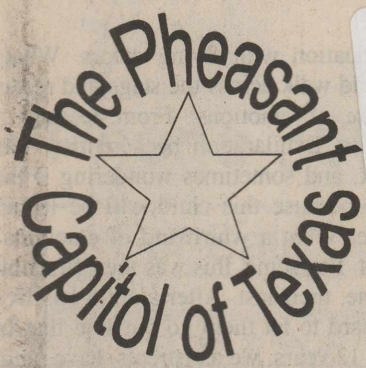




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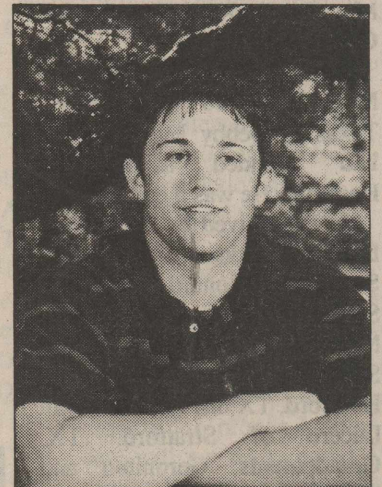
Young Retires

Linda Young was honored with a retirement reception on Sunday, May 23, 2004 at the High School Cafeteria. Many family and friends were on hand to help Linda celebrate this occasion. Superintendent Jim Taliaferro presented her a Kenneth Wyatt picture. Linda has taught for 30 years in the SISD. Good Luck Linda!



Spaghetti Dinner Held

Sherman County Depot Museum held a Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser on Sunday, May 2, 2004 at the Sherman County Barn. Shown above helping to serve are Kathy Altman, Richard Ragsdale, James Johnson, Pat Hartman and Ann Wells.



Josh King

King Selected by XIT

Josh King, currently a junior at Stratford High School, was selected by XIT to participate in this year's FRS Youth Tour. Josh, is the son of Keith and Tami King of Stratford. Josh will fly to Washington, D.C. for this once in a lifetime opportunity. The Youth Tour will be held June 5 thru 9, 2004.

Many NTCA member companies, like XIT, have selected to sponsor an area youth to participate in the 2004 FRS Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. The Foundation for Rural Services (FRS), through its partnership with NTCA and its members, promotes, educates and advocates to the public, rural telecommunications issues in order to sustain and enhance the quality of life within communities throughout rural America. The tour is limited to 100 students so that they have the opportunity to meet kids from across rural America. XIT is very excited to offer this opportunity to the 2004 junior students in its serving area. XIT selected one winner from applications received from the 2004 junior students who applied from schools located in its 6-county serving area, and who receives service from XIT.

The FRS Youth Tour is:

- A four-day, all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.
- An opportunity to visit famous historical sites and amazing museums.
- A chance to meet other high school juniors from across rural America.
- A chance to learn more about the telecommunications industry.
- An opportunity to learn first-hand about the legislative and governmental processes.

Applications were made available through each school counselors office in XIT's 6-county service area. Dallam, Hartley, Sherman, Moore, Oldham and Deaf Smith Counties. Applicants were required to submit an essay on a choice of topics provided by XIT.

Next years juniors (Class of 2006), watch for details on how to apply for the 2005 FRS Youth Tour!

Alzheimer's Support Group To Meet

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

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

Memorial Day Program to be Held Monday, May 31st

Memorial Day Program-Monday May 31 at the Stratford Cemetery. Refreshments served at 9:30 Program at 10:00 a.m.

Coldwater Manor Needs Your Donations

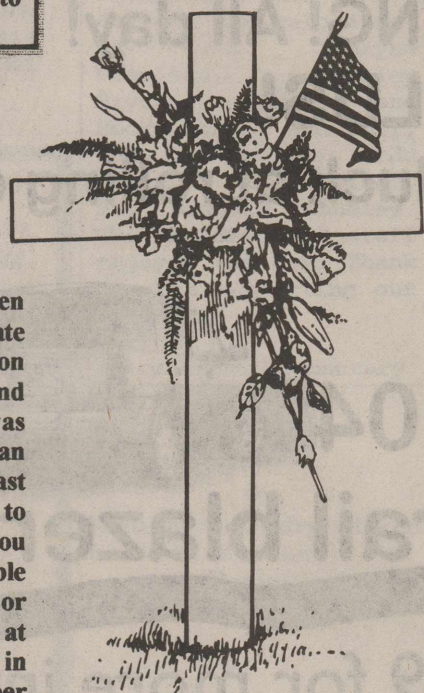
Coldwater Manor is having a big garage sale. If you any furniture to donate, please bring to nursing home.

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

Special Fund for Tyron Evans Has Been Set Up

"A special account has been set up at the Happy State Bank in Stratford for Tyron Evans, son of Larry and Wanda Evans who was critically injured in an automobile accident this last week. If you would like to contribute to this account you can make your check payable to the Tyron Evans Fund or contact Cindy Cummings at the Happy State Bank in Stratford. The phone number is 806-366-BANK.



Pizza Party

First State Bank of Stratford honored the graduating seniors of Stratford High School with a pizza party Wednesday, May 19th. The party was held in conjunction with graduation rehearsal for the high school's 40 graduating seniors.

"They are a classic group of kids. We look forward to seeing even greater accomplishments from them." Said Mary Cross, bank manager. "It was our privilege to celebrate this huge milestone with them."

Cross-added that the bank has four employees who are also mothers of graduating seniors. These First State Bank employees, Cindy Larence, Suzanne Ashley, Delinda Olivas and Mayrene Aduddell, served as hostesses for the pizza party.

Pantry Meeting May 27th

The Pantry meeting will be held on Thursday, May 27th at XIT Building at 7 p.m.

Hearts Afire Emmaus Community Meeting to be Held Thursday

Hearts Afire Emmaus Community Meeting will be held Thursday, May 27, 2004 at the First United Methodist Church. Sponsor training at 6 p.m., Covered dish supper 6:30 and Praise & Worship at 7:30. Every one is welcomed.



First State Bank Employees, Charlotte Strafuss, Mayrene Aduddell, Cindy Larence, Suzanne Ashley and Delinda Olivas.



Suzanne Ashley, Cindy Larence draw for door prizes presented to the seniors.

Memorial Program Monday, May 31, Stratford Cemetery 10:00 a.m.

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce will host the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Stratford Cemetery on Monday, May 31 at 10:00 a.m.

The ceremony will be held at the new Memorial/Directory building. There is limited seating so please bring a chair and if the wind allows, an umbrella shade. The 4-H Horse Club did not have enough members available for the program and they will be missed.

The program will begin with the dedication of the Historical Designation. Bill and Selma Pendleton with the assistance of the Cemetery Directory published by John Woods did the investigation and paper work required to acquire a Historical Designation for the Stratford Cemetery. The first graves in the cemetery were placed in 1900 or 1901 in connection with the building of the railroad. Some graves are unknown and marked only with a brick. It would be nice to start placing a permanent marker for these unknown and also for those with only a temporary metal marker. This may be another asking for public funds.

The four branches of the Armed Services will be recognized as well as the War's and the lives sacrificed.

The Chamber will offer a time of coffee, juice and fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m.



Senior moms 1st State Bank staff member, Delinda Olivas serves Pizza to Miranda Dickenson, Amber Larence and the rest of the 2004 graduation class.



Obits

James Mendoza

Hereford, TX-James Mendoza, age 13, died Friday, May 21, 2004 at Odyssey Hospice in Amarillo, TX. Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, May 25, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Reverend John Valdez, pastor, officiating. Burial was in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors. Prayer Vigils were recited at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 21, 2004 and Monday, May 24, 2004 at Rix Funeral Chapel.

James Mendoza was born May 29, 1990 in Hereford, Texas to Debby Mendoza. He had attended schools in Hereford. He was a catholic.

He is survived by his mother Debby Mendoza of Stratford, Stepfather: Ronald Lucero of Stratford, two sisters, Heather Mendoza of Hereford, TX and Samantha Mendoza of Hereford, TX one brother: Ryan Lucero of Stratford, TX. Grandparents: Geronimo and Juana Mendoza of Hereford, Texas.

Summer Food Service Program

The Stratford Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be provided at the Mary Allen Cafeteria. We will feed breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday from June 1st until June 30th. Breakfast will be from 8:10 a.m. until 8:25 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Summer Food Service program provides free meals to all children from age 1 to 18. These meals provide essential nutrients for active, growing kids.

To participate in the free meals program all kids have to do is show up at the above times. You don't need proof of income. You don't need proof of age. You don't need to register. You don't need meal tickets. **SORRY THIS PROGRAM IS FOR THE CHILDREN ONLY, ADULTS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE.**

People who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or political belief. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. **NOTE: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred only to the Director, Civil Rights Division, and Texas Department of Human Services.**

Mendoza Graduates

Enedit (Baeza) Mendoza, daughter of the late Oscar Baeza and Paula Baeza, recently graduated from West Texas A&M University on May 8, 2004. Enedit received her Bachelors of General Studies in General Studies. She is seeking certification in EC-4Bilingual Generalist and English as a Second Language (ESL). She is currently employed at the Stratford Family Medical Clinic.

Spirit Camp 2004 To Be Held June 7-10

Spirit Camp 2004 will be held June 7-10. Grades KG-6th grade (as of Fall 2004), 9:00 a.m. - 12:00.

Camp Fee \$30.00 - \$25.00 camp fee if pre-register by May 20, 2004. \$25.00 camp fee for 2nd child in family. \$20.00 camp fee for 2nd child in family if pre-registered. \$10.00 camp t-shirt. For more information, Call ViAnn Reed 366-3334.

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Note: The Board of Council members generally meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. The Planning and Zoning Commission is the same as the Board of Council members.



Amanda Gayle White

White Named Valedictorian

Amanda Gayle White, 18 yr. Old daughter of Darryl and Gayle White is the Valedictorian of 2004 Class of La Feria High School. She attended her third grade year at Mary Allen. She's the granddaughter of Glenn & Carolyn White.



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Project ChildSafe Comes To Stratford, TX: 500 Firearms Safety Kits To Be Distributed Locally

Stratford, TX. - The Stratford Police Dept. will provide 500 free firearm safety kits to local residents through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, the nationwide firearms safety education program. The safety kits, which include a gun lock, will be distributed at the Stratford Police Dept. or from any patrolman while on patrol.

Project ChildSafe, a program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), will distribute millions of firearms safety kits throughout the country over the next year. The program is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant, with additional funding provided by the firearms industry.

"We encourage residents to pick up a Project ChildSafe safety kit so they can securely store their firearm," said Chief Dennis. "Each kit contains a safety curriculum and a cable-style gun lock. The locks fit on most types of handguns, rifles and shotguns. The goal is to prevent a child or any other unauthorized person from accessing a firearm in your home."

By partnering with Project ChildSafe, Stratford Police Dept. is participating in a growing national effort to promote firearms safety education to all gun owners. Project ChildSafe will distribute gun lock safety kits to all 50 states and the five U.S. territories.

"We are pleased to have the Stratford Police Dept. as a Project ChildSafe partner," said Dee Dee Dockins, spokesperson for the program. "Project ChildSafe is an important step forward in helping ensure that all firearm owners fully understand their responsibilities with respect to the safe handling and storage of firearms."



Artho Named as Rotary Boy for the Month of April

Levi Artho has been chosen as the Rotary Boy for the month of April, 2004.

Levi is the 17-year-old son of Doug and Shauna Artho, and the grandson of Willie and Jeanette Artho of Stratford, Texas and Max and Ruby Brown, also of Stratford. Levi has three brothers, Nicholas, Matthew and Troy.

Levi has been a part of the Guymon school system for three years and has been an active participant in many activities.

He has achieved the Principals Honor Roll and has started on the Varsity football team for the last three years. He has been chosen Offensive Player of the Week and has been honored to be named as the All-District Wide Receiver this school year.

Levi has participated in Power lifting where he advanced to the state meet. He also competed in Track and was named Outstanding Runner for 2003.

Levi has participated in FFA and 4-H since the age of nine, and in doing so, he has competed in many livestock competitions at the local, state and national levels. He also enjoys golf and fishing.

Levi has been invited to participate in the Down Under Bowl Oklahoma Football All-Star Team in Australia and the "King Kamechamecha Pigskin Classic" in Honolulu.

Levi is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stratford, Texas and plans to attend college in the fall of 2004.

Chamber News

By Patty Tims

A New Beginning

Well, we all came through graduation with flying colors. What a wonderful thing to watch your child walk across the stage and receive a diploma, with such a mixture of emotions. From feelings of exhilaration to feelings of sadness. Exhilaration because they have completed 12 years of hard work, and sometimes wondering if they were going to make it. Sadness because this child will be leaving home soon to start their own life. What a whirlwind of emotions a parent experiences at that moment. For some, this was their first child to graduate and for others, like me, their last. After a child has lived in your home for 18 years, it's hard to let them go out into that big bad world. But, hopefully, in that 12 years, we as parents, have taught them how to handle themselves and become the person God wants them to be. Children are only but a gift for a short while, then we have to let them go. They will experience hard times and good times, but now is the time for them to prove who they are. I believe, we parents have done the best job we could at raising our children (I guess we could give credit to our children as well for not giving up). So, to all of the graduating parents, give yourself a pat on the back. We must have done something right, or else they would not have walked across that stage. All I have to say is "Thank You Jesus."

The Day of Remembrance

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after WWI (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act, P.O. 90-363, in 1971 to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead.

Memorial Day Celebration

The Memorial Day Celebration will be Monday, May 31, located at the Veterans Memorial just inside the cemetery gate. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. We ask that you bring your own lawn chair since there is limited seating. Refreshments will be served compliments of the Chamber of Commerce. Please come and join us in the remembrance of those who have fallen protecting our country. The Chamber of commerce would like to thank Wanda Woolsey for her renewal of membership. If you or your business would like to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce, come by the office or call 806-366-2260.

Ashley Graduates from Angelo State University May 15th

Angelo State University conferred degrees upon 508 students during 2004 Spring commencement exercises May

15 in San Angelo, Texas. From Stratford graduating was Russell Dane Ashley, with a BS. Degree. Dane is the son of Russell and Nan Ashley.

Come Celebrate Memorial Day at Stratford Country Club

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The Leonard Hawkins family went to graduation at Stratford, then to a party at Angie Aguilar's. Juana Aguilar was the graduate and honored by the Hawkins family, Brenda Bell & Stephanie and other family members.

Pat & Bill Boren went to the SCOT strawberry bash last week.

Ted & Joyce Irlbeck were busy attending graduations last week. Granddaughter Megan Keys graduated with nurses training from Amarillo College. Grandson Jason Roberts is a graduate of Stratford High School.

Thursday night the family gathered to see Tracy, Kishor, Naomi & Michael Shersta of Detroit, MI. Also present were Tracy's mother Belinda and brother Jason Roberts, sister Megan Keys of Amarillo and Ginger & son, Conrad Riffe.

Kishor had won a trip to Florida so Belinda kept Naomi & Michael.

Shelby McDaniel had an interesting time at the "Champions on Ice Show" last week in Amarillo. She had written a report on Michelle Kwan at school. She took a teddy bear to give to Ms. Kwan and got to do just that! Someone took a picture of the two that she hopes to get. Attending the show were her mother Teri, grandmother Jo June and Betty Fry of Texhoma.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters went to Pre-School graduation of Kylee Gillenwaters at Trinity Baptist Church in Amarillo. There were 84 children at the Thursday night graduation. Kylee will be 5 on June 1.

Sunday luncheon guests with Virgie Mathews, Marjory Munden and Dr. Gary Mathews were Jeannie & Kermit Dixon of Enid, OK. Other diners were

R.J. & Mary Hill and Dudley Hill.

Mike McDaniel attended basketball games Saturday & Sunday in Amarillo to watch daughter Merilee and team play.

I was born with the impression that what happened in books was much more reasonable, and interesting and real, in some ways, than what happened in life.

—Anne Taylor

AMERICA'S GLORY

An Angel Of A Devil's Food Cake



The fireworks can start in your own kitchen with this delicious and easy-to-bake Devil's Food Cake.

(NAPS)—Your little firecracker can be a Yankee Doodle Dandy in the kitchen this July 4th by baking a deliciously patriotic July 4th Devil's Food Cake with their Easy-Bake Oven. This delectable cake is a great way for your own little devils to get into the holiday spirit and start off the 4th with a bang. It is perfect for at-home parties and can be a delicious way to celebrate the spirit of the nation's favorite holiday.

PATRIOTIC CAKE

Ingredients:

- Two (2) Easy-Bake Devil's Food Cake mixes
- Blue food coloring
- Mixture of decorating sprinkles
- Festive décor (such as a miniature sparkler and flag)

Directions:

1. Bake and cool two Devil's Food Cakes by following the instructions on the package.
2. Make dark blue frosting by adding 4-5 drops of food coloring to the white frosting (add more to make as dark as you want).
3. Stack cakes and cover with dark blue frosting.
4. Use different colored sprinkles to make fireworks.

This delicious treat also adds a tasty spark to birthday parties, family gatherings, and helps make any day special. The recipe is part of a series of holiday-themed treats from what's been called America's favorite cooking toy. For more ideas, visit www.easybake.com to see what's cooking. For further information, call 1-800-255-5516.

Let us teach our children to study man as well as mathematics and to build cathedrals as well as power stations.

—David Eccles

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

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 9 August 21	Lone Star Rising Lake Meredith, Borger CC 806-274-9050
June 6	"Carrot Top" Stardate Concerts 7:30p.m. Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
June 13 August 22	"Heavenly Country" (Sundays) Pioneer Amphitheatre, Palo Duro Canyon State Park
June 12	Broadway with Soul, Chana Smith Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
June 17-20	Youth Cowboy Poetry Gathering Cal Farley's Boys Ranch or 800-687-3722
July 9-11	"West Side Story" Present by Area High School Students Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
July 17	Ron White- Outback Concerts Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096

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September 25, 2004- Robert Levin and Ya-Fei Chuang, pianists, a fabulous fanfare by an African-American composer.

October 23, 2004, An extraordinary soprano, Christine Brandes, to perform arias by Mozart and Mahler.

November 20, 2004- Ludwig van Beethoven's "heroic" symphony and the melodic charm of Vivaldi featuring Mario Carbotta flutist. The program will also include two surprise pieces.

January 22, 2005- The Harrington String Quartet in music by Elgar and Lees.

February 19, 2005- POPS with John Bayless on the piano. A night of romance with songs from John's Romantica, Movies and Bach/Beatles albums.

March 5, 2005- Jazz comes to the Symphony! Jazz inspired music of Leonard Bernstein and George Gershwin to the captivating improvisations of Jazz legend Bobby Shew, trumpet.

April 9, 2005- Jennifer Frautschi, violin, Amarillo Civic Chorus, WTAMU Choirs.

I have always been delighted at the prospect of a new day, a fresh try, one more start, with perhaps a bit of magic waiting somewhere behind the morning.

—J.B. Priestley

You cannot prevent the bird of sorrow from flying over your head, but you can prevent them from building nests in your hair.

—Chinese proverb

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You The Great Debates

There is a growing cleavage in our culture between those wanting total freedom or autonomy and those who believe in absolute truth. The person who seeks autonomy literally wants to be a law to himself. Whatever is right for that person is considered right. This is the prevalent view in our society when it comes to moral standards. This is why Ted Koppel was so soundly berated by his colleagues in the media when he said something like this, "Moses did not come down from Mount Sinai with the Ten Suggestions." The battle was engaged immediately. Why? The Ten Commandments represent an abiding, perpetual, absolute standard for morality. That's exactly what Ted Koppel implied. But his cohorts jumped all over him. They seek autonomy from God and from everyone else. The only absolute moral standard, we are permitted to have, is that there are no moral absolutes. For example, the Seventh of the Ten Commandments says, "You shall not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14). Today, people laugh at this commandment. But who is having the last laugh. Listen to these statistics. In 1960, 5.3% of the births in this country were considered illegitimate. In 1991, 28% of the births were illegitimate. In 1960, 9.1% of the families in this country were single parent families. By 1991, 28.6% percent of our families were single parent families. During this same period the teenage suicide rate has more than tripled. SAT scores have gone down substantially. Since we began to laugh at the idea of absolute moral standards, we have lost ability to adequately define love, sin and righteousness. We've lost our anchor. We are adrift on a sea of relativism.

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Kevin Anderson, Pastor
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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Rev. Walter Reed

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

First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger

520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7:00

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Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master

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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

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N. 3rd & Chestnut
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Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

James Washburn

302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message
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Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

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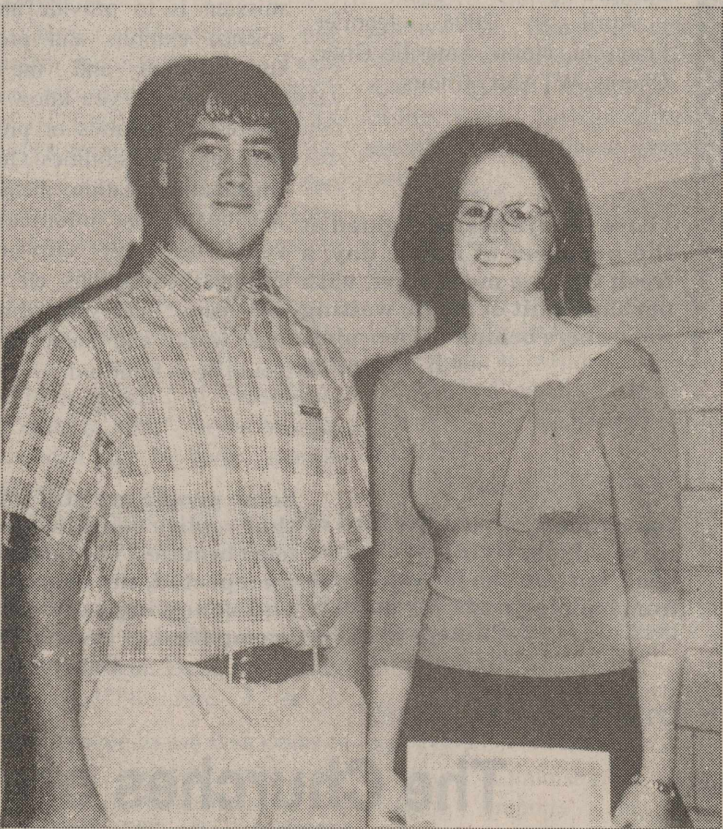
Jeff Witcher, and wife Anna were presented with a few going away presents from The Big Blue Band. Good Luck Mr. Witcher on your new journey.



JOHN PHILIP SOUSA AWARD
Bill Walker



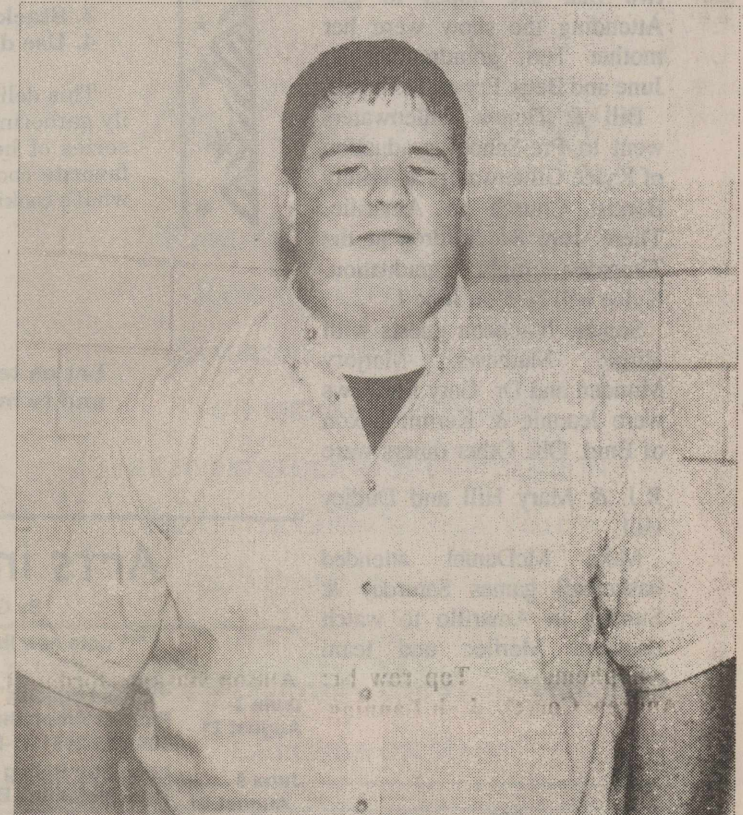
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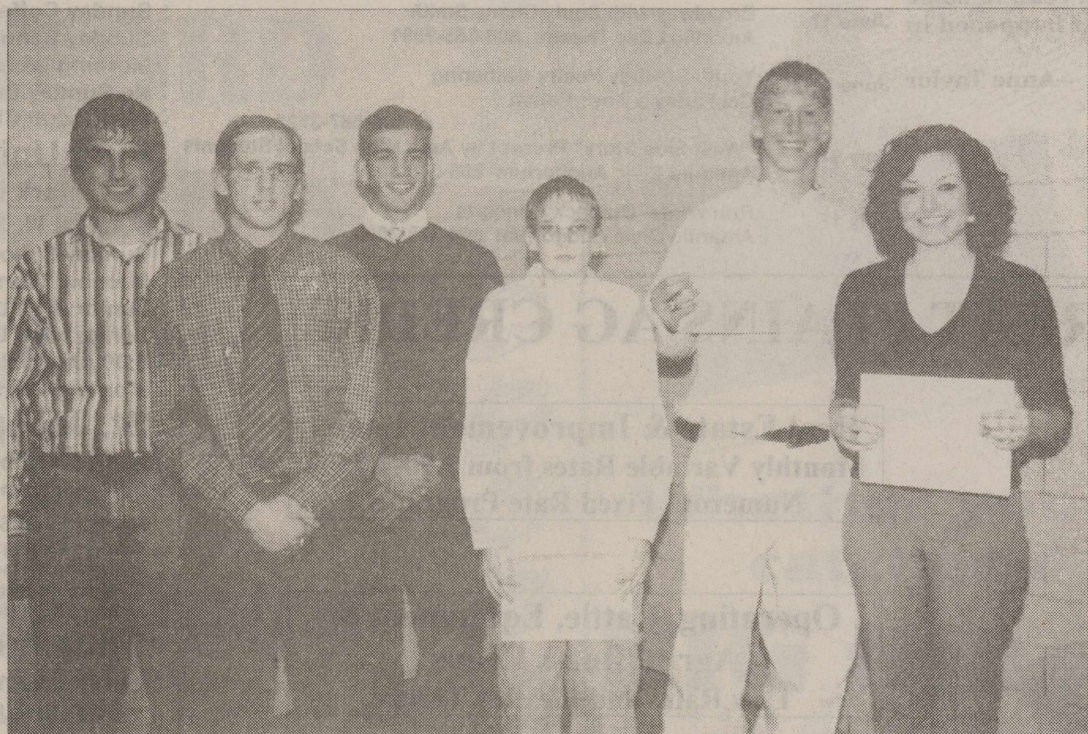
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LAZIEST SENIOR
Brian Booth



BIGGEST GOOF-OFF GIRL & BOY
Audrey Navarette & Asbel Gomez



OUTSTANDING AWARDS

From left, Outstanding Freshman – Harrison Walden, Outstanding Marcher – Jason Roberts, Outstanding Brass – Adam Witcher, Outstanding Percussion – Craig Reinart & Cory Rendon, Outstanding Woodwind – Audrey Navarette & Chelsi Thiessen (not pictured).



OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD
Ashlee Glock & Adam Witcher



V.O LASLEY AWARD
Manual Maldonado & Alisha Sladek

SCHOLASTIC BANQUET

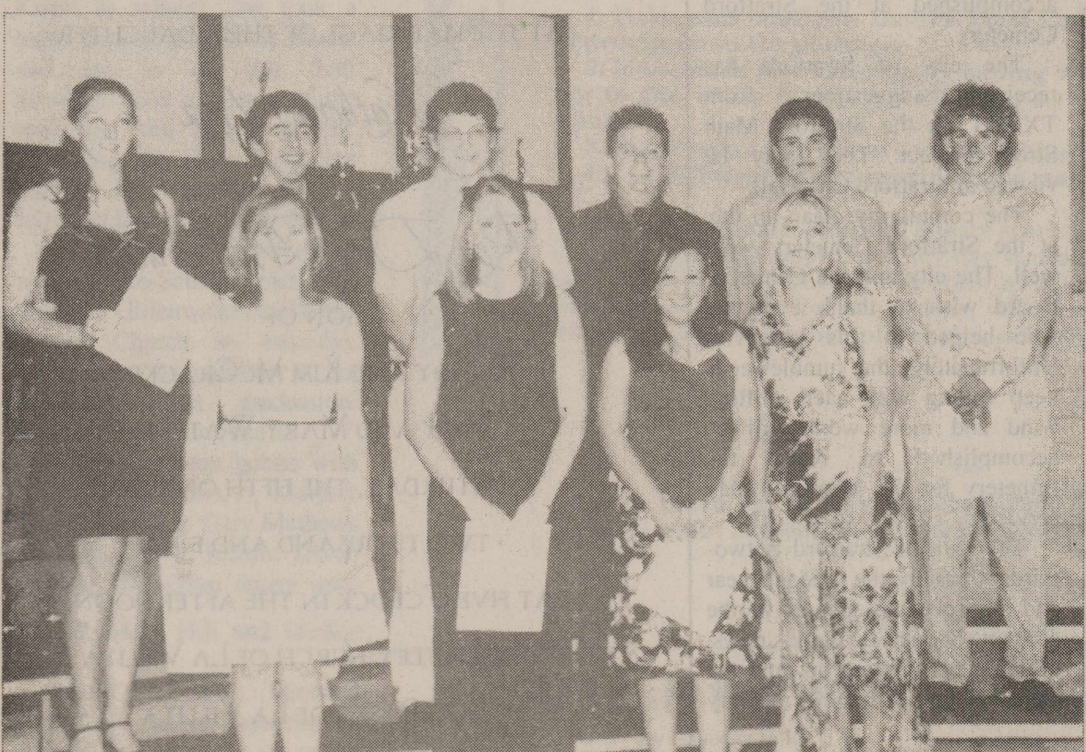
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Seniors – Top row l-r: Bill Walker, Miranda Dickenson, Erin Ashley, Jason Ashley, Carson Buckles, James Nusz, Alisha Sladek, Adam Witcher. Bottom l-r: Stephanie Washburn, Ashlee Glock, Amber Larance, Ashton Robinson, Myrna Ruiz, Heather Seiler, Melissa Tijerina, Twyla Young.



Juniors – Top row l-r: Tyler Haynes, Josh King, Ryan McDaniel, Craig Reinart. Bottom l-r: Britt. ny Hudson, Blanca Molina, Lindsay Stein, Kayla Willard. Not pictured Shawnda Jenkins.



Sophomores – Top row l-r: Allison Baskin, Jordan Taylor, Brady Bell, Connor Vincent, Andrew Correll, Josh Lanning. Bottom l-r: Staci Hays, Cheyenne Ziemann, Maira Argomaniz, Haley Buckles.



Freshmen – L-R: Daniel Hays, Candie Bell, Juliana Taliaferro, Brant Cummings, Harrison Walden, Tiffni Drake, Rhia Everett, Ryan Ewers.



National Honor Society – Top row l-r: Erin Ashley, Josh King, Tyler Haynes, Carson Buckles, Adam Witcher, Craig Reinart, Twyla Young. Bottom l-r: Ashlee Glock, Amber Larance, Kayla Willard, Heather Seiler, Stephanie Washburn, Melissa Tijerina.

TOMATO FACTS & FANCIES

A Saucy Festival That Celebrates The Tomato

(NAPS)—Each September, a few thousand rabid tomato devotees—many of whom are also wine fans—descend on California's Sonoma County Wine Country, for a day of tomato love and appreciation.

Some 200 varieties of heirloom tomatoes grown in the Kendall-Jackson gardens are available for tasting, along with wine pairing seminars and a celebrity chef cook-off. In celebration of the approaching tomato season, the winery offers these fun facts:

- The tomato is a member of the nightshade family, making it a cousin of the eggplant, the red pepper, the potato, the ground cherry, the tomatillo, and the highly toxic belladonna, also known as deadly nightshade.

- All tomatoes belong to the genus *lycopersicon*, meaning "wolf peach."

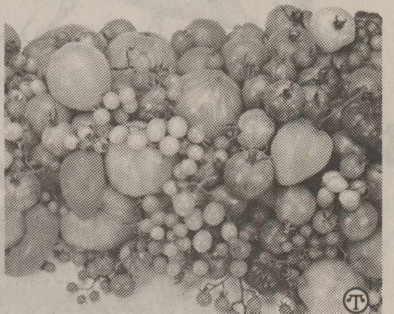
- Wild cherry tomatoes are indigenous to tropical South America, although they were first domesticated in Mexico.

- The tomato is viewed by most people as a vegetable, but, by the botanical definition, the tomato is technically a fruit, "the ripened

ovary of a seed plant and its contents." In 1893, the United States Supreme Court ruled that, legally speaking, the tomato is a vegetable. The rationale was that fruits are generally served as dessert, while tomatoes are usually served during the main course of the meal.

- As a rule, ripe tomatoes are best kept out of the refrigerator. Cold temperatures are the kiss of death to their flavor.

- Tomatoes may be a significant tool in the fight against cancer, according to a recent report in the "Journal of the National



The tomato is a cousin of the eggplant, the red pepper, the potato and the highly toxic belladonna plants.

Cancer Institute."

The report says a review of 72 studies indicated that eating tomatoes and tomato-based products reduced the risk of cancer, perhaps because of the antioxidant lycopene, a pigment predominantly found in this fruit.

The strongest evidence was for protection against cancer of the prostate, lung and stomach, though there was evidence of benefit for the pancreas, colon, rectum, esophagus, oral cavity, breast and cervix.

- Tomatoes are not only a good source of lycopene, but also contain beneficial amounts of vitamins A and C, folic acid and potassium.

- Forty percent of Americans who raise their own tomatoes do it for taste, not health.

The 8th Annual Kendall-Jackson Heirloom Tomato Festival will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2004, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person. For more information, call (800) 769-3649 or go to www.kj.com.

HOME

Building a Deck May Be Easier Than You Think

NewsUSA

(NU) - Do you wish you could add an extra room to your house, but you don't want to spend the money? Is your back yard plain and boring?

Outdoor amenities like redwood decks, trellises, privacy screens and benches can take the place of an extra room at a fraction of the cost. In addition, a deck increases real estate value and provides a low-maintenance outdoor area that keeps cooling and energy costs down.

When building an addition, such as a redwood deck, the choice of materials is always important. Today, more than ever, families are concerned about the safety of products around the home. Unlike chemically treated woods and petroleum-based products, redwood heartwood's durability is organic and natural.

If you are thinking about building a redwood deck yourself, you may find deck building easier than you would expect.

First of all, it is important to survey your yard and decide what problems building a deck can solve. Can it level off a sloping or uneven area? Can it turn an unusable side yard into a comfortable outdoor living area? Checking building codes in your area is an important preliminary step.

When working with wood outdoors, remember the type of hardware you use can affect the appearance of your project.

Inferior hardware can cause stains and is unlikely to last as long as the redwood. A variety of



Adding a redwood deck to your home can increase its value and improve its appearance.

joint hangers, patented connectors and deck fasteners are available to help the do-it-yourselfer. It is worth the extra cost to use top-quality, hot-dipped galvanized, stainless steel or aluminum hardware.

Other amenities complete the job of making a living center. Redwood planters, benches, tables and furniture can turn a deck into your "outdoor room." You may want to add a spa, privacy screen, outdoor cooking center or shade trellis.

If you are looking for some help and ideas in planning your deck, the California Redwood Association offers two booklets, "Redwood Deck Construction" and "Redwood Landscape Architecture." Send \$2.50 to California Redwood Association, Department DKU-04, 405 Enfrete Drive, Suite 200, Novato, CA 94949.

For more information, visit www.calredwood.org.

COUNCIL MINUTES APRIL 8, 2004

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Thursday, April 8, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following councilmembers present: George Harding, Bryan Mungia and Nancy Kimball.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator; Kathy Rendon, Utility Billing Clerk; Eddie Williams, Stratford Fire Department; Roger Mayfield, Stratford Police Department; Eric Werner; Mary Smith; Sandy Williams; Chris Chambers and Cheryl Luther representing TX DOT; Billy Hawkins and Charles Moorehead representing West Texas Gas; Gaynelle Riffe representing Ports-to-Plains and S.P.I.R.I.T.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

George Harding motioned to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2004 regular Meeting. Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

PRESENT A TIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Charles Moorehead was present representing West Texas Gas regarding a **STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE GAS DISTRIBUTION RATES**. Council has five (5) options that are listed on the WTG Rate Case - 2004 Point Sheet. Discussion took place. George Harding motioned for the last option - "Pass Ordinance denying WTG request. WTG will appeal decision to RRC & consolidate all cases to RRC". Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

No one present for Item 3B. Mayor skipped to Item 3D.

Eddie Williams was present regarding necessary repairs to the fire whistle. The problem appears to be electrical. He is requesting permission to hire J & L

Maintenance to use their crane to find out exactly what the problem is. Consensus of the council is to allow Sean to handle this situation.

Sandy Williams was present regarding the appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Stratford. Nancy Kimball and Mayor David Brown expressed their appreciation of Sandy as Emergency Management Coordinator for the recent incident. Bryan Mungia motioned to accept Sandy Williams as Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Stratford. Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Sandy commended Mayor David Brown, City Administrator Sean Hardman and Judge Kim Crippen on a successful operation completed on the recent Emergency situation. Sandy stresses that all phone calls regarding Emergency situations need to be directed through the Emergency Operations Center so they can be documented. She also states she would like to schedule regular meetings for Emergency Coordination.

Mayor skipped to Item 7 (b) and (c) under Council Business.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Cheryl Luther and Chris Chambers were present and introduced a "visual" for the Main Street Project. Discussion took place. Council requested a few more visuals for the next Main Street Committee Meeting (TBA).

Gaynelle Riffe was present to discuss S.P.I.R.I.T. Gaynelle was requesting a \$500 donation per year for the next two years in addition to the regular annual dues. Discussion took place regarding Ports-to-Plains. Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the additional \$500 per year for a two-year commitment in addition to the regular dues for S.P.I.R.I.T. and also to pay regular annual dues for Ports-to-Plains. George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Council recessed at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor proceeded to Item 4 and Item 5.

Attendance for the TML Quarterly meeting will be Mayor David Brown and his wife, City

Administrator Sean Hardman and his wife, and LaRita Butler.

Nancy Kimball motioned to accept the Sherman County Appraisal District 2005 Budget as presented. George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor then skipped to Item 3C.

Kathy Rendon was present regarding her residential sewer bill. Discussion took place. This item was tabled until a tort claim had been filed and responded to.

Mayor then skipped to Item 7f.

Nancy motioned to approve Ordinance #040408 canceling the May 15, 2004 Regular Election. George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Discussion took place regarding the City of Stratford Personnel Policy. This item was tabled.

Bryan Mungia motioned to approve Accounts Payable. George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the March Financial Statement with changes to reflect actual figures regarding the Utility Fund. George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor then skipped to Item 6.

MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

No verbal report was given. Judge Cindy Jackson submitted her report in writing and was included in Council packets.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No verbal report was given. Officer Dwayne Dennis submitted his report in writing and was included in Council packets.

Mayor went back to Item 7 - Council Business.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Sean Harding reports that on Thursday, April 15th, the Recycle Department will hold its Open House cook out beginning at 11:30 a.m. He also reports that

GROW SHERMAN COUNTY ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER Vol. 11 May 24, 2004

The ROUNDTABLE sponsored by the Sherman County Development Committee held its quarterly breakfast meeting at the Imagination Station on Thursday, May 20, 2004. Breakfast of Burritos, Coffee, and Juice was served.

Teresa Edmond of the Sherman County Appraisal District presented an informative program on "Taxes and the Tax Collection process". Her presentation was followed with questions and answers. The ROUNDTABLE encourages all taxpayers to drop by the office of the Sherman County Appraisal District at 402 N 3rd Street in Stratford to get a free copy of the State Comptroller's Office Issued "A Taxpayers Guide to Rights, Remedies, and Responsibilities".

The Stratford Hospital District reports that Dr. Bassett and a nurse practitioner will be on a floating 3 days a week schedule at the Stratford Medical Clinic. This is a temporary schedule until Dr. Bassett can come on board on a full time schedule. The VA Clinic system is viable and an important part of the Stratford Medical Clinic. It provides medical service for veterans from the Texas Panhandle and the surrounding states of New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Colorado.

Coldwater Manor is awaiting state approval to use the converted therapy room for hospice. The manor has 37 in occupancy, unfortunately down three. Presently there is not a waiting list.

that have been several requests for building permits. A Deal Sheet was submitted from Duncan Chevrolet for a vehicle for the Recycling Department. Discussion took place. No action was taken.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

Discussion took place regarding trash service. Consideration of clean-up month will be April or May.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

The Stratford, ISD has completed a very successful school year. Many achievements have been gained by students.

teachers, the district and the Stratford ISD Education Foundation. The enrollment at the end of the school year was 637 students.

The Panhandle Transit District provides assistance to urban and rural communities by providing and coordinating public and specialized transportations services and related support services for area residents. The scheduled days to Stratford/Sherman County are Mondays, Wednesdays, and possibly on Fridays. Do you need to go to the doctor in Amarillo, Dumas or Dalhart? Do you want to go shopping? Do you not feel comfortable driving to scheduled appointments? The Panhandle Transit District provides assistance during normal daytime business hours and the cost is only 17.5 cents a mile. If you are interested in using this service, please telephone the Panhandle Transit District at the Panhandle Community Services in Dalhart at 244-5240. They will assist you in scheduling your trip.

Precinct #2 will begin asphalt work in the near future, and while the machine is operating in the area work will also be accomplished at the Stratford Cemetery.

The city of Stratford has received suggestions from TXDOT on the Stratford Main Street Project. They may be viewed at Stratford City Hall.

The community clean-up day at the Stratford Cemetery went well. The city and the Cemetery Board wish to thank everyone who helped in this endeavor. Unfortunately, the tumbleweeds keep rolling with each shifting wind and more work will be accomplished to ready the cemetery for the Memorial Day services.

The City of Stratford is two-thirds through the budget year and the revenues are above the amount budgeted. Good news, building permits are up, and the city will begin treating the city

streets to kill weeds and grass. The Stratford Chamber of Commerce encourages everyone to renew their membership. Planned summer activities are: Memorial Day Service at the

Stratford Veterans Memorial located near the front gate of the Stratford Cemetery at 120:00 AM Monday, May 31, 2004: July 4th at the Park, fireworks and novelty items have been ordered, and letters have been sent to non-profit organizations asking them to participate in hosting booths thereby each earning monies for their fund raising efforts: Ranch Rodeo will be July 30-31, 2004

The Sherman County Development Committee is planning to accomplish work in the basement of the Taylor Building this summer as well as getting the office space completed. The fast food franchise SUBWAY is still hoped to be opened this summer. Projects underway are a Bed and Breakfast, a dairy farm, a SCDC webpage, and assisting existing businesses.



When The Munchies Get The Best Of You

(NAPS)—Opening a new chapter in weight loss programs is a book that can offer real solutions for busy people. The book, **NutriSystem® Nourish** (Wiley, \$24.95) by Dr. James Rouse, helps dieters jump-start their weight loss with a good carb answer. Dr. Rouse points out that though most dieters know choosing fruits and vegetables is best, sometimes their cravings can get the best of them. Happily, there are still good choices to be made. Rouse suggests these snack-saving ideas for when the munchies attack. Their glycemic values are low so they'll do a little less damage to your blood sugar level. Remember, though, portion control is the key:

- A handful of peanuts instead of pretzels.
- A few peanut M&Ms instead of jelly beans.
- Mini Snickers instead of Life Savers.
- Low-fat chocolate milk instead of ice cream.
- Pumpernickel bread instead of a baguette.
- Raspberries with chocolate instead of plain chocolate.

Available wherever books are sold.



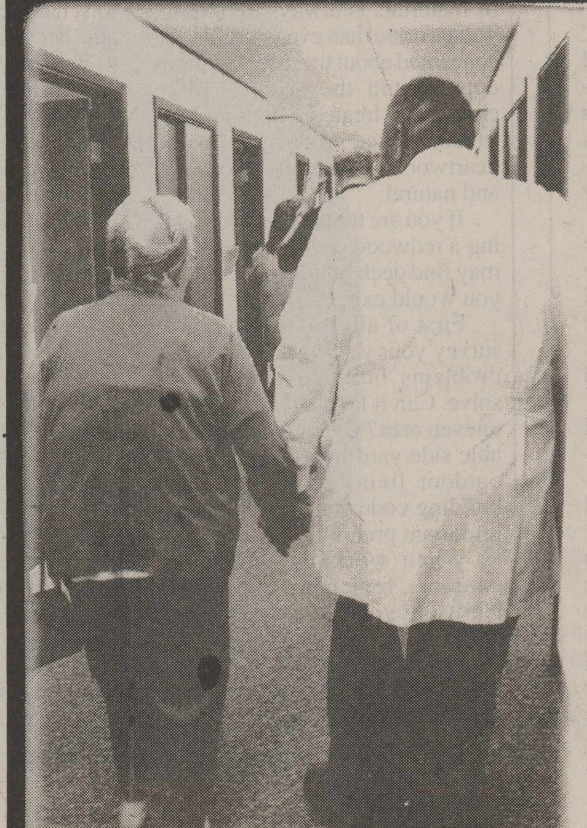
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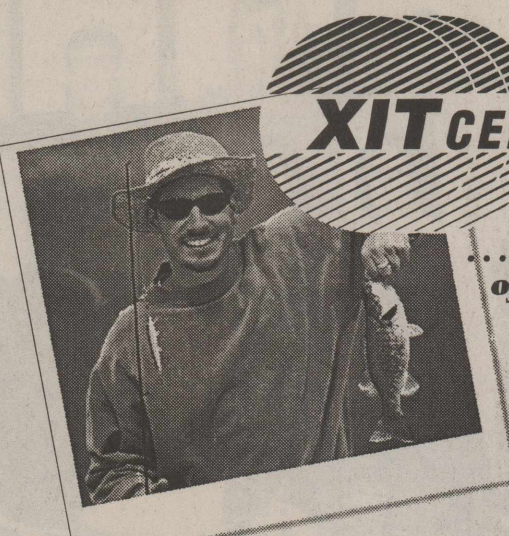


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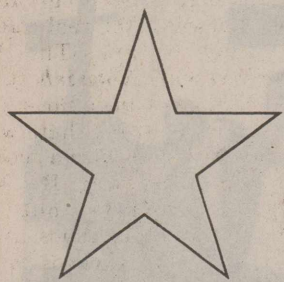
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7-17-c



Help Wanted

Steel Erector/Foreman
Need a self-motivated individual with experience in, but not limited to, erecting grain legs, bins, metal buildings, millwright and able to read blueprints. Top pay for the right person. Benefits available. Apply in person at Hunter Agri Construction, Inc. Hwy 54 West, Dalhart or fax resume to 806-244-4743.
5-13-tfn

J.W. Resources Inc. needs Oil field truck driver wanted. Must have CDL & hazmat. Good salary + health benefits. Sherman County Area Only. Interested parties call 806-467-9600.
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Welding Superintendent
Need a self-motivated leader with knowledge of all phases of welding fabrication, machining, able to read blue prints. Top pay for the right person. Benefits available. Apply in person at Hunter Agri construction, Inc. Hwy 54 West, Dalhart or fax resume to 806-244-4743.
5-13-tfn

Summer harvest help wanted. Apply at Stratford Grain Company
5-27-c

Garage Sales

Yard Sale: Sat. May 29th 618 N. Pearl, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. "Little Bit of Everything"
5-27-c

Garage Sale: 601 S. Spruce, across from Girl Scout Park. Saturday, May 29, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 3-family-Household Goods, antique glasses, microwave, dishes, furniture, wedding items, lots more!!!!
5-27-c

Garage sale-Friday and Saturday, May 28 and 29, 313 Stickney Street, Time 9 to 4 p.m. Sewing machine, dresser, lots more for sale.
5-27-p

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, Call

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For Rent

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

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3-4-tfn

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Mary Allen Elementary

When the well's dry, we know the worth of water.
—Benjamin Franklin

Houses For Sale

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

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

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

HOUSE FOR SALE: 602 N. MAPLE, BRICK, 2700 SQ. FT. LIVING, DBL GARAGE, 3 BATHS, \$80,000. CALL: 396-5946
3-4-TFN

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

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

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

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

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

Cards of Thanks

Stratford Community, It has been a very high honor to have been a part of your community for the time that we have been here. We honestly believe that you have added a lot to who we are. The support that you have shown us since the accident, and Tyron's subsequent hospital stay, has been nothing short of spectacular. You have taught us what real community living is, and we appreciate it more than you can know. The mark that you have made on our lives is indelible. You will be in our hearts and minds wherever we go. Thank you Stratford for making us better people!

Larry, Wanda, Sade, Tyron, & Aaron

The Depot Museum Board members would like to thank everyone who supported our Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday. We would especially like to thank the businesses who made it possible: Stratford Grain, 1st State Bank, Happy State Bank, Stratford Feedyard, Lasley Feedyard, Dettie Feedyard, Thriftway, A&I, XIT, Duckwalls, and Express Lane. Your support helps keep the Museum OPEN and FREE to the PUBLIC. Thank you.

Ann Wells
Depot Museum Board
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7-31-tfn

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5-27-tfn

320 N. Wall-2100 sq. ft-3 bd-3 bath-corner lot plus extra lot, \$95,000. Will show by appointment only 396-5521 or 366-3628.
5-27-tfn

For Sale: N. Chestnut, small garage house on 30' lot. Call 806-396-5378 or 806-396-0466.
6-17-c

Cards of Thanks

The residents of Coldwater Manor Nursing Home would like to thank, "THE General Store" for donating a lot of flowers, tomatoes plants and pepper plants. Mae Plunk, Ina Vandiver, Jane Willey, Violet Krueger, Myrle Stratton spent May 20th, putting out plants. It was a nice morning for us to get out and play in the dirt. Thanks again. We really appreciate it.

Activity Directors
Janice Vaughn & JoAnn Cobos

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NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SHERMAN

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 69TH Judicial District Court of SHERMAN County on the 3rd day of March, 2004 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of

TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS CARL K FISH AS ADMIN OF THE MARY LENA FISH ESTATE

Cause # 4486 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered. I will proceed to sell, at TWO (2) O'CLOCK PM on the 1ST DAY OF JUNE, 2004 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said SHERMAN County, in the City of STRATFORD Texas, the following described property, to wit:

.002604 Royalty Interest in the Ownbey #1, Lease Number 11300, RRC #27689, located in Section 59, Block 3-B, GH&H Survey, Sherman County, Texas Levied on the 5th day of April, 2004 as the property of

MARY LENA FISH AND/OR CARL K FISH

to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$599.03, representing delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney's fees through the date of judgment, plus all costs of court, costs of sale, and post judgment penalties and interest recoverable by law in favor of TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXHOMA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT, NORTH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT AND SHERMAN COUNTY.

ALL BIDDERS MUST COMPLY WITH SECTION 34.015 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 14th day of April, 2004. Jack Haile, Sheriff, Sherman County, Texas.

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STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE

The Stratford Independent School District is accepting requests for proposals for the following items:

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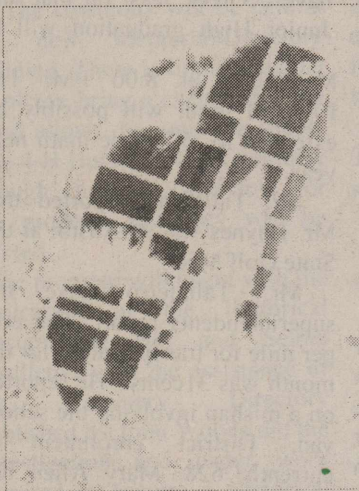
The proposals are for the period of September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005. The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., June 9, 2004. Any request for proposal after this date will not be accepted. The proposal may be mailed to Stratford I.S.D., P.O. Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, faxed to 806-366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendent Office at 503 N. 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened June 9, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. Specifications may be obtained from the Superintendent's office. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and or all bids. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, May 20, 2004 and Thursday, May 27, 2004

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ALL CLEAR: 1 MINUTE OF CONTINUOUS TONE

Pet of the Week

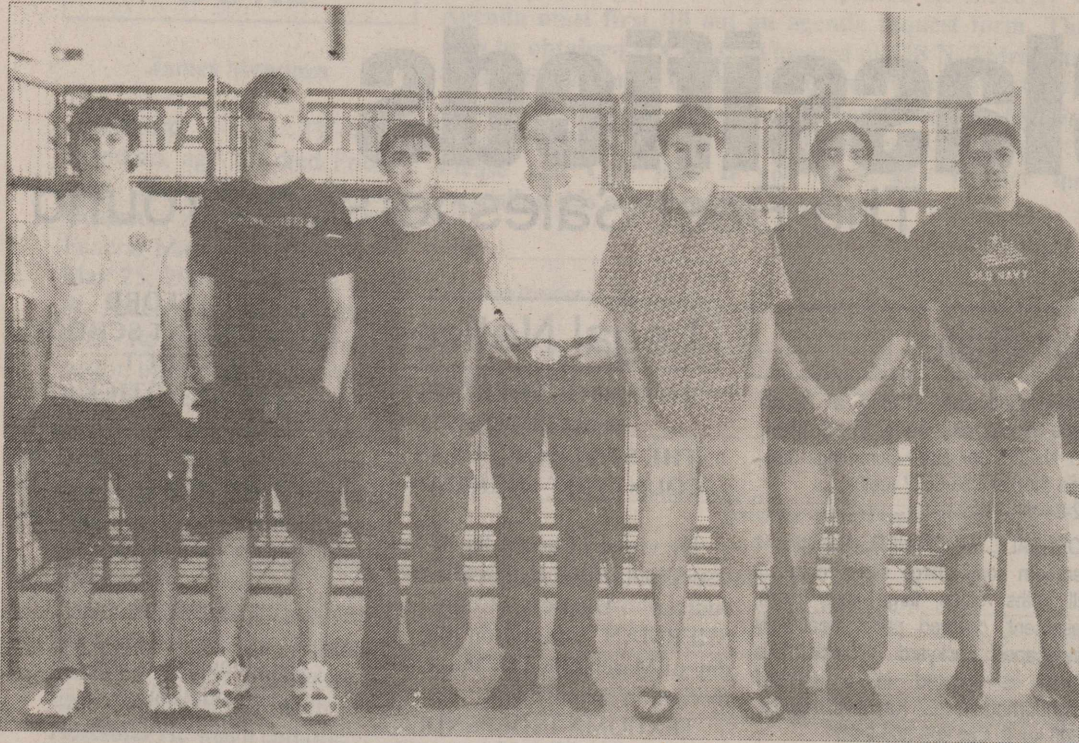


The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter ("no kill" facility) currently has over 100 dogs & Puppies available for adoption. These dogs are all sizes & range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed and/or neutered & have their shots. These dogs need a good home.

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

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





Ag Structure Class

Ag Structure class from left, Walter Spurlock, Kelby Smith, Jerold Frizzell, Will Young, Andrew Correll, Johnny Gonzalez, and Manuel Maldonado built these lockers for the new fire hall.

STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION May 11, 2004

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, May 11, 2004 in the High School library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Garec McBryde, Brent Spurlock, Patti Vincent, Ted Allen, Steve Johnson, Jim Taliaferro, Superintendent

Guests present were: Dinah Horsford, Tim Gilliland, Mary Pat Williams, Cindy Russell, Tim Mercer - Pritchard & Abbott, John Maddox - Pritchard & Abbott, Kathy Bond - Sherman County Appraisal District, Teresa Edmond - Sherman County Appraisal District, DeWain Trayler, Steve Hays, George Dowlen - Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP., and Greg Wright.

Mr. Gilliland led the invocation.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the district's monthly recognition. It was as follows:

1. Ashlee Glock was named as the High School Valedictorian and Amber Larance was named as the High School Salutatorian. Kristen Crabtree was named the Junior High Valedictorian and Samantha Hart and Jordan Confer were named the Junior High Salutatorians. Congratulations to these students for their hard work.

2. Junior High Cheerleader elections were held on Friday, April 16. The following were elected: 8th grade - Chelsea Garza, Rachel Martinez, Becky Rosales, Sierra Valenzuela, 7th grade - Celeste Barrientos, Kelsi Dennis, Chelbye Ellis, Angie Rosales and Channing Ziemann.

Congratulations to these girls.

3. High School cheerleader elections were held on Wednesday, April 21st. The following were elected: Junior Varsity - Kelsey Stein, Kristen Crabtree, Merilee McDaniel, Whitney Garza and Darcy Rosales, Varsity - Lindsay Stein, Deidre Tarver, Allison Baskin, Haley Buckles, Lillian Valenzuela, and Cassi Garza. Gina Mattocks will be the mascot. Congratulations to these girls.

4. Austin Riffe represented the district at the Guyton Community Theater in its production of The Sound of Music.

5. Tyler Haynes won 1st place at the Regional golf meet. He advanced to the State Meet where he tied for 7th. Congratulations Tyler.

6. Deidre Tarver won 1st place in the discus at the Regional track meet. She will advance to the State Track meet in Austin on May 14 & 15. Congratulations and good luck Deidre.

7. Jordan Taylor won 1st place in Lincoln Debate and Ashton Robinson won 2nd in Informative Speaking at the Regional UIL Academic Meet in Levelland. They competed at the

State UIL Academic Meet in Austin where Ashton placed 4th. Congratulations to these students.

8. The Senior 4-H Shooting Sports team placed 2nd qualifying them for the State Round Up to be held in College Station in June 8-10. Members of the team are Carson Buckles, Nathan White, Rustin Russell, and Walter Spurlock.

9. Ashlee Glock is the recipient of the Burke Bell Memorial Scholarship awarded by the Federal Land Bank in Dalhart. Congratulations Ashlee.

10. High School Student Council elections were held on May 5. Students elected to the Student Council were: Freshmen - Morgan Crabtree, Michael Reinart, Sophomores Bryce Wright, Rustin Russell, Evan Haile, Juniors - Allison Baskin, Haley Buckles, Maira Argomaniz, Seniors - April Kautz, Asbel Gomez, Chelsea Christian and Craig Reinart.

Mrs. Williams gave the elementary report. She commented on the work Cindy Russell's classes had done on certificates for her campus using the new printer. Kindergarten graduation will be May 18 in the Mary Allen cafeteria. She complimented the students on their hard work on the TAKS test. The TAKS tests will be given a week earlier next year. Summer school will be June 1-28 at the Mary Allen Elementary. About 60 elementary and 30 junior high students are expected to attend.

Mr. Gilliland gave the junior high report. The TAKS tests went well. The 5th & 6th grade will go to Wonderland Park on Thursday. The 8th grade will have a Greek feast on that day. Junior High graduation will be

May 20th at 8:00 PM. The PAALM grant will possibly be extended to 5th grade math next year.

Mr. Taliaferro reported that Mr. Haynes was in Austin at the State Golf Meet.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the superintendents report. The cost per mile for transportation for the month was 31cents. He reported on a mishap involving the school van. District enrollment is currently 628. Mary Allen has 255 students. Junior High has 190 and the High School has 183 students. The Spring TASB Legal Training will be May 19th at WTAMU in Canyon. The board will meet in special session on Monday, May 24th at 7:00 AM to canvass votes. Joe Reinart reminded the school board of the duties for the Scholastic Banquet on Friday, May 14th. A retirement reception will be held in honor of Linda Young on Sunday, May 23 at 2:00 PM. He noted that the Sherman County Appraisal District will have a budget hearing on May 21st at 7:00 AM in their board room. He then gave the budget summary. Monthly expenditures are at 61.86% and revenue collected at 90.20%. Tax collections are at 96.85%.

Ricky Reed arrived at 7:20 PM.

Teresa Edmond of the Sherman County Appraisal District gave a presentation to the board on questions they had concerning the Valero tax situation. She discussed the

procedure for filing suits as documented in the packets she gave to the board. She addressed the question of the entities ability to approve the appraisal district budget. She explained that the school district and the county has a representative on the board, Valerie McAlister, tax accessory by law is on the board and the other 5 positions are elected, at-large. All entities have equal voting. She then

discussed the Dynagy 360 late protest. The protest was received by the postmark date deadline. Discussion was held on the Appraisal Review Board. She then introduced Mr. John Maddox of Pritchard & Abbott Appraisal Firm. He passed out a packet of information to the board. He explained the cost approach and income approach of appraisals. He explained the process the firm used to arrive at an appraisal for Valero. George Dowlen, attorney of the Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Motts LLP, firm answered questions from the board. Mr. Taliaferro thanked them for their information.

Ted Allen made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to approve the consent agenda. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Reinart read a letter of resignation from Linda Young. Patti Vincent made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to accept the letter of resignation with regrets. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Taliaferro read the bids received on the lots for sale. They were as follows: Parcel #1, Lots 2 & 3 Total Bid for Parcel #1 \$8000.00 Greg & Marsha Wright Parcel #2, Lots 4 & 5 Lot 4 - \$3,050, Lot 5 - \$3,050 Total Bid \$6,100 Tim & Laurie Gilliland. Discussion was held. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to approve the bids as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Taliaferro explained the budget amendment. SEE ATTACHMENT Discussion was held. Garec McBryde made the motion and Steve Johnson seconded to approve the budget amendment as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

The board took a short recess at 9:00 PM.

Discussion was held on state financing and staffing for next year.

Steve Johnson addressed the board on concerns he had.

Mr. Taliaferro thanked Steve Johnson and Ted Allen for their years of service on the board.

Ted Allen thanked the board for the opportunity to serve.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.
—Anonymous

A table, a chair, a bowl of fruit and a violin; what else does a man need to be happy?
—Albert Einstein



Students Entertain at Coldwater Manor

Shannon Taliaferros' students from Plainview School recently entertained at Coldwater Manor for the Birthday Party. Shown above are the students that sang several selections for the residents. Two residents of Coldwater Manor had great grandchildren performing, Florence Warren and Maurine Henderson.

The true epic of our times is not arms and the man, but tools and the man, an infinitely wider kind of epic.

—Thomas Carlyle

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