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Friendly Home Program August 25

By Susie Spurlock
"Home, Friendly Home", will be presented at SCOT Hall in Stratford on Thursday, August 25 at 1:30 p.m.

Guest presenters, Connie Bidy, Rachel Wise, and Susie Spurlock will be sharing with residents information on improving independence in the home environment. Participants will learn more about universal design principles, low-cost home improvements, and exhibits on items that may be purchased locally.

For more information, contact either Lynn Wells at 806-396-2011 or Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 806-366-2122. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

Study Club Selling Elk Banners

Prospectus Study Club is selling Elk Banners this fall. This is a fund raiser for the Scholarship Fund. This fund gives scholarships annually to graduating seniors. Prospectus has been providing Stratford seniors with college scholarships since 1958.

The banners will cost \$30.00 and are available from any Prospectus member, or you can contact D'Lynn Reed or Patti Vincent.

Pantry Meeting August 25, 2005

Pantry Meeting will be on Thursday, August 25, 2005 at 7 p.m. at the XIT Building.

PRAISE SERVICE
7:30 P.M.
Each Wednesday
County Barn

Soccer Forms Due

Soccer sign-up Forms are Due August 26th ages Pre-K thru 4th. Season starts approximately Sept. 6 and ends Sept. 27.

Turn forms into Mary Allen Office.

Spurlock Places 3rd at State

Walter Spurlock placed third in the Shooting Sports category of the Texas 4-H Awards Program State competition. The state judging was held August 17th.

The 4-H Awards Program is designed to assist youth in setting goals for project experiences, leadership, community service, and awards. This information is reflected in the member's record book.

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, Sherman County extension agent telephone 366-2081 or 366-2122.

Sherman County youth ages 8 and enrolled in the third grade through age 19 are eligible for membership without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.



Young Receives Gifts

LCPL Ty Young received gifts from Treat 'N Troops for the 15 members of his unit serving in Iraq.

Good Luck Cross Country

SEASON FOOTBALL TICKETS ON SALE NOW

The 2005 Football Season is upon us...two-a-days began on Monday, August 1 and the Elks are eager to play ball! Season football tickets will go on sale Wednesday, August 10 in the office of the Superintendent. Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Seating will be held for previous owners until Thursday, August 25. After that date seats will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

There are 5 home games this year. Cost of seats for the season: Adults: \$15.00 Child-\$10.00

We are hoping for another great season and the Elks look forward to your support. For more information or to hold your seat call Penny at 366-3305. Go Elks!

Buckles Awarded Scott Honor Scholarship

The Scott Honor Scholarship Award goes to the cadet who best combines the best attributes of academic excellence, leadership, athletic capabilities and moral attributes. This cadet meets the spirit of NMMI written on the Bronco, that cadets will participate with vigor, respect discipline and achieve with honor. "But if all of us together will embrace two of the precepts of the NMMI motto--By obeying the commands of DUTY, and By observing the limits imposed by HONOR-- This third precept, ACHIEVEMENT, of the noblest kind, will follow. Cadet Carson D. Buckles met those attributes and was awarded the Scott Honor Scholarship for 2004-2005. This scholarship pays for education at NMMI.

Marshall Receives 52 Gifts

CW2 Josh Marshall received 52 gifts for his unit serving in Iraq. A thank you note was received from Josh via e-mail: "Today we got magazines, batteries, and about 7 packages from Treat 'N Troops in Stratford. If you would tell them that we said thank you very much. The packages were gone in about 2 minutes. The guys appreciate it." Shown above with Josh is his wife Casey.

Larance- 2005 Winner of "Making a Difference Award"

The Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) announces Cindy Larance as the 2005 winner of the "Making a Difference Award."

Cindy, a 20 year employee and Senior Vice President of First State Bank in Stratford, will be honored at the IBAT Education Foundation Gala on September 25 at the Gaylord Texan Resort in Grapevine.

The "Making a Difference Award" honors a bank employee who goes above and beyond in their profession and in their community to make a positive difference. This is the first year for the award. Cindy is involved in many areas of the Stratford community including Special Olympics, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Stratford Volunteer Fire Department, Stratford Band Boosters, and a summer reading program at the Stratford Library. A valued employee of the banking profession, Cindy gives true meaning to the phrase "First Class Banking."



Cindy Larance



Fellowship of Christian Athletes Kick-off A Great Success

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes kicked off the school year right on Friday night at the Stratford City Park. Approximately 120 high school and junior high kids attended the kick-off. The kids were treated to hamburgers, chips, drinks, and cookies while they enjoyed a Christian Rock Band from Wayland Baptist University. In addition, over 30 prizes including Bibles, t-shirts, pens, locker magnets, etc. were given away throughout the evening. Five high school students who attended FCA camp this summer at College Station and Abilene spoke to the crowd about their awesome camp experiences and about what FCA is. These students were Staci Hays, Jordan Confer, Kelsey Stein, Harrison Walden and Daniel Hays. These students will be the FCA officers over the next year. They will have many responsibilities and will work very hard leading and organizing our Huddle. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is for anyone who is interested in learning more about God and the Bible. Our motto is: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." We look forward to seeing everyone at the next Huddle meeting. Look for signs posted in the hallways and around town for information regarding the next meeting.



Stratford ISD "Gold Card" Available to those 62 years of age & above

Stratford ISD is proud to offer a "Gold Card" for all citizens who are 62 years of age or older. This card will admit one person to all "home" UIL events. You may pick up a "Gold Card" in the Office of the Superintendent Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We would be happy to mail you one by calling us at 366-3305. The Stratford ISD appreciates your support of the students and faculty of this district. We look forward to seeing you this year. "Gold Cards" are good for a lifetime, unless lost or damaged. Gold Cards are not for the Reserved Football Seating Section. Those tickets must be purchased.

Good Luck Stratford Elks

CONSUMER, INC. SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

A Meeting of the Consumer's Inc. Shareholders has been called by a legally required number of Shareholders' signatures acquired on a petition. The called Meeting will be held at the Sherman County Development Office located at 301 N. Main, Stratford, Texas 79084 and will begin at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2005. The following Agenda will be discussed and/or acted upon:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Establish Quorum
- III. Review of History & Current Status of Consumers, Inc. Financial Condition
- IV. Election of New Officers
- V. Sale of Assets & Liquidation of Corporation
- VI. Adjournment

The signatures on the petition are available at the address listed above. If you are a Shareholder and can not attend the Meeting you can request a Proxy by contacting the SCDC Office, by phone at 806/366-2897 or by email at scdc@xit.net.

ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

Welcome to football season! The ELKS will play West Texas High this Friday at 7:30 p.m. here. This year's play-by-play will be presented by Greg Wright and Walt Berry. Kyle Horsford will keep the stats on the sideline and Tim Weldon and Dean Hauser will be the "runners" between the sideline and the press box.

Listen to the broadcast of the Elk football games on 1440 AM radio or Channel 80 on television. This year's sponsors are First State Bank of Stratford, XIT Wireless, and KXIT Radio of Dalhart... Remember, the first broadcast is this Friday.

Everyone is invited to join First State Bank of Stratford for a Tail Gate Party on Friday, August 26 from 5:30 p.m. until game time on the FSB parking lot. Stratford Cheerleaders and the Big Blue Band will lead the festivities. The Fight song and School song will be at 6:00 p.m. The Pep Club will be selling ELK T-Shirts. Greg Wright will provide music and FSB will provide roasted pig and drinks. Bring your own lawn chairs, grills and your favorite tail gate food. This will be a lot of fun and a great way to show your support for our school. Let's ROAST the Comanches!

We welcome our new Assistant Band Director, Josh Essary, to Stratford ISD. We look forward to getting to know you, Josh.

Our Student Council includes Allison Baskin, President; Haley Buckles, Vice-President; Evan Haile, Secretary; Bryce Wright, Junior; Rustin Russell, Junior; Trena Maiwald, Sophomore; Austin Riffe, Sophomore; Deborah Molina, Freshman; Chandra Hawkins, Freshman; Chandler Lutes, Freshman.

Mrs. Keri Walden says 5th grade English will be starting a Unit on the different parts/kinds of sentences. Sixth grade English

will be writing a Likenesses and Differences paper. She says all students had a great first week of school!

Mrs. Brownlee's 6th grade math class is singing this week. They have a song to help them remember how to solve equations!

In 5th grade math, Mrs. Brownlee is teaching the students how to use the Flashmaster. This is a computerized speed test on the basic facts.

Mrs. Hudson's 5th grade reading class is reading the novel *Maniac Magee*, which is a Newberry Award Winner written by Jerry Spinelli.

We had a high level of excitement in Mrs. Confer's 5th and 6th grade science class this week. The zinger for this week was a fire ball demonstration called "The Big Cornstarch Explosion". It was an excellent way to introduce fire safety, lab safety, and classroom expectations in way that they will remember all year. So, beware parents if your kiddos ask for some cornstarch and a propane torch!

Mrs. Hand's 6th grade reading class started the novel *Holes* for the first six weeks.

Coach Hudson and Coach Davis have begun the early morning workouts with the Girls Cross Country team. The team consists of Yadira Ortega, Kristen Crabtree, Lucero Ortega, Whitney Reese, Merilee McDaniel, Deborah Molina, Perla Rueda, and Mary Lou Maldonado.

Mrs. Swain's Fifth and Sixth Grade Social Studies classes are learning about map and globe skills. We've learned Vocabulary terms and watched a video on Geography. This will enable us to better use and interpret information in our class as well as in real life.

Counselor Misti McBryde says the Senior Class is already preparing for "life after high school". They began requesting information from colleges and schools to which they are interested in applying. All seniors received a packet containing college, scholarship, and ACT information and deadlines.

Mrs. Haynes says the students who did their summer packets were rewarded with popsicles and some play time in the city park. They did a great job completing their summer packets. She thinks everyone who went had a great time.

Linda Sue Brotherton and Kaci McBryde have been testing all 1st and 2nd grade students on their phonics and word fluency skills. They are preparing to start a new reading program at Mary Allen Elementary called "3 Tier". MAE has some outstanding readers!

Our Homecoming candidates are Haley Buckles, Allison Baskin, Cassi Garza, and Yadira Ortega.

4-H Parent/Leader Meeting August 29

The quarterly business meeting of the Sherman County 4-H Parent/Leaders Association will be Monday, August 29th at 7:30 p.m. at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. This meeting will be held following 4-H Enrollment Night.

Items of business to be discussed will include 2005-06 activity sign up sheet and budget adoption; select meeting dates for 2005-06; evaluation of summer activities; and plans for fall activities.

The organization is the booster club for the county 4-H program and all parents of 4-H members and volunteer leaders are invited to attend. For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 366-2122.

Good Luck Stratford Elks

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My green thumb came only as a result of the mistakes I made while learning to see things from the plant's point of view.
—H. Fred Ale

Good Luck Cross Country

Chamber News

By Patty Tims

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Since school has started again, there are new office hours. The new hours are as follows: Monday & Wednesday 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and Friday 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

If you need anything please call the office and leave a message.

PHEASANT HUNT

It is almost that time again. This is to all the farmers who have land available for lease. Please consider leasing land to the Chamber for the Pheasant Hunt.

If you would like to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce please call the office at 806-366-2260 or come by 305 N. Main Street.

Once again thanks to all of those who participated in the Ranch Rode. Your support and assistance was greatly appreciated.

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Marriage Announced

Jimmy and Tammie Helmuth of Stratford and Karen Bell of Nara Visa, NM would like to announce the marriage of their children Kyla and Darin. They were married July 16 at the Bravo Ranch in Nara Visa. Kyla is attending Mesa Land Community College and Darin works for the T-4 Ranch. They live in Tucumcari, NM.

Good Luck Stratford Elks

ELK JUNCTION

Beginning September 1, 2005

Open Monday - Friday

6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Sunday

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CLOSED ON SATURDAY

Call 366-3400 to make special arrangements for Saturday, such as

*Family Reunion *Company Parties
*Bridal or Baby Showers *Any Group Event



The Texas A&M Exhibit on display at the Sherman County Depot Museum.

Pronger Bros Ranch-3rd Generation 1981-2004

Many of the Prongers and Kinfolks have attended Texas A&M. Come see the A&M exhibit at the Depot Museum, 17th N. Main Street in Stratford and add your name to the list.

After the death of P.J. in 1964, his estate continued in the partnership with Alfred until Vera's death. In 1981, the ranch was again divided for estate settlement. Alfred and his son, Fred, reorganized the partnership and continued the operation as Pronger Brothers Ranch, adding 2720 deeded acres, for a total of over 7,000 deeded acres and 3500 leased acres.

Fred and Marsha have two children, Janell Elaine Pronger Miller and Patrick Alfred Pronger. Patrick graduated from Texas A&M like his father and grandfather, and plans to return to the Ranch. Fred and Patrick are both Eagle Scouts. Fred and Marsha have tried to follow the example set by previous generations of Prongers of community service and participation, and instill the need for it in their children. Fred has been a leader in 4-H, Scouting and the Farm Bureau and the Co-Op.

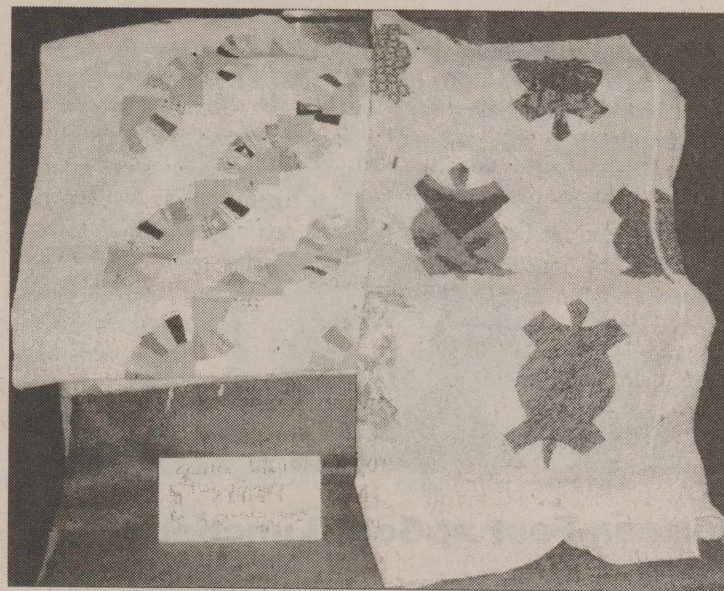
Today, Alfred is semi retired and Fred manages the Ranch. Fred and Patrick in addition to cattle, grain and hay, are trying to develop a new enterprise for the Ranch-wildlife. With 400 acres of cropland, and 1800 acres in the Conservation Reserve in addition to the native pasture, the Ranch currently provides hunting opportunities for pronghorns, pheasant, dove, prairie dogs, coyotes and

occasionally ducks, geese and sand hill cranes.

2004-Registered and commercial Hereford cattle, wheat, oats, hay, horses and wildlife. Hunters from all over the USA come to hunt pheasants, dove and pronghorns antelope permits available during the season. Prairie dog hunts are year around.

Be sure and go by Sherman County Depot Museum and see this fascinating exhibit now on display.

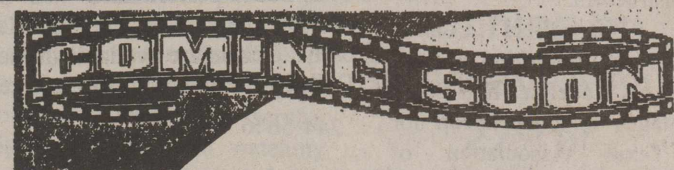
God made rainy days so gardeners could get the housework done.
—Author Unknown



Some of Ivie Prongers quilts are on display at the Sherman County Depot Museum.

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Did you know men and women in academic circles have a great respect for Jonathan Edwards? Jonathan Edwards lived between 1703 and 1758. He was probably the greatest intellect in American history. Almost all those in academic circles reverence Edwards as a learned man and philosopher. Although these men and women bow before the intellect of Jonathan Edwards, they hope he is wrong. They hope he is wrong in his assessments about this life and the life to come. Why? Well, if Jonathan Edwards taught the so-called "hard doctrines" of the Bible. He taught, "the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men" (Romans 1:18). Jonathan Edwards taught only God can save men and women from eternal destruction. "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10). Propitiation is a sacrifice which appeases God's wrath against sin. Jesus Christ took upon himself the wrath of God due to others for their sins. As a result, Christ's sacrifice for sin is the ultimate definition of love. It is this kind of teaching most intellectuals really hate; they also know they are doomed if it is true.

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Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.
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Kerrick Community
Church
Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

First Assembly of God
Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian
Rev. Walter Reed
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

First United Methodist
Rev. Gene Weinette
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
St. Joseph Catholic
Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master
6th & Pearl
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 Christ
Ernie Maiwald
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
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
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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Early Service 9:00 a.m.
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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Servicio De Oration 6:00 pm
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IT'S A TAIL GATE PARTY

Let's Roast the Comanches!!!!

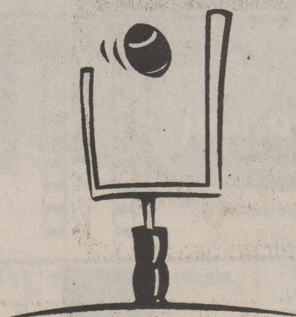
FSB will be
roasting a pig &
will provide drinks

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5:30 - Game Time
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be selling
T-Shirts



Fight Song &
School Song
at 6:00



German Fest at Scot Luncheon

Don Riffe, Mary & J.E. Brannan preparing for a German Fest at the SCOT Lunch, Thursday, August 25th



Shown below Tim Weldon and Dean Hauser were the cooks for the hamburger feed provided by First State Bank of Stratford.

Stratford ISD Employees Enjoy Hamburger Feed Hosted by First State Bank of Stratford

The First State Bank of Stratford hosted Employees of Stratford ISD & their families on Monday, August 15th for a hamburger feed out at BA and LeRayne Donelsons. Hamburgers and all the fixins were enjoyed by many. The kids had a good time playing in the country.



New Beef Nutrition Info Sweeps into 4-H Program

Up to 1 million Texas kids will have a better understanding of beef's nutrition and health benefits through the cooperation of the Texas beef check off program and Texas Extension 4-H instructors.

The Texas Beef Council (TBC) Aug. 4 provided updated facts on beef's nutritional advantages in a workshop for the Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference in Lubbock. The 4-H program's mission is to prepare youngsters from 3rd to 12th grade to meet the challenges of childhood, adolescence and adulthood.

"TBC is making sure tomorrow's adults grow up understanding beef's nutritional benefits," said Erin Worrell, TBC's communication manager. "The 4-H program is a good partner because it works not only with rural kids, but also with urban kids. More than 80 percent of Texas 4-H members live in urban or suburban areas of 10,000 persons or more."

The check off's 4-H involvement results from a coordinated national-state initiative. The National Cattlemen's Beef Association used check off dollars to generate updated nutrition and physical content for two youth-directed manuals published by the National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System. TBC is creating awareness of those materials through the recent 4-H workshop and through a planned direct mail effort.

Several of the new check off-funded activities targeted to 8 to 10 year olds appear in the nutrition manual. The topics include:

**"Power Foods" that describe nutrient-rich foods like beef.

**"Try It, You'll Like It" that explains how to incorporate

power foods like beef in snacks such as "Dill Pickle Wrapped in Deli Roast Beef."

**"Eating 1-Cues" with tips on eating correct portions of everyday food items. This activity explains how to relate the size of 3-ounces of beef to a deck of cards.

In addition, the physical activity manual, with check off information directed to 11-13 year-olds, explains how nutrient-rich foods fuel active lifestyles.

The agents also received information on how to download this information off the Internet for stand-alone uses. The 4-H agents will use these learning aids in regular 4-H activities as well as after-school programs to educate their 1 million Texas 4-H members.

"The Diamonds" Return To The LaRita

"The Diamonds" walk down memory lane with their music from the 50's/60's at the Dalhart LaRita Theatre, Wednesday, September 7. "The Diamonds" will not tour again in this part of the country for a long time so don't miss this chance for an evening of great entertainment. The 2004 performance was a near sell out. Get your tickets early. Tickets are available at the Dalhart Chamber of Commerce 244-5646

Nutrition

(NU) - In a country where snacks come out of vending machines and dinners are frequently served through drive-through windows, nutritious choices often can be limited. While a hectic schedule can hinder your efforts to eat well, small adjustments to your daily routine can greatly contribute to overall healthy living. Carolyn O'Neil, a registered dietitian and co-author of "The Dish on Eating Healthy and Being Fabulous!" suggests developing a plan for healthy eating on the go. Pack foods rich in vitamins and minerals, such as vegetables, nuts and ZonePerfect Nutrition Bars. All of these can be stored in your briefcase, backpack or purse.

The Imagination Station News

Gaynelle Riffe

The Computer Lab will be open free to the public beginning September 6 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00 and Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00. (Sunday's would be a good time for students and parents to work together). It is our hope to offer some computer classes.

"Whale of a Sale" is to be held September 17. "Sneak a Peek" in the window at 309 N. Main for new items and prices. It will remain until September 2 and then all items will be moved to the Imagination Station. For \$1.00 you can "Sneak a Peek" on Friday September 16 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. A thanks goes to the community for their support of the sale.

A Haunted Pirate's Cove is planned for the 27th of October. A fall exhibit in November will be on "The 43 Presidents" with an opening Exhibit Dinner on November 12. The exhibit will close after the annual Stew Supper following the Christmas Parade on November 30.

The Imagination Station is available to rent for business meetings and Holiday Parties. We now have 85 chairs and table seating for over 60.

Good Luck Cross Country Girls

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- Sept. 7 "The Diamonds" Dalhart Community LaRita Theatre 244-5646
- Sept. 8-11 "Nemo" Disney on Ice Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Sept. 10 Concerto Extraordinaire Chamber Music Amarillo Santa Fe Ballroom 900 S. Polk St. 8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 18 Harrington String Quartet Amarillo 7:30 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2525 Wimberly
- Sept. 24 "Hansel and Gretel" Amarillo Opera Civic Center Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Oct. 4-5 "Peter Pan" Broadway Series Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR LOLLIPOP PRE-SCHOOL

Lollipop Junction Daycare is offering a Pre-School program for 3 and 4 year olds. We will be teaching from a Texas Education Agency approved pre-school curriculum. As another benefit to the children, we also have a bilingual staff. Open enrollment is currently under way. Come by and see our newly remodeled facility. It's new and waiting for you. We'll work with you on your schedule.

PRE-SCHOOL SCHEDULE

| 3 Yrs. | 4 Yrs. |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| T-TH | M-W-F |
| 9:00 - 11:30 A.M. | 9:00 - 11:30 |
| \$50 / Month w/o childcare | \$75 / Month w/o childcare |

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Good Luck Stratford Elks

North Plains Water District to be Project WET Sponsor for the State of Texas

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (NPWD) will add to their educational outreach programs by becoming the Texas state sponsor for Project WET (Water Education for Teachers). Project WET is an international, nonprofit K-12 water education program and publisher for educators and young people ages 5 to 18. The program facilitates awareness, appreciation, knowledge, and stewardship of water resources through the dissemination of classroom-ready teaching aids and the establishment of internationally sponsored Project WET programs.

"We are thrilled to be able to participate in this wonderful program", states Rhonda Artho, Education Coordinator for NPWD. "I truly believe that this is the best educational curriculum available for water education, and to be able to participate in building the network of teachers and students who are learning from the materials will be a great addition to our educational outreach programs." Mrs. Artho will serve as the state coordinator for the program.

The original Project WET program was established in 1984 by the North Dakota State Water Commission. In 1989, the director of Project WET was invited by Montana State University-with funding from the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation-to develop the program in Montana, Idaho, and later, Arizona. The success of this pilot multi-state initiative led to a decision to develop Project WET U.S.A. which now has programs in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

International Project WET was established in 1996 in response to water education requests from around the world. Through the educated work of hundreds of partners and financial sponsors International Project WET now has official programs in many countries of the world.

The Project WET Curriculum & Activity Guide is the centerpiece of the Project WET program. The guide contains over ninety broad-based water resource activities that were developed and field tested by over 600 educators and resource managers working with 34,000 students nationwide. The Guide is praised by educators and is characterized as "comprehensive and thorough background information for teachers" with activities that are "flexible and well designed...relevant and meaningful."

"The beauty of this program," says Mrs. Artho, "is that it has something for every age of student. There are activities appropriate for every grade level, and the Guide is structured so that teachers can easily find the activities that are appropriate for their students. The curriculum is also extremely hands-on, which increases student interest and learning."

Part of the success of the program is due to the fact that Project WET believes in training. People are introduced to Project WET materials at workshops conducted by an international network of

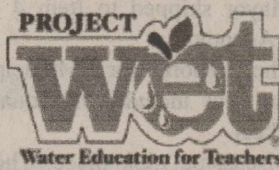
facilitators. Teachers then receive the Project WET materials to take back to their own classroom. It is much more likely that teachers will use the materials and activities in their own classrooms once they have done them themselves and become familiar with them.

NPWD will be succeeding Caddo Lake Institute as the state sponsor for the program. Sara Kneipp has been the state coordinator for many years, and through her efforts the network of facilitators and teachers receiving the Project WET materials has grown immensely. "It is going to be a huge

responsibility to foster and continue the growth of the program", says Rhonda Artho, "but we are very excited about the opportunity." "Project WET states that their mission is"...to reach children, parents, educators, and communities of the world with water education", and we are thrilled to be a part of that ideal."

North Plains Water District will serve as the clearinghouse for the Project WET materials for the state of Texas, and Rhonda Artho will maintain the network of trained facilitators who train teachers to use the Project WET curriculum across the state. She will also conduct additional facilitator training sessions to train more people to do workshops over the curriculum. In addition, NPWD will continue to hold free teacher training workshops on Project WET for any school wanting the programs within the NPWD. Teachers taking the workshops will receive SBEC approved Continuing Education Credits, Gifted and Talented credit hours, and TEEAC credit hours. Anyone wanting more information on Project WET can contact Rhonda Artho at artho@npwd.org

Or by visiting the Project website at www.projectwet.org



What a man needs in gardening is a cast-iron back, with a hinge in it.
—Charles Dudley Warner

Bake It Easy Everett Attends Youth Forum

Double Chocolate Pound Cake
1 loaf cake or 8 servings

Butter
Flour
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 cup unsweetened baking cocoa
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup butter, softened (2 sticks)
1 cup sugar
4 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
1/2 cup mini chocolate chips

With butter, lightly grease bottom and sides of 8 1/2 x 4 1/2 x 2 1/2 or 9 x 5 x 3-inch loaf pan. Dust with flour. Shake out excess flour. Set aside. With a sifter or mesh strainer, sift 1 1/4 cups flour together with the cocoa and salt into bowl or onto sheet of waxed paper. Set aside.

In large mixer bowl at medium speed, beat together butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about 3 to 5 minutes. Beat in eggs and vanilla until thoroughly blended, at least several minutes. At low speed, gradually beat in reserved flour mixture, 1/2 cup at a time, beating just until blended and no streaks remain. Stir in chips. Spread batter evenly in prepared pan.

Bake in preheated 325° F oven until cake begins to pull away from sides of pan and cake tester inserted near center comes out clean, about 60 to 70 minutes for 9-inch pan or 75 to 85 minutes for 8 1/2-inch pan. (If tester shows dark brown, you've hit a melted chocolate chip. Test again in another spot. To prevent overbaking, remove cake from oven as soon as no light brown batter shows on tester.) Cool on wire rack 10 minutes. With narrow spatula or knife, loosen cake from pan. Gently shake onto wire rack. Cool completely. To retain moisture, store cooled cake in plastic wrap. Serve plain or topped with fruit, ice cream or whipped cream, if desired.

Everett Attends Youth Forum

Rhia Everett had the honor and opportunity to stay in Houston for ten days for the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine from July 19 to the 28. I would like to thank my teacher, Mrs. Griffin, for nominating me and giving me the chance for this wonderful experience. I also want to thank my grandparents, Joe and Jean Everett, and my parents, Mike and Reyna Everett, for all of their support.

The National Youth Leadership Forum, NYLF, is an organization that brings high school students, scholars, from all over the country to meet with experts and educators in various fields to inform them on what the future might be like if they entered that field.

Upon arrival in Houston, I immediately started meeting people from all over the country and making new friends. We arrived at orientation where they separated us into smaller, named groups of twenty to twenty-five scholars in each room. I was put in the Fleming group named after Alexander Fleming. This is where we worked, in what were called Med Sessions, on projects, discussed events of the day and asked questions about specific subjects.

A typical day started with breakfast and a briefing. After that we would go to the first of three daily Med Sessions, where we talked about various subjects such as ethics, med school, patient care, etc. After lunch, we usually had experts come to the hotel to speak to us about various topics, including NASA doctors; the founder and

director of an organ donor organization; Ms Angela Wigglesworth, who was paralyzed from the neck down and a spokesman from the Houston-area HIV-AIDS Coalition, among others. Following the main speaker there were a number of doctors scattered in various rooms at the hotel and the scholars could visit with them about their specialties. I visited with an Emergency medicine doctor, a podiatrist, and a domestic violence counselor. After the visits we had another Med Session to compare notes on the day's activities and work on our "Lincoln-Douglas debate" points concerning different subjects, for instance, using pigs as stem cell donors, the limits of patient privacy, and others. Then we had dinner and another Med Session and an hour of free time.

Thursday, the 21st, we visited the University of Texas-Medical Branch in Galveston. There we toured the campus and saw cadavers and classrooms. We also met with a doctor and tried to diagnose a patient from information they gave us Friday, the 22nd, we visited the Texas Heart Institute for a complete tour, then a medical museum. That night we had a karaoke and dance, followed Saturday by a trip to NASA and the Kemah Boardwalk in Galveston as a free day, while Sunday we went to AstroWorld. Tuesday the 26th, we visited a hospital, wearing scrubs, visiting patients and watching surgery being performed. I saw a back surgery-and visited the ER where I followed a nurse on her rounds. Monday and Wednesday were typical days at the Forum in the hotel, except

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for the farewell gala on Wednesday night. I said goodbye to all my new friends, promising to stay in touch and arrived back home on Thursday afternoon, full on new insights into the medical profession and more dedicated to improving my studies in order to become an emergency medical doctor. The trip was exciting, busy and exhausting trying to learn so much information in so little time, but it was the best experience I have had.

Beat West Texas Friday, August 26th

First football game of the Season
GOOD LUCK ELKS

Cross Country Girls will be running on Saturday, August 27th at Thompson Park in Amarillo
Good luck Girls

America Celebrates Its Century-Old Love Affair With Pizza

(NAPS)—The pizza craze in America dates back 100 years to 1905, when Gennaro Lombardi opened the first U.S. pizzeria in New York City. At the end of WWII, returning veterans sought out the pizza cuisine they had acquired a taste for in Italy during their tour of duty. The first truly American version of pizza was developed in Chicago in the 1940s.

Since then, pizza has come a long way. Now, consumers have many options for getting their favorite pizza. For example, after years of refinements to the process of flash freezing technology, the quality and taste of frozen pizza has vastly improved to become a huge at-home favorite meal for consumers. Today, Americans eat 1.8 billion slices of frozen pizza each year, making the frozen pizza industry worth more than \$5 billion.

According to Consumer Reports, thin crust is the most popular crust, preferred by 61 percent of the population. For those pizza lovers who prefer a thin crust, the makers of Red Baron® pizza proudly introduce Gold Edition™ Thin Crust Pizza, which delivers a true, tender and crispy crust frozen pizza



Approximately 350 million tons of frozen pizza are sold each year.

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Did You Know...

- The average American family eats pizza at home 30 times a year, or more than once every two weeks.**
- Americans consume nearly 3 billion pizzas each year, or 350 slices per second.**
- Americans eat an average of 46 slices (23 pounds) of pizza a year.**
- Pepperoni is America's favorite pizza topping, while anchovy is the least favorite. Other popular pizza toppings include mushrooms, extra cheese, sausage, green pepper and onion.**

* Leading Edge Group of Business Trend Analyst, Ready-to-Eat Report, 2003 (www.business-trendanalysts.com)

** Information provided by National Association of Pizzeria Operators/NAPO (www.napo.com)

Pointers For Parents

Teaching Your Child Love And Acceptance

(NAPS)—If you think a pet can teach a child about unconditional love, you're barking up the right tree. A delightful illustration of this can be seen in "Because of Winn-Dixie," a film that shows that acceptance can be found in the most unlikely people and places.

Pets teach children that all animals are individual and unique, just as people are. In the movie, the outcasts and recluses of a little Florida town are brought together by a most extraordinary dog, Winn-Dixie, and a little girl.

Based on the best-selling book "Because of Winn-Dixie," the film is a heartwarming "tail" of a young girl (Annasophia Robb) whose life is changed by a scruffy, fun-loving pooch she names Winn-Dixie. The special bond between them works magic on her reserved dad (Jeff Daniels)

and the eccentric townspeople they meet during one unforgettable summer.

Child experts say that pets are not only good companions, they can teach a child



A LESSON FROM THE MOVIES—In a heartwarming film, a young girl and an entire town are changed by a scruffy, fun-loving pooch.

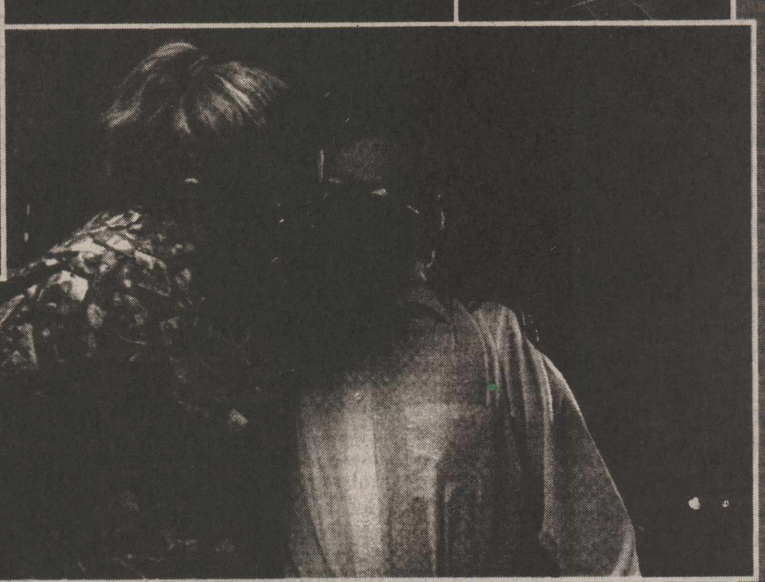
compassion. A pet helps a young person develop a sense of responsibility as he or she learns to care for a living creature.

Also, pets give love with no expectations and in this way teach unconditional love. No matter how bad your day, how tired or frustrated you may feel, when you come home, there's your dog—tail wagging, ready to give and receive love.

For those who missed the theatrical release of "Because of Winn-Dixie," it is now available on DVD.

Gardening is a matter of your enthusiasm holding up until your back gets used to it.
—Author Unknown

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Stratford Independent School District Board of Trustees Regular Session August 16, 2005

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, August 16 in the High School library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Steve Hays, Barney Willborn, Gared McBryde, DeWain Trayler, Brent Spurlock Patti Vincent and Tim Gilliland, Superintendent.

Guests present were Lynette Kautz, Dinah Horsford, Steve Haynes, Clint Seward and Mary Pat Williams.

Mr. Haynes led the invocation.

Mr. Gilliland commended the custodial staff on a job well done with the facilities over the summer.

Mrs. Williams gave the elementary report. She reported a campus enrollment of 243. She commended Travis Melton on painting the curb in front of the Mary Allen. This is a fire lane and has helped with the traffic to ensure the safety of the children. She went over the campus accountability report based on the TAKS information. The Mary Allen is a Recognized campus. She thanked the teachers and students for their hard work on the test. She explained the new 3 tier reading program at the elementary. The program is a reading intervention program that the 1st and 2nd grades will be participating in. She also reported on the autistic unit.

Mr. Seward gave the Junior High report. He reported an enrollment of 167. He went over the accountability report for the Junior High. The campus was rated as Recognized.

Mr. Haynes gave the High School report. He reported a campus enrollment of 202. The senior class will begin mum sales soon. He went over the high school accountability. The high school campus was rated as Academically Acceptable.

Mr. Gilliland gave the superintendent's report. The cost per mile for transportation for the month was 85 cents. He then gave the budget summary. Monthly expenditures are at 76.30% and revenue collected at 95.47%. Tax collections are at 96.18%.

The board reviewed the student handbooks for each campus. The principals went over changes to their handbooks and answered questions from the board.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to accept the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held on the assistant band director position. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to employ Josh Essary as assistant band director. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held on the activity bus. Proposals were received from the following: ABC Companies Inc. 1992 Van Hool T840 ABC Companies Inc. 1992 MCI 102C3

Steve Hays made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to accept the bid from ABC Companies for the 1992 Van Hool. Motion carried 7-0.

Patti Vincent made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to approve the Texas Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Certificate of Authority authorizing Tim Gilliland signature. Motion carried 7-0.

Gared McBryde made the motion and DeWain Trayler seconded to adopt a resolution to teach the constitution on September 17 as required by law as a condition of receipt of federal funds. Motion carried 7-0.

Lynette Kautz explained the

designation of the fund balance. Steve Hays made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to make the designations. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held on the Stratford ISD Student Code of conduct. Mr. Gilliland went over the updates and changes to the document. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to adopt the Student Code of conduct as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A short recess was taken at 8:35 p.m.

The board discussed the proposed budget. The tax rate and budget will be adopted on August 30th at 7:00 p.m.

The board and Mr. Gilliland toured facilities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Treat'n Troops

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- Disposable razors**
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- Toothbrush**
- Eye drops (small)**
- Hand sanitizer (travel size)**
- Lip balm (Carmex in a tube is preference)- Paperback books & playing cards**
- Foot powder (small) Gold Bond, Baby powder, etc.**
- Beef Jerky**
- Sunflower seeds, peanuts, etc.**
- Gum**
- Snack foods**
- Band Aids**
- Q-Tips**
- Pens & Pads**
- CASH for postage**
- AA Batteries**

We will build packs from your donations. You can donate one thing or several. The average cost for a mailing is \$300. Your cash donation will help with postage and needed supplies. Checks can be made to Treat'n Troops. All funds will be handled through the First United Methodist church. Donations may be mailed to the church or to Sue Hudson. Drop boxes will be at the local churches or you may call 366-5916 or 396-2178 and your donations will be picked up. If your organization is interested in providing a particular item, please call Sue Hudson for more information on items that can be donated in bulk.



(NAPS)—During baby's bath time, pediatrician Dr. Sanders Lipman suggests, use a gentle baby cleanser, not soap. Aquaphor Baby Gentle Wash is free of dyes and fragrances and has a nondrying, soap-free formula that easily rinses clean with no residue. Pediatricians point out that it's clinically proven to be nonirritating and tear-free.



Misuse of anabolic steroids can lead to some serious, even irreversible problems. For information on steroid abuse, visit www.steroidabuse.gov, a Web site created by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, a component of the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

City Council Minutes

Council Minutes
April 14, 2005

Stratford City Council met in Regular session, Thursday, April 14, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Nancy Kimball, George Harding, Bryan Mungia and Nan McWilliams.

Also present were Sean Hardman, City Administrator; Kathy Rendon, City Secretary; Rob Elliott, City Attorney; Dwayne Dennis, Stratford Police Department; Sandy Williams, Emergency Management Coordinator; Mike Neill representing J&L Equipment; Saul Rueda, Eric Hernandez, Cindy Russell, Jasmin Rios, Lupita Henderson, Lem and Cindy Russell and LaRita Butler.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

George Harding motioned to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2005 Regular meeting Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2005 Special meeting, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Sandy Williams was present to inform Council that an Emergency Management Training will be conducted on May 7, 2005. PRPC will present and teach the class. She reported the "mock" emergency exercise conducted today went well.

The report for Municipal Court was included in Council packets.

Sean had the following items to report on:

- *The Appraiser will be up next week to begin the appraisal process on property the City is considering for purchase
- *Recycle Center Open House will be April 22, 2005
- *Maps have been received from TxDOT Regarding boundaries. The school has completed their part for the State signs.

Lem and Cindy Russell were present to discuss property at 217 North Wall. Discussion took place regarding the improvements made on the property. Lem will be in touch with Sean regarding progress on this property and will return at the June council meeting to update Council of the current status of this property.

Jasmin Rios was present to discuss property at 212 North Wall. Discussion took place regarding repairs that have been made at the property. She will update Sean in August with her progress.

Saul Rueda and Eric Hernandez were present to discuss property at 615 North Wall. Discussion took place regarding the clean up that has been done at this property. Saul will update Sean with his progress.

The City received only one bid for renovation of the lift station on Purnell. The bid was received from J & L Equipment in the amount of \$51,500. Mike Neill was present and gave a short presentation to refresh Council on this project. Once the project is completed, training will be provided by J&L Equipment. Barricades and signage will need to be provided by the City. Ken Plunk needs to be notified before this project is started. George Harding motioned to accept and award the bid to J & L Equipment, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nancy Kimball motioned to accept the Sherman County Appraisal District 2006 Budget as presented, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Consensus of the Council was to proceed with the variance regarding property located at 712 North Maple.

Discussion took place regarding consideration of hiring Gaskill, Pharis & Pharis to perform a special audit. Sean Hardman's opinion was that the audit would not be cost-

effective. Therefore, his recommendation was to not have a special audit. No motions were made.

Discussion took place regarding the City's tax abatement policy. City Attorney Rob Elliott will look into a new ordinance.

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. regarding Section 551.071.

Council reconvened at 7:08 p.m. with no action taken.

Council recessed at 7:09 for a short break and reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. regarding Section 551.072.

Council reconvened at 7:17 p.m. with no action taken.

LaRita Butler was present to discuss her former employment with the City of Stratford.

LaRita Butler was present to also discuss additional compensation she feels she is entitled to. Brief discussion took place. City Attorney Rob Elliott stated LaRita needed to submit her request in writing. No action was taken.

Bills are not ready to be approved at this time.

Dwayne Dennis was present. He stated the Police Department is in need of a part-time or

temporary employee to help the department get caught up on paperwork. Discussion took place. Dwayne will get with City Administrator Sean Hardman to define the duties for this position.

Discussion took place regarding clean up month.

Nancy Kimball stated early voting begins Wednesday, April 20th. Discussion took place regarding review of the current franchise agreements with the City.

City Attorney Rob Elliott stated TML will be having a training session for City Attorneys. Discussion took place regarding travel/training expenses to be paid for by the City for this session.

Sean Hardman stated that Michelle Garza had been hired for the position of Utility Billing Clerk.

Dwayne Dennis stated that information for Town Watch will be forthcoming.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Council Minutes
May 16, 2005

Stratford City Council met in Special Session, Monday, May 16, 2005 at 5:15 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: George Harding, Nancy Kimball, Blake Confer, Bryan Mungia, and Nan McWilliams.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator; Kathy Rendon, City Secretary; Vince Vialle with First Southwest; and Dwight Brandt with Brandt Engineering.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

George Harding motioned to approve the results of the may 7, 2005 election, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried. The results were as follows:

- TWO YEAR TERM:**
- Blake Confer-105
- Nancy Kimball-112
- George Harding-97
- Keri Harris-71

Discussion took place regarding consideration of a Resolution regarding publication notice regarding Certificates of Obligation. The next meeting per the timeline will need to be scheduled for June 14, 2005. Nancy motioned to adopt the resolution directing publication of the City of Stratford, Texas Notice Intent to Issue Tax and Waterworks and Sewer System (Limited Pledge) Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2005 and also amend the meeting scheduled from June 9, 2005 to June 14, 2005, Nan McWilliams seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding approval of a Financial Advisory Agreement

with First Southwest Company. Blake Confer motioned to approve the contract, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

There were no items from the council.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Council Minutes
May 19, 2005

Stratford City Council met in Regular session, Thursday, May 19, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Nancy Kimball, George Harding, Bryan Mungia, Blake Confer and Nan McWilliams.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator; Kathy Rendon, City Secretary; and Dwayne Dennis, Stratford Police Department.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Bryan Mungia motioned to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2005 Regular meeting with changes, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor skipped to Item 4 on the Agenda.

The report for Municipal Court was included in Council packets.

Discussion took place. There was no action required on any discussion items.

Sean had the following items to report on:

- *Sean has a meeting with Fred Griffin on Friday, May 20th
- *Ken Plunk needs to be notified before the Life Station project has begun.
- *The boundaries have been marked for the State Championship signs.
- *The cemetery will receive extra "clean-up" attention the week before Memorial Day
- *Employees who were hired for the summer will begin work on Monday, May 23rd
- *Sean attended a meeting the previous Tuesday regarding the Main Street Project.

The Oath of Office was administered to the newly elected Council members.

Discussion took place

regarding a Resolution for the new Police car licensing. George Harding motioned to approve the Resolution, Blake confer seconded, Nancy Kimball opposed, all else in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding hiring a part-time Police Officer to work Friday and Saturday evenings. Consensus of the Council was that Sean and Dwayne make the decision on who to hire.

Discussion took place regarding cell phone usage and also submitting requests in writing to Council.

Brandt Engineers submitted a map of streets that require seal coating attention first.

Council convened into Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. in accordance with Government code: Section 551.072.

Council reconvened at 7:32 p.m. with no action taken.

Discussion took place for the next budget year to add a line item for the Recycle Open House expenses. Discussion also took place to change the line item from advertising to Public Notice. George Harding motioned to approve the Accounts Payable, Blake confer seconded, Bryan Mungia abstained, all else in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding the North Well. The next time the well is pulled the casing needs to be repaired/replaced.

Discussion took place regarding review of the current franchise agreements with the City.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Council Minutes
June 14, 2005

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Tuesday, June 14, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro-tem George Harding presiding and the following

council members present: Nancy Kimball and Bryan Mungia.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator; Kathy Rendon, City Secretary; Rob Elliott, City Attorney; Dwayne Dennis and Tonya Swim of the Stratford Police Department; and Sandy Williams.

Mayor Pro-Tem George Harding called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of the minutes was tabled until the next regular Council meeting.

Bob Gray with Valor Telecom was not present.

Sandy Williams was present to discuss her concern regarding activity after business hours in the parking lot of the First State Bank and on Main Street. Sandy feels the situation has improved since the First State Bank has now closed the parking lot after business hours. Discussion took place.

Judge Cindy Jackson placed information regarding Municipal Court in council packets.

Chief Dwayne Dennis placed his monthly report in Council Packets. Dwayne states all items in his report have already been addressed with City Administrator Sean Hardman and have since been taken care of. Discussion took place.

Items addressed in Sean Hardman's Report:

- *Main Street Committee meeting will be Wednesday, June 15, 2005
- *Letters for the state signs have not yet arrived

*Sean will contact PRPC regarding codification of City ordinances

*The Pump for the lift station will arrive in approximately 1-2 weeks

*John Husmann will be spraying the weeds in the streets, and at the Cemetery

*Sean wanted to assure Council he is not seeking other employment.

Vince Vialle with First Southwest was present regarding Certificates of Obligation. He states the City currently is unable to obtain an investment grade rating. The City will have to use private placement instead of open market. The first 15 years the interest rate will be 4.92%. Then, the interest rate will be re-set at a minimum of 4% and a ceiling of 7.12%. Vince also states the City needs to replace the current Financial Advisor Agreement with a Placement Agreement. Discussion took place and Council agreed to call in all council members not currently present before voting on anything.

Council recessed at 7:25 p.m. Blake Confer arrived at 7:40 p.m. and Mayor David Brown arrived at 7:41 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:42 p.m. with all council members present. Discussion took place regarding the Placement Agreement. Discussion took place and Council agreed to call in all council members not currently present before voting on anything.

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Discussion took place regarding an ordinance authorizing issuance of Certificates of Obligation. Nancy Kimball motioned to pass the Ordinance, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

City Council adjourned into Executive Session in accordance with Government code: Section 551.072 to deliberate regarding real property at 8:05 p.m. Council reconvened out of Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. with no action taken.

Discussion took place regarding renewal of the jail contract between the City and Sherman County. Nancy Kimball motioned to approve renewal of the contract, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

George Harding motioned to approve a resolution authorizing



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7-28-tfn

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3-24-tfn

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4-1-tfn

For Sale: Full Blood Siamese Kittens 6 wks old August 20th. Three kittens to give away 6 wks old August 26th. Call 396-2071, leave a message or come by 218 S. Wall.
8-25-p

Homecoming is Sept. 2nd Contact a senior for your Mum order.
9-1-c

For Sale: A blue Hide a bed sofa. Can be seen at 820 N. 3rd or call 366-3088.
9-1-c

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Small hamburger, small fries,
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For Sale: Sectional sofa. Call Riley Paris at 396-1102
8-25-c

Help Wanted

Part-time presser needed-Bi-lingual preferred, 3-4 days a week. Call 366-7627.
9-1-c

Needed: pianist, organist and choir director. Salary dependent upon experience. If interested contact the First United Methodist Church at 396-2178.
9-1-c4xc

Cimarron Feeders needs a full time member to join the Doctoring Crew. Excellent facilities, team atmosphere & respect for refined skills and quality performance. Great benefits that include: Medical & Dental insurance as well as 401 K, vacation, & bonuses. Come fill out an application. Questions? Call: Chad @580-543-6383 ext. 200. Must pass physical and drug test. EOE
8-25-c

Garage Sales

Garage Sale at 508 N. Wall-Sat. Aug. 27 from 8 to 7?
8-25-c

Garage Sale on Sat. Aug. 27th at 501 S. Fulton. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
8-25-c

Lost

Lost: 2 steers missing at 10 miles ea. of town. Upside down F on right hip. Should have an orange or white ear tag w/Forresters or 4F Cattle Co. on it. Call 753-7537.
8-25-c

Lost or Strayed, from 10 miles east of Stratford, 600 lb. Heifer, Blue tag in right ear, purple tag in left ear. Brahd S on right hip. Joe Flores, 396-5538 (work) 396-5389 (home)
7-21-c

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, call

Kathie Altman-366-5611
Paula Everett-366-5445
Ken Forthman-366-2586
Patsy Harland-827-7568
Belinda Hamilton-827-7728
Jesse Resendes-366-3134
Ernie Maiwald-366-5546

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Services

Tree trimming or removal. Call Dusty Stewart for a free bid. 366-7601.
6-9-tfn

I will do little handwork jobs for the elderly at a reasonable cost. Call Dick Bachman 366-7679.
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9-16-tfn

Allen-Tarver Agency now has a locked payment drop box for your convenience. Cable and insurance payments, with payment coupons, will be accepted. **NO CASH.** Located by front door of agency.
7-28-2mo.-9-8-05

Stay at home Mom would like to keep 1 to 2 children in my home. Days-Monday thru Friday. CPR Certified, References available. Please call Tonya at 366-7555.
8-25-c

Lanning Childcare has the following openings: 18 months-3 yrs. And 4 yr. old. If interested please call 366-2506.
8-25-c

Accepting new Piano students for the 2005-2006 year. For more information call Melissa Aduddell at 366-3299.
9-8-c

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Call we have a home you.
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For Rent: Office space on Main Street for rent. For information call (806) 396-5541.
11-27-tfn

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

House for Rent-2 Bedrm at 609 N. Grace. Call 366-2008 for more information.
5-12-tfn

For Rent: 4 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom, Brick home located near the Plainview School. Bills paid, rent \$250.00. Call Mr. Murphy @ 580-543-6366 for details.
8-18-c

For Rent: 2 Bedroom, 1 bathroom duplex located near the Plainview School. Bills paid, rent \$200.00. Call Mr. Murphy @ 580-543-6366 for details.
8-18-c

3 bedroom, 2 bath-204 S. Main, Stove, Refrig, Dishwasher included, Central H/A W/D Hook-ups. Rent: \$450 Deposit: \$200 Contact Kristine Olsen 244-5646. References requested.
9-1-c

2 bdrm house for rent: garage & fenced backyard. Call 396-2125.
7-14-tfn

3 bedroom, 2 bath-204 S. Main, Stove, Refrig, Dishwasher included, Central H/A, W/D Hook-ups, Rent: \$450 Deposit: \$200. Contact Kristine Olsen 244-5646. References requested.
8-3-c

Houses for Sale

PRICE REDUCED: 619 S. Pearl, 3 br. 2 bath, fireplace, heated tile floor in den & kitchen, 2 car garage, storage garage, call 366-5829 or 753-7018.
7-7-tfn

House for Sale: 802 N. Fulton, Carport, CH/A Heat Pump system. Call 396-2007.
5-12-tfn

For Sale-Nice 3 br. 1.75 bath brick home at 408 N. Fulton. Ready to move into. Updated kitchen and bathrooms. CH/A, attached garage, new attic insulation, large fenced in backyard. Stove, washer, dryer and new built in dishwasher stay. Great neighborhood. \$55,000. Call 366-3111.
3-31-tfn

For Sale: 3BR, 1.75 bath home at 603 S. Fulton. 2 living areas, dining room, master bedroom with 2 walk in closets. Lots of closets and storage throughout the house. Large backyard with above ground swimming pool, metal storage shed and covered patio. 2 car garage. Brick and vinyl exterior for maintenance free up keep. Contact Rhonda Browne after 6:30 at 366-7597 or leave message.
12-9-tfn

For Sale: 305 N. 3rd, 2 bdrm, laundry room, CH/A, detached garage, storage building, nice location \$20,000. Call 930-0734 or 930-5613.
3-31-tfn

For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath-2-3/4 bath, CHA detached garage, Big back yard with storage building, close to school. Call 366-2401.
5-5-tfn

For Sale by Owner. 4/2/3 home on corner lot. Custom built in 1995. New carpet, 20 x 20 finished basement, fireplace, ceramic tile in entry, utility, dining and kitchen, sprinkler system, open floor plan, Approx. 3200 total sq. ft. Call 806-934-3381 evenings or leave a message.
11-4-tfn

Reduced price. Precious brick house. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. New carpet, central heat and air, sprinkler system and huge storage building. 401 S. Pearl Call 366-3678
6-16-tfn

House for Sale at 1209 Division St. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nice neighborhood. Close to schools. Lg. Storage building in fenced backyard-Attached Garage. For more information call 934-3569 or 922-3569.
7-14-tfn

For Sale or Trade: Wonderful unique, large home on 13.5 acres, 2 miles west of Stratford on HWY 54. Four bedrooms, three full baths, hobby room, new central air, double garage, large open kitchen/family room and a newly drilled water well. Property is covered with trees. Contact Carolyn days-806-396-5810 or cell 210-854-8924.
7-21-tfn

HOUSE FOR SALE: 816 N. Maple-Two story, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, Central H/A, Fireplace, Carport, Fenced backyard with deck. Close to school! \$40,000. Call Brett: 366-7664 or 753-6677.
7-28-tfn

3 Bdrm Brick, 2 baths on large corner lot. 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Located in Casa Bonita Addition. Call 366-2153 for appointment.
10-21-tfn

RUN TO THE CELLAR when the storms come your way!! Nice brick home with 3 bedrooms, 1.75 baths, attached 2 car garage, new laminate flooring in kitchen and dining area, central heat and air, storm cellar in backyard, storage shed. REDUCED to \$65,000. Located at 712 N. Wall in Stratford. For appointment call Deana Houlette at Houlette Real Estate in Dumas. 935-2863/922-6863.
6-16-tfn

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\$78,900

Very Cute! 1 B/R, 3/4 bath home, would make a great rental property.
\$15,000

Great Starter Home, or Possible Investment Property! 2 B/R, 1 bath.
\$25,000

Shop in Backyard! Nice 3 B/R, 2 bath with 1 car detached garage.
Reduced to \$43,000

Prime Location! This 3 B/R, 2 bath home is located in a quiet neighborhood and close to schools.
\$110,000

Corner Lot! This 4 B/R, 1 1/2 bath home has had C/H&A, sewer lines, and gas line has all been recently replaced.
\$55,000

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

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Cards of Thanks

Coldwater Manor Nursing Home Activity Director's Janice Vaughn and JoAnn Cobos would like to say Thank You. We have received a lot of movies. Our Residents like to watch them on Saturday & Sunday evenings. Come on over and watch movies sometime. We would enjoy your company. Thanks again. Janice & JoAnn

The members of St. Joseph's church would like to thank the community and its donors for the great support and its donations towards making our annual Jamaica a great success.

Legal Notices

Stratford Independent School District

The Stratford Independent School District requests proposals from interested vendors for cafeteria equipment. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Office at (806) 366-3302.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 13, 2005. 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, or faxed to (806) 366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendents office at 503 N. 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened September 13, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, August 25, 2005 and Thursday, September 1, 2005.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Sherman County will accept bids until 4:00 p.m. September 2, 2005 for the purchase of HAVA compliant election equipment, software, maintenance, accessories, and services necessary for conduction of elections in Sherman County. Bids can be delivered to: Judge Terri Carter, 701 N. 3rd, Room 206, or mailed to PO Box 165, Stratford, TX 79084. Bids will be considered at 9:00 a.m. Monday, September 19, 2005 at the Regular Meeting of the Sherman County Commissioners' Court. No bids accepted by fax. Late bids will not be considered. Sherman County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to select the bid most advantageous to Sherman County. Terri Carter, Sherman County Judge.

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, August 25, 2005 and Thursday, September 1, 2005.

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.

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter ("no kill" facility) currently has over 100 dogs and 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.

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 these 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.

Good Luck Cross Country

AGING facts & fancies

Keeping Your Mind Fit With Mental Exercise

by Dr. Ryuta Kawashima (NAPS)—Go figure. Performing math problems regularly may help alleviate some of the symptoms of dementia.

The idea is that just as regular exercise is known to help slow the deterioration of muscles, the same is true for the brain.

In order to maintain your physical health, you have to exercise regularly, eat healthily and sleep well. In like manner, in order to maintain your mental health, you need to exercise your brain regularly, eat healthily and sleep well. You have to exercise your brain just as you would any other part of your body if you were trying to stay fit.

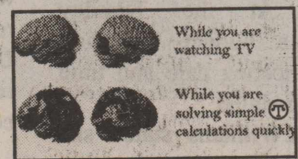
Research conducted in Japan has led me to believe that doing simple math calculations quickly and reading out loud can benefit adults who wish to work on the following:

- creativity
- memory skills
- communication-skills
- slowing the mental effects of aging.

These exercises also have benefits for adults with the following symptoms:

- increasing forgetfulness
- difficulty remembering people's names, spelling words and expressing thoughts.

Based on this research, my lab created a program to help



Research indicates that performing simple calculations quickly may help alleviate symptoms of dementia by activating large regions of the brain.

Japan's aging population maintain optimal brain functioning as it grows older.

The brain health exercises in this program help increase the delivery of oxygen, blood and various amino acids to large regions of the brain.

The benefits seem to come from activating the largest sections of the prefrontal cortex. The result is more neurons and neural connections, which are characteristic of a healthy brain.

Dr. Ryuta Kawashima has spent 15 years researching the brain. A prominent neurologist in Japan, Kawashima's dream is to make brain maintenance a public priority.

He developed the "Train Your Brain" program to help Japan's aging population. His book, "Train Your Brain: 60 Days to a Better Brain" (Kumon Publishing North America, Inc.; \$12.95) is based on that program.

The book is available both online and in bookstores.

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the City's participation in the Panhandle Regional Mutual Aid agreement and designated Mayor David Brown to serve as the City's Chief Representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding a City policy in reference to sewer back-ups. The city attorney will do some research.

Discussion took place regarding City Policy concerning employee raises for further education. Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the pay raise effective the date of the certificate, Nan McWilliams seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

George Harding motioned to approve the accounts payable, Blake Confer seconded, Bryan Mungia abstained, all in favor, motion carried.

Financial Statements were not available for approval as the computer was down.

Discussion took place regarding the purchaser of caps for City employees.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Council Minutes
June 28, 2005

Stratford City Council met in Special Session, Tuesday, June 28, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Bryan Mungia, George Harding, Nancy Kimball, Nan McWilliams, and Blake confer.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator; Kathy Rendon, City Secretary; and Dwayne Dennis, Chief of Police.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Discussion took place regarding the current status of the police department and the hiring of a full-time police officer, which would staff the police department at four full-time officers. The cars for the Police Department will be shared by the officers. City Administrator Sean Hardman's recommendation was to hire for this position. George Harding motioned to hire another police officer, Nan McWilliams seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Dwayne stated there is no response as of yet regarding the school grant.

Discussion took place regarding spraying for mosquitoes. Sean will check into this.

Sean Hardman stated that the engineer suggested the City purchase a whole section of land instead of a half section. It would off-set the additional cost of a bigger pond.

Tuesday, July 19, 2005 will be the next scheduled regular meeting. At the Tuesday meeting, a budget workshop meeting meeting date and time will be scheduled.

Nan McWilliams stated she would submit her resignation within the next week. Mayor David Brown and council expressed their appreciation to Nan.

Council minutes
July 18, 2005

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Monday, July 18, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: George Harding, Bryan Mungia, Nancy Kimball and Blake Confer.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator; Kathy Rendon, City Secretary; Rob Elliott, City Attorney; Dwayne Dennis, Chief of Police and Ron Solberg.

Mayor David Brown called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2005 Special Meeting, May 19, 2005 Regular Meeting, June 14, 2005 Regular Meeting and the June 28, 2005 Special Meeting, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Ron Solberg was present to discuss noise and the extra traffic in his neighborhood. Discussion took place. Council thanked Mr. Solberg.

The report for Municipal Court was unavailable.

Chief Dwayne Dennis was present. Dwayne stated he had no report. Some discussion took place.

Items addressed in Sean Hardman's Report:

*No information yet regarding the lift station on Purnell. Ken Plunk will be notified before any work has begun.

*Budget Meeting will be scheduled soon. The tax rate needs to be given to Teresa Edmond at the Appraisal District by mid September.

*Water line at the intersection of Fulton and North 6th has a leak, the line is being replaced and repairs will be finished soon.

*The Recycle Center received grant money in the amount of \$15,000 and the money will be used to purchase a portable fan and a baler with the necessary electrical work.

*Street roller was rented to complete street patching as the County street roller is broken and will not be repaired.

*Wire transfer of the money from the Certificates of Deposit will be deposited into the General Fund on Tuesday and then transferred to a CD which can be renewed every 30 days.

Discussion took place regarding a new curfew ordinance. The ordinance is not a re-adoption. A new ordinance will be necessary. Rob Elliott will check into this. No action taken at this time.

A resolution was presented to Council from PRPC which is required for Homeland Security. George Harding motioned to approve the Resolution #07/18/05 (resolution number pre-printed from PRPC), Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding Investment Policy for the City. No action taken at this time.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.072, Council entered into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m.

City Council reconvened to open session at 8:03 p.m. with no action taken.

Council took a short recess at 8:04 p.m. and reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

George Harding motioned to approve the accounts payable, Nancy Kimball seconded, Bryan Mungia abstained, all else in favor, motion carried.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the Financial Statements, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Sean will be the only one attending the TML meeting in Borger on Thursday. Nancy Kimball stated that franchise agreements need to be reviewed. Discussion took place regarding various addresses which need to be sent letters regarding weeds and mowing. Discussion also took place regarding "C" license certification.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Girl Scouts to Sponsor Mountain Bike Race

Girl Scout Camp Kiwanis will be the location for the First annual Girl Scout Thin Mint Challenge, a mountain bike race on Saturday, September 10, 2005. The promoting club is Caprock Multi-Sport and the single day race is part of the Chainbreaker Series.

Bikers of all levels will try out the new course developed with the leadership of Chris Podzemny of XTREME SPORTS and other local bike enthusiasts beginning at 9:00 a.m. Children and families can join the fun ride at 10:00 a.m.

"We're excited to have access to a terrific course within Amarillo", reports Chris Podzemny. "Expert, Sport, and Jr. Beginner levels will all enjoy the experience on the newly developed course on what is currently known as Pitcher Pump Camp."

If the response is positive as predicted, the course may be open to public use in the future.

Major sponsorship has been provided by Pak-A-Sak, Xtreme Sports and Girl Scouts-Five Star Council.

Refreshments will be provided and prizes will be awarded after the race.

The entry fee is \$25 until August 26, 2005 with an additional \$10 after that date. Early-bird Check-In will be on Friday, September 9, 2005 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Girl Scout office, 6011 W.45th.

Registration forms are available at the Girl Scout office, area bike and sport shops as well as gyms and other local businesses.

For more information call 356-0096.

American History in Wyoming Heartland

(NAPS)—American history is littered with tales of the colorful cowboys, legendary lawmen and infamous villains who made the West so wild. And now it's possible to own a piece of history—affordable and easily accessible 40-acre ranches just minutes north of scenic Casper, Wyoming.



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