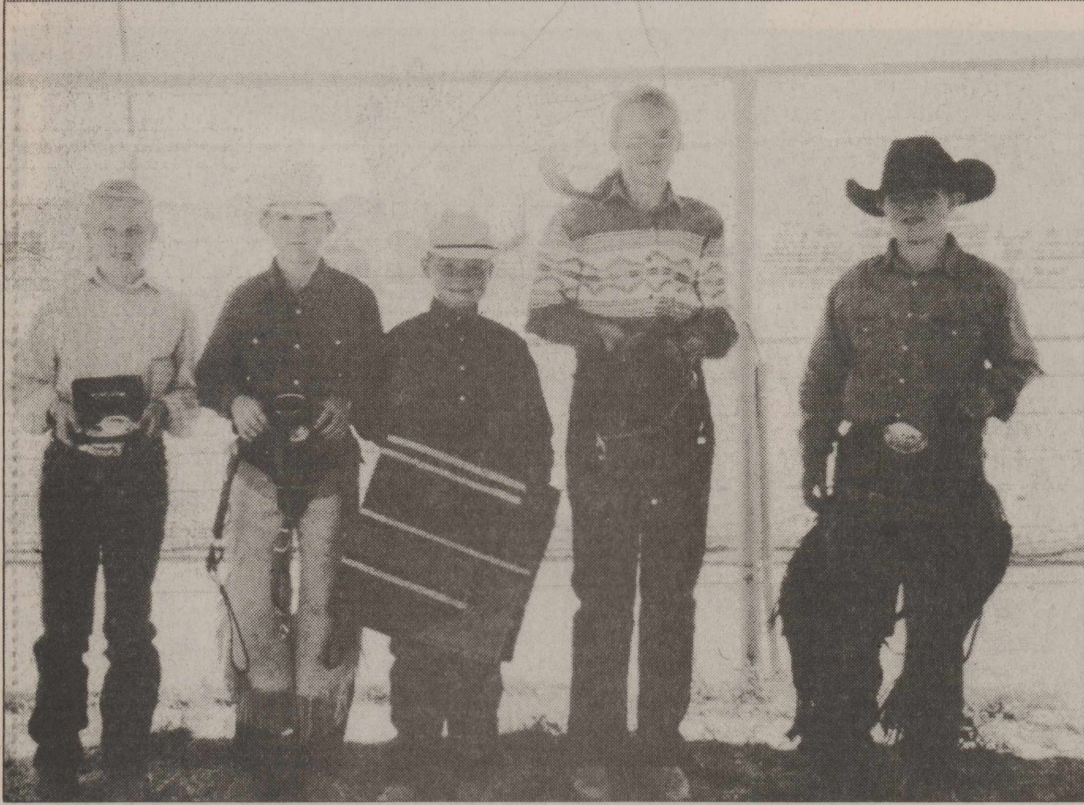
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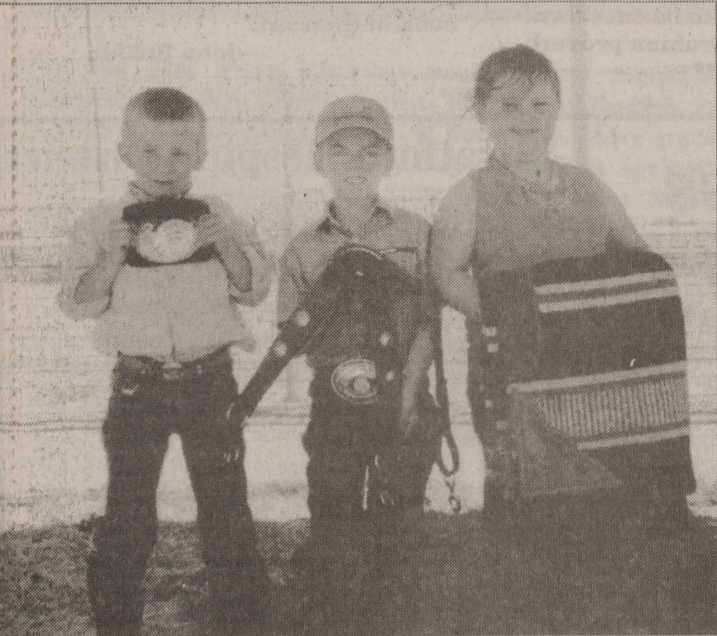
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11-13 yrs. old from left, Brittney Beattie - 1st, Dylan Hokanson - 2nd, Kelby Sharp - 3rd, Valerie Kelling - 4th, Cody Ivey - 5th.

Sherman County 4-H Horse Club Playdays



Sherman County 4-H Horse Club Playdays held. Shown left 7 yrs & under from left, Cabe Embry-1st, Brady Cross-2nd, Jesslin Lamont-3rd.



14-18 yrs. old from left, Jacob Edmond - 1st, Bailey Bryson - 2nd, Cassie Beasley - 3rd.

Flores to Receive Top Hand Award

Joe Pete Flores will be honored at the Stratford Ranch Rodeo with the Top Hand Award this year held during Stratford Jamboree, Weekend of July 30 and 31st.

Joe Pete Flores was born on February 12, 1931 in a small ranch house about 12 miles west of Stratford, Texas. His parents were James Wendell Flores and Lena (Pete) Flores, nee Harrell. Joe attended school in Stratford and grew up helping his family ranch and farm. After graduating from Stratford High School in 1949, he attended Colorado A&M College, now known as Colorado State University. In June 1953, Joe graduated with an Animal Science degree and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. In August 1953, he married Ruth Ann (Terry) Kennedy, and they began a family while moving around the U.S. for the military. In 1957, he completed his military service and returned to Stratford, where he began working as a cowboy for local ranchers. In 1963, Joe became an insurance agent for Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Company and ran the Sherman County agency for that company. In 1981, he lost his mother to a stroke and his father passed away in early 2004 due to old age. In 1987, he married Leanna Turner.

During the 50's and 60's Joe and Terry had six children, each of which attended and completed school in Stratford.

Bill is married to Gina Bass, lives in Sugar Land, Texas and has two college age sons. Bill graduated from Texas A&M University in 1976 and received an MBA from Houston Baptist University. He serves as an executive with a Houston based oil and gas company.

Pat, born in 1955, died in a drilling accident in 1978, shortly after completing his studies at Texas A&M.

Mike is married to Lisa Zak, lives in Amarillo and has three daughters and one son. After completing degrees at Texas A&M, the University of Texas, Parker College of Chiropractic, and Texas Tech Medical School, Mike serves as a doctor in the Texas panhandle.

Jeff is married to Kay Hammonds, lives near Dalhart and has one son. Jeff received a degree from West Texas State University (Now West Texas A&M), participates in ranching operations and a cattle appraisal business.

Annette is married to Cecil Bailey, lives in Tribune, Kansas and has one daughter. Annette received a degree from West Texas State University and is a homemaker, Sunday School teacher and Girl Scout leader.

Leslie is married to James Lopez, lives in the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, and has two sons and one daughter. After receiving a BS degree from Texas A&M, Leslie received a master's degree from Texas Women's University. She is now a homemaker and self-employed dietician.

Joe has had an impressively successful career as a Farm Bureau Insurance agent. During his 41 years in the insurance business, he has received the following awards:

- *Million Dollar Round Table-31 years
 - *National Quality Award-26 years
 - *Century Club Agent-2003
 - *Achievement Award-40 years.
- He has served his Sherman County clients with exceptional service and integrity for over 40 years and has scores of loyal clients all over the State of Texas.

Throughout his insurance career, Joe and his offspring had cattle ranching operations in the Texas panhandle and in northern New Mexico. He has recently begun to reduce his ranching involvement and is spending more time on his newest passion-trading cowboy spurs and bits.

Cheesy Turkey-Stuffed Enchiladas with Tomatillo Sauce
Chef Priscila Sathoff
Salpicón
Chicago

Makes: 4 servings
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes

- 3 cups of cooked turkey, shredded
- 1½ pound tomatillos (husks removed)
- 3 serrano chilies, seeded
- 2 garlic cloves
- ½ cup (4 ounces) melted butter
- ½ small yellow onion
- 8 cups water
- 1½ cups (6 ounces) Monterey Jack cheese, grated
- 8 small (6-inch) warm corn tortillas
- Salt to taste

In a medium saucepan, boil the water, add the tomatillos and serrano chilies and let them cook for about 8 minutes. In a blender, purée the tomatillos, chilies, garlic, butter and onions, using a little bit of the tomatillo water to thin it out if necessary. Add salt to taste.

Place some of the shredded turkey in a warm corn tortilla and roll up. Divide the remaining turkey and repeat with the remaining tortillas. In a non-stick square baking dish, place the rolled up tortillas, add the tomatillo sauce and top with the cheese. Bake in a 360 degree oven for 25 minutes. The sauce can be made a day before.

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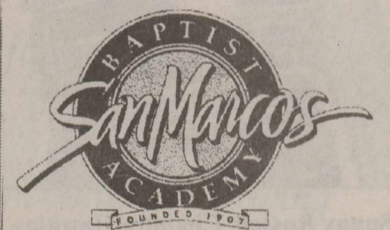
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Red Hat Society Holds First Meeting In Stratford

The first meeting of Stratford's Red Hat Society was held on Thursday, July 15th at Rubens Headquarters Restaurant. Shown at right is Penny Gilbert who won the hula hoop championship, hands down. Way to go Penny. (She said her grandson taught her everything she knows). Far right is just a few of the ladies that were on hand. Guests of other Red Hat Clubs from Dalhart, Dumas and Boise City were also in attendance. A fun time was had by all. Next meeting Thursday, August 5th.



What is more gentle than a wind in summer?

—John Keats

The winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators.

—Edward Gibbon

A tree that affords thee shade, do not order it to be cut down.

—Arabian proverb

Great nations write their autobiography in three manuscripts—the book of their deeds, the book of their words and the book of their art.

—John Ruskin



Sunny Russell, Chandra Hawkins, Jennie Spurlock, and Brooke Barnard, Sherman County 4-H members attended Camp Creative on the Texas Tech University campus recently. The camp focused on career opportunities available through the College of Human Sciences.

4-H'ers Attend Camp Creative

Sunny Russell, Chandra Hawkins, Jennie Spurlock, and Brooke Barnard attended Camp Creative, at Texas Tech University in Lubbock July 6-8th. The campers experienced college life and learned of the various careers available in the College of Human Sciences. The girls opportunities in

Human Development, Retailing, Fashion Design, Housing and Home Furnishings, Restaurant Management, Education, Human Nutrition, and Family Financial Management. The sessions were conducted by Texas Tech College of Human Science professors and or graduate students.

The campers also enjoyed an evening at the Texas Tech Recreational Center where they experienced the Climbing Wall challenge and basketball. Dr. Colleen Chadwick, Regional Program Director for the Texas Cooperative Extension challenged each camper to have fun and set a personal goal to attend college.

Stratford Elk Basketball Camp Results

BALL HANDLING COMPETITION

3rd-4th grade division
1st- Zach Farney
2nd- Tanner Wright

5th-6th grade division
1st- Kyle Horsford
2nd- Tyler Wright

7th-8th-9th grade division
1st- Craig Kautz
2nd- Hunter Buckles

HOT SHOT COMPETITION

3rd-4th grade division
1st-Boston Hudson-74 pts
2nd-Zach Farney-46 pts.

5th-6th grade division
1st- Kyle Horsford-80 pts.
2nd- Tyler Wright-69 pts.

7th-8th-9th grade division
1st- Hunter Buckles-115 pts
2nd- Craig Kautz-113 pts.

FREE THROW COMPETITION

3rd-4th grade division
1st-Hunter Everett 15/20
2nd-Boston Hudson 14/20

5th-6th Grade division
1st-Braden Hudson 15/25
2nd-Tyler Wright-14/25

7th-8th-9th grade division
1st-Craig Kautz
2nd-Justin Lanning 16/25

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chased at least one type of candle, the most popular being the jar candle. Almost half of the respondents purchased this particular type.

One explanation for the continued growth in the candle market is that many people feel candles can add a magical touch to almost any room, yet they are relatively inexpensive and versatile.

"More and more people are realizing that candles are an excellent way to spruce up any indoor or outdoor space," said Valerie Cooper of the National Candle Association. "It's easy and leaves a lasting impression."

Whatever your preference for decorating with candles, the National Candle Association reminds everyone to follow these important safety tips when candles are lit:

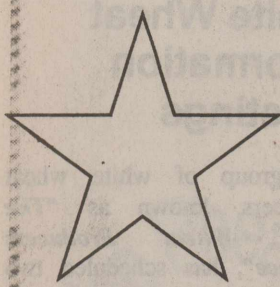
- Always keep a burning candle within sight.
- Keep burning candles out of the reach of children and pets.
- Candles should never be placed directly on a surface without an intervening fire resistant plate.

For more information and safety guidelines, log on to www.candles.org.

HOME Candles Reign As Decorating Staple

NewsUSA
(NU) - While home renovation continues to be strong in this stagnant economy, people seem to be spending less on home decorating. A study conducted for the National Candle Association found that the majority of adult women have spent less than \$500 decorating their homes in the last year. Though many home decorating budgets are tight, the study found that candles remain a steadfast decorating essential, and 74 percent of women still believe that candles are an important home accessory. During the past year, four out of five women claim to have pur-

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Seniors

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—St. Augustine

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—Jean-Jacques Rousseau

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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

House for Sale-611 N. Chestnut. 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 baths, Call 366-2401
8-5-c

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

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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.

Farm & Ranch

1,277 acres land auction, August 6th, Cimarron County, Ok. CRP Cultivation, native grass & vineyard w/home site. Broker-Ed Desbien. Call 580-544-3274
7-29-c

Fashion

(NU) - Imagine walking into a restaurant and having all eyes on you. Moissanite, a gemstone with a superior diamond-like appearance, is giving women the opportunity to own quality, eye-catching jewelry at affordable prices. Moissanite is available at Landau Jewelry nationwide in upscale malls, hotels, casinos and airports. For more information, call 1-800-460-7118 or visit www.landaujewelry.com.

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509 NORTH MAIN ST.
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727-4629 (hm)
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Legal Notices

Stratford Independent School District Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District requests proposals from interested contractors to refurbish the slab at the Junior High playground area. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Office at (806) 366-3302.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. August 9, 2004. Any requests for proposals after this date will not be accepted. The proposals may be mailed to Stratford ISD, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, Faxed to 806-366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendent office at 503 N. 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened on August 9, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals.

Items include labor, material, and equipment for the renovation.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Olen Elasha Branham, Deceased, were issued on July 15, 2004, in Cause No. 2085, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: Mary Earlene Branham, who resides at Box 6201 County Rd. 0, Stratford, Texas, 79084. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Olen Elasha Branham, Deceased
c/o Kimberly L. Allen
Hunter and Oelke, P.C.
507 Denrock Ave., P.O. Box 792
Dalhart, Texas 79022
All persons having claims against this Estate which is

currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED the 15th day of July, 2004

Hunter & Oelke, P.C.
Kimberly L. Allen
Attorney for the Estate State Bar No.: 12199270
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Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District Board of Trustees will accept sealed bids for a 1999 Ford Pickup with the following specifications.

1999 Ford F250 XLT Crew Cab
Electric Windows & Locks
Turbo Diesel
Towing Pkg
Tilt Wheel/Cruise
Mileage 121,000

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Stratford ISD does not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.
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Have patience and the mulberry leaf will become satin.
—Spanish proverb

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Imagination Station Main Street Art

Imagination Station Main Street Art - Mosaic Tiles and Painted Flower Pots. Laurie Spurlock and five helpers assist fifteen young artists with their art project.

Stratford Jamboree & Ex Students Reunion

FRIDAY JULY 30 &
SATURDAY JULY 31

JULY 30

- 5:00 PM **POKEY THE CLOWN WRCA JR RANCH RODEO**
@ the PARK
- 7 p.m** **MEET AND GREET EX-STUDENTS**
@ COUNTY BARN
- 7:00PM **CALCUTTA**
BEFORE RODEO
- 7:30PM **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
US ARMY COLOR GUARDS????
- EX-STUDENTS MEET AT THE PARK** **BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS**
- 12:00 **LIVE MUSIC (GREG WRIGHT)**
@PARK
- 12:30PM **KIDS GAMES**
(Stratford Student Council)
- 1:00PM **HORSE SHOE PITCH** (Museum Board)
@ PARK **1 to 4 p.m. Scot Hall**
- 2:00PM **GREENS FEE GOLF**
@ STRATFORD COUNTRY CLUB **Senior Ex-Students can meet. Tables and chairs and you will be cool.**
- 7:00PM **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 1st - \$100.00, 2nd - \$80.00, 3rd - \$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 1st prize- \$35.00, 2nd - \$20.00 Riding Club - 1st prize- \$35.00, 2nd - \$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: _____

eGov Takes USDA Programs To The Web

(Stratford, TX) - Date June 28, 2004- "Expanding electronic government" is a key element in the President's Management Agenda. USDA is making program delivery more convenient and accessible for its agencies and customers with "eGov," Now, Farm Service Agency (FSA) customers with Internet access can complete and submit electronic program applications and eligibility forms 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the convenience of their homes or offices.

"Better service to our customers is what eGovernment (eGov) is about", said Eddie Trevino, District Director for Texas State Farm Service Agency (FSA), and coordinator for FSA's eGov initiative in the State. Trevino said. "eGov provides a simple and less redundant method for delivering FSA programs. Eventually, FSA customers will benefit from a one-time data entry process that can be shared among all programs."

"eGov capabilities expand daily," said Trevino. According to Trevino. Individuals soon will be able to complete pre-screening profiles to determine their potential program eligibility before submitting applications online or in person. This technology will allow farmers, rural planners, conservationists, researchers, and other agricultural land management specialists to use digitally created maps and Geographical Systems Information (GIS) to view cropland, range and pastureland, wetlands, building sites, neighborhoods, and roads and highways.

USDA's eGov services include the USDA Customer Statement which combines a wide range of information on services and program activity in a single, confidential, and secured report. Personal information displayed includes a summary of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts, a year-to date summary of FSA payments received, and the status of FSA direct loan requests.

Rebecca Hemphill, County Executive Director for the Sherman County Farm Service Agency, said. "Many of our farmers and ranchers are using computers for business purposes. I believe our producers can see the advantages and convenience to doing business online," Hemphill said. "Our producers are not the only ones benefiting from eGov. Our program technicians in our service center offices will be able to process applications in a more efficient manner allowing them more time for other customer service and program-related tasks."

eGov access and registration is available online at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/eauthCreateAccount.html> The local FSA Office will use a state photo ID or driver's license, military ID, or a passport, to verify online users' identity.

For more information regarding eGov, eforms and eFiling, or the USDA Customer Statement, contact the Sherman County FSA office at 806-396-2211 or visit the USDA Web sites at <http://www.usda.gov>.

White Wheat Information Meetings

A group of white wheat producers, known as "The White Wheat Producers Alliance", has scheduled two informational meetings for white wheat producers and prospective producers in the area.

On Monday, July 26th, at 6:30 p.m. there will be a meeting at the Texas County Activity Center on the Texas County Fairgrounds in Guymon, OK. On Tuesday, July 27th, at 6:30 p.m. there will be another meeting at the Hooker Community Building on the Golf Course at Hooker, Ok.

A free hamburger supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting starting directly afterward. Both meetings will have the same agenda.

Mark Hodges, Executive Director for the Oklahoma Wheat Commission will be one of the speakers, as well as Bob Dietrick, President of the Alliance and a white wheat producer, and

Rick Kochenower, Area Agronomist with OSU. These meetings are presented to give the white wheat producers and prospective producers information on specific agronomic characteristics of the different varieties of white wheat, production techniques, the various marketing possibilities and the efforts of the White Wheat Producers alliance to secure a direct market to customers. These speakers will attempt to answer the question of why you would want to raise White Wheat.

Sponsors for these events are: The White Wheat Producers Alliance; Linda Hill Insurance, Guymon; Panhandle Implement of Guymon and Hooker Equity Coop.

All interested persons are urged to attend. For more information, call 580-338-8443 or 580-651-7877.

Bull Riding Extravaganza Sat. July 31st

The Perryton Activity Center is sponsoring a Bull Riding Extravaganza on Saturday, July 31, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. The Bull Riding will be held at the Rodeo arena on the Ochiltree County Fairgrounds in Perryton, Texas. This is the second year for the event, which will feature over 30 of the top bull riders from this area. Frank Newsome, a five time PBR World Finals bull fighter will provide protection and entertainment. Proceeds from the event will be used to support youth programs and purchase equipment for the Perryton Activity Center. Baja Cattle Company is the promoter and will provide the stock. Modern Woodmen of America will provide matching funds to further help the Activity Center. For more information, contact the Perryton Activity Center at 806-435-3661.

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

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.

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.