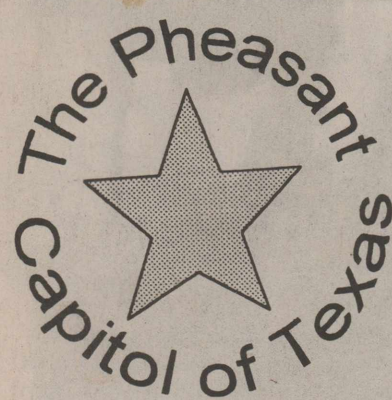


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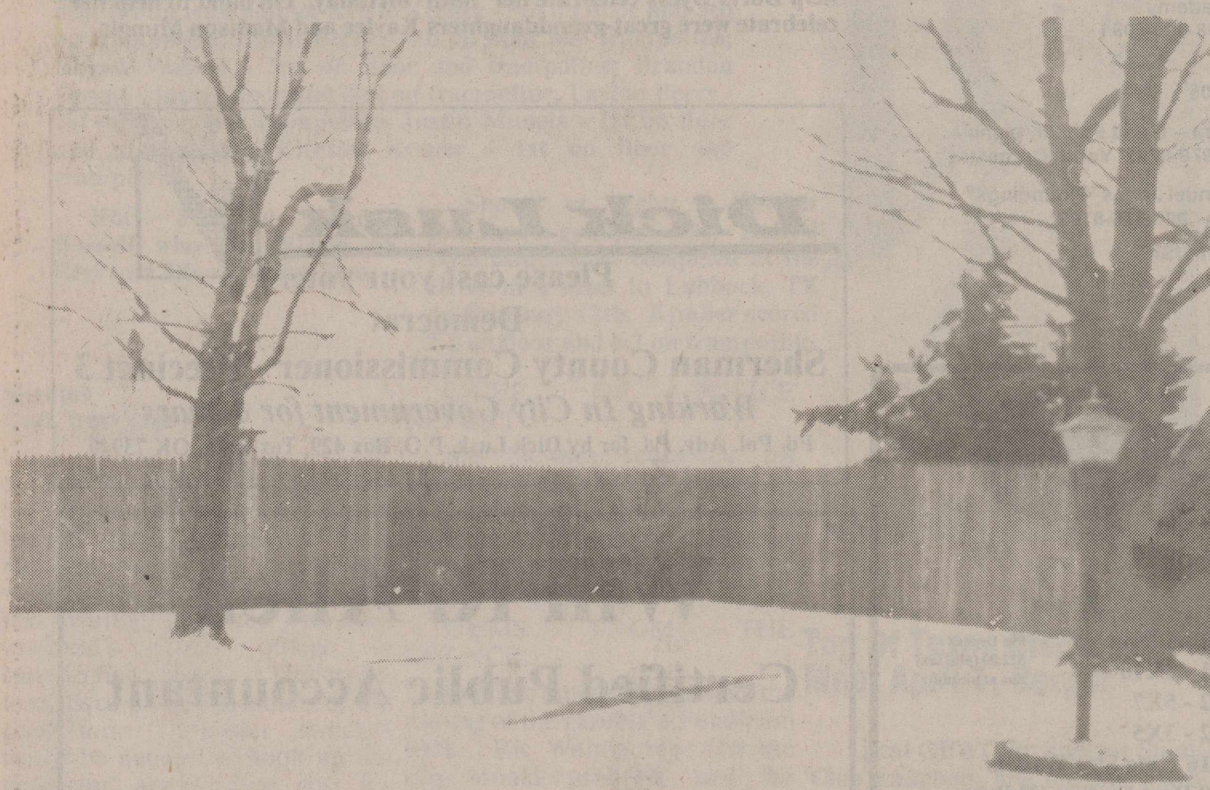
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Moisture in the form of rain and snow fell in the area last Thursday, March 2, 2000. Reports of over an inch had been reported. Very Much Needed!!

Republican Primary

Republican General Primary Election will be Tuesday, March 14 at County Barn-Stratford 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. County Barn-Texhoma 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Vote by mail until March 7. Call the County Clerks office.

Early voting at the Sherman County Courthouse, Clerk's office February 28 through March 10 during normal business hours.

Trustee Election To Be Held

The Stratford Ind. School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 6, 2000. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may due so through March 22, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. You may apply at the Superintendent's office, 503 N. 8th Street, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

School will dismiss early at 1:45 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2000.

School will be closed for Spring Break March 13 through 17, and candidate applications may be filed at The Sherman County Public Library with Sandy Baskin, Board Secretary. Hours are as follows: Mon. 12 noon - 8 p.m., Tues-Wed-Thurs 12 noon-6 p.m., Fri-closed, Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tree Orders Still Being Taken At SWCD

REMINDER: The Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District is still taking orders for windbreak and landscape trees. One and five gallon along with balled and burlapped evergreens, shade and fruit trees can be ordered until April 1, 2000. Come by or call 396-5517, ext. 101 for more information.

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To Report Suspected Child Abuse, Call

Kathie Altman - 366-5611
Arlene Baker - 366-5318
Joyce Dodson - 366-5608
Patsy Harland - 827-7568
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Mark Metzger - 396-2013
Michal Meyer - 827-7453

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Census 2000 Is Coming!!!!

It's important to remind everyone to participate in the "nose counting" effort this year because of its potential impact on state and local programs. Programs that could be affected include housing, child care, senior citizen lunches, rehab loans, and health care. The data is also used in establishing 9-1-1 service areas, transportation systems, educational opportunities for households with low incomes or disabilities, schools, community centers, and jobs.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot show an individual's information to anyone, including welfare agents, immigration officials, the IRS, courts, police or military officials. The goal is to collect combined data, not to check up on private individuals.

Census 2000 surveys are available in English, Spanish, and many other languages. Exercise responsible citizenship by participating in the completion of the census when it arrives at your home.

Early Voting To Begin April 19

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Wednesday, April 19, 2000 and continue through May 2, 2000. Early voting will be conducted in the Superintendent's office from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.

Applications filed to date are Jeanne Bell and Greg Wright. Board members whose term will expire are Kenton Kimball, Philip Walden, and Sandy Baskin. Holdover members are Steve Johnson, Ted Allen, Ricky Reed, and Joe Reinart.

Directors Election For Hospital District To Be Held

Stratford Hospital District will hold a Director Election on Saturday, May 6, 2000. The first day to apply for a place on the ballot is February 21, 2000 and will continue through March 22, 2000. Application may be made at Stratford Hospital District Administrative offices at Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Road, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Three directors' terms are expiring: Gary Hudson, Les Dodson, and Ineta Cheshier. Directors whose terms continue for another year are Margaret Reed and Wayland Brown.

Democrat Primary

The Democratic Primary will be Tuesday March 14th from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting will start February 28 and run through March 10th. Voting will be at County Clerks office from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. You do not have to have a reason for early voting as in the past. A ballot can be mailed to you if so requested. Normal voting is March 14 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m..

Voting places are as follows: Box 61, Sherman County Library; Box 102 County Barn at Lautz; Box 201 Sherman County Barn-Stratford; Box 202 Precinct 2 County Barn; Box 301 Stratford Ambulance Building; Box 302 Elementary School at Texhoma, Texas and Box 401 County and District Courtroom.

SISD Holds Regular Meeting

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Steve Johnson, President, Ted Allen, Vice-President, Sandy Baskin - Secretary-Absent, Ricky Reed, Kenton Kimball, Philip Walden, Joe Reinart, and Vernon Paul, Supt.

Administrative Team Members present:

Vernon Paul, Steve Haynes, Jerry Hunkapiller, Jim Taliaferro, and Brad Thiessen.

Guests present: Travis Melton, Linda Young, B.A. Donelson, Johnny Mungia, Jeanne Bell, Tammy Lerman, Ray Lerman, Debbie McDaniel, Gerald McDaniel, and Jim Dewees.

Invocation given by Steve Haynes.

Jeanne Bell voiced concerns about the direction the boys basketball program was headed. Concerned about the number of players playing. Ray Lerman voiced concern about or handling of the gun threat. Wanted to make sure we went far enough and that we would close school if necessary.

Next, Mr. Paul evaluated the board. The evaluation is a part of the minutes. See attachment.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Haynes talked about the TAAS Exit Test and upcoming events. Mr. Hunkapiller discussed his cheerleader proposal and the gun incident. Mr. Taliaferro discussed activities at MAE coming up during March.

Travis Melton gave the transportation report. Gas is going up each week, but we are holding repairs to a minimum. The older Big Blue is having problems with air conditioning. Cost per mile for fuel was .25.

Mr. Paul gave a budget summary stating we have spent 48.97% of budget and on the revenue side received 73.36% of our revenues. Tax collections we have collected 94.98% of the taxes and 17.26% of the delinquent taxes collected. Mr. Paul gave dates of open house: MAE, March 2, 6-8 p.m.; JH, March 7, 6-8 p.m.; HS, March 7, 7-9 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

Beginning with the consent agenda motion by Ricky Reed and seconded by Joe Reinart to approve consent agenda. After discussion, vote 6-0-0.

Next a motion was made by Kenton Kimball and seconded by Philip Walden to sell lots 12, 13,

14, 15, and 16 to Johnny Mungia with no stipulations for \$9000. After discussion on building home on those lots, vote 4-2-0 with Ted Allen and Ricky Reed voting No. Motion by Ricky Reed and seconded by Joe Reinart to order Trustee election for May 6, 2000. Steve Johnson gave board training hours. All members have exceeded the number of hours required by TEA for board member training. Vote 6-0-0. Motion by Steve Johnson, seconded by Ricky Reed to appoint Janice Sladek as election judge, vote 6-0-0. Motion by Kenton Kimball, seconded by Ricky Reed to appoint Darla Cummings, Penny Boyd, Sue Hudson, and Barbie Wight as early voting clerks. Vote 6-0-0. Motion by Ricky Reed and seconded by Joe Reinart to approve new contract forms. Mr. Paul told us about problems with wording in contracts and said if we ever had to go to court then we would be defended by Schwartz & Eichelbaum. If they were going to defend our contracts, then we should consider using their contracts. Vote 6-0-0. Motion by Joe Reinart and seconded by Ricky Reed to approve Schwartz & Eichelbaum assignment forms. After discussion, vote 6-0-0. Motion by Kenton Kimball and seconded by Philip Walden to adopt local policies DCA, DCB, and DCE. These policies concern employee standard of conduct, termination, nonrenewal, and go along with new contracts, vote 6-0-0. Motion by Philip Walden and seconded by Joe Reinart to approve actual expenditures of all funds for 1998-99 of \$4,400,436 vote 6-0-0.

Motion by Ricky Reed and seconded by Ted Allen to give Steve Haynes, Jim Taliaferro, and Jerry Hunkapiller an extension on their contract making their contracts run through 2002. Vote 6-0-0. Motion by Steve Johnson and seconded by Philip Walden to give Brad Thiessen an extension of his contract making his contract run through 2002. Vote 6-0-0. Motion by Ted Allen and seconded by Kenton Kimball to renew contracts of Misti McBryde and Connie Paul. Vote 6-0-0.

At 10:05 p.m. went in to closed session pursuant section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to discuss personnel. Came out of closed session at 11:48 p.m. with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 p.m.



Stratford Area Foundation awarded 4-H Shooting Sports club a grant for purchasing new equipment for the project club. Project club officers on hand to receive the check from Vernon Paul of Stratford Area Foundation were from left: Harrison Walden, Reporter, Walter Spurlock, Vice-President, and Brad Reed, President.



Shown above, 4-H Shooting Sports officers (l-r) Harrison Walden - Reporter, Walter Spurlock, Vice-President, Brad Reed - President, and Rustin Russell - Secretary/Treasurer show Sherman Co. Extension Agent Susie Spurlock their check from Stratford Area Foundation.

Sherman County 4-H Council To Meet

The Sherman County 4-H Council will meet on Monday, March 20 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the educational room of the County Extension Office in Stratford. All council members are asked to attend as Shelby Shipp will presenting information concerning the Special Olympics to be held in April.

Annual Chamber Banquet Planned For April 11, 2000

The annual Chamber Banquet is planned for April 11, 2000. The Silent Auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the filet-steak dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. We are currently accepting nominations for the Citizen-of-the-Year. All nominations must be in our office by April 1, 2000. The General Board will the consider all entries, and make their decision at the April 4, 2000 meeting. Dorothy Haile (1999 Citizen Winner) will announce the 2000 winner during the banquet. The 4th grade music class, from Mary Allen School, will present a short program. Other area talent will also perform during the meal. Make plans now to get your tickets early. The ticket price is \$10.00 and may be purchased from any Chamber member or from the chamber office which is located at the City Hall. Our goal as a chamber is to improve the quality of life for our citizens and the community. Show your support for our community. Make your citizen nominations, and attend this banquet with your friends and neighbors. The sounds you hear may be surprising!

School Board Candidate Workshop Offers Information & Insight

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Thursday, March 23, 7-9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center (1601 S. Cleveland, Amarillo).

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include the school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of the students, and keys to responsible campaigns. Participants will also view *A Call to Service*, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information, call Kathy Dundee at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6171.

Obits

Annie M. Pulliam

Stratford-Annie M. Pulliam, 78, died Thursday, March 2, 2000.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 6, 2000 in First Christian Church of Stratford with the Rev. Rob Chandler, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Pulliam was born in Buckner, Ark., and formerly lived in Boise City, OK. She taught in elementary schools in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. She moved to Stratford in 1967 where she was a member of First Christian Church.

She married J.O. Pulliam in 1967 at Dallam County.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Mike Asher of Texhoma, OK., Johnny Pulliam and Tommy Asher, both of Stratford and Sam Asher of Kerrick; two daughters, Renee Fisk of Hutchinson, KS., and Vickie Guston of South Padre; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to First Christian Church of Stratford, P.O. Box 626, Stratford, TX 79084 or a favorite charity.

Eual Allen

Dalhart-Eual "Buck" Allen, 85, died Friday, March 3, 2000 in Dumas.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 6, 2000 in Stratford Cemetery in Stratford with Ray M. Guy, senior minister of First Christian Church of Dalhart, officiating. Arrangements were by Hass Funeral Home Inc.

Mr. Allen was born in Farwell and raised in Stratford where he graduated from Stratford High School. He attended business college then entered the Army Air Corps in 1942. He was a technical sergeant.

Mr. Allen worked for Canadian River Gas. He lived in Amarillo for six years and renovated the Dr. Walker pioneer home. In 1951, he traded the property for farm and ranch land in Coldwater community where he lived before moving to Dalhart.

He married Aldah Hevron in 1946 in Amarillo. She died in December.

Survivors include two brothers, William "Bill" Allen and George H. Allen, both of Stratford; and a sister, Winnie M. Simons of Boulder, Colo.

Census 2000 Update Topic Of EPC Meeting

Members of the Sherman County Extension Program Council receive training on the importance of residents completing information for Census 2000. Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences presented the information. Spurlock stated the census process will begin in April for the completion of field work in November. County residents are asked to complete the information so that decision making at all levels of government as accurate numbers are used for redistricting, budget planning, forecast of highway and road use, directing funds to services for the poor, and rural development to name a few of its uses.

Council members also evaluated the Annual meeting held in November and learned of a special training for members and guest on Economic Development. Don Taylor of the Small Business Development Center will be conducting a training on community and economic development issues along with Business development and retention on Thursday, March 23 in Dalhart. Members discussed potential individuals who should be invited to the training.

The council heard a report from the State Extension Program Audit held in December. Included in the report was a goal of members assisting with the identification, recruiting, and training of new members. Paula Nusz was welcomed as a new member.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Sherman County Taxpayer,

Sherman County residents need to be aware that the "Wheels of Justice" turn very slowly in Sherman County. Two years ago, on or around the 25th of February, 1998, a pop-up camper trailer was stolen from our farm southwest of Stratford. The Sheriff's office was notified. Information and pictures for identification were given to them. Last year around the 25th of February (one year after the trailer was stolen), acting on a hunch about another theft, my husband drove down an alley and peered over a fence into a local resident's backyard. There was our stolen camp trailer.

At that time, he notified the Sheriff's office. They came and positive identification was made of the trailer. The trailer was impounded and taken to the body shop impound yard. It remained there from the last of February until the end of December, at the cost to YOU the TAXPAYER of \$2,930.00 (That is more than we paid for the camper to start out with.) At the end of December, it was removed from the body shop and moved to a locked yard that belonged to Sherman County. There it still remains.

We were told that the theft of our trailer was being attached to another case which was going to the District Court in January. The theft of our trailer was never mentioned at the trial. The case of our trailer was sent back to Sherman County. Two years after it was stolen, and one year after we found it, the trailer is still impounded, even though positive identification was made. This seems to send the message that it is okay to steal in Sherman County, that the taxpayers and the victims will pay for it!

Sonja Ragsdale

Dear Editor,

I would like to use this forum to remind the voters of Sherman County that early voting is open to all registered voters of the county. Early voting can be done any weekday until March 10, 2000, at the Sherman County Clerk's office, in the basement of the County Courthouse. because the Primary Election is during the week of Spring Break, it is especially important for voters who may be leaving town to remember to take advantage of early voting. Every vote is important!

Sincerely,
Sandy Tillery

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Tues. - Sat.

7 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 5-9 p.m.

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Lunch - 11:30 - 2:00 p.m.

CLOSED MONDAY

FCE Holds Meeting March 3rd

Several Sherman County women are making plans to attend Family, Community, Education District Conference in Hereford March 28. The FCE Council met March 3 in the agent's office.

An item for the Silent Auction at the district was discussed.

4-H Fashion Show is March 24 at 6 p.m. at the County Exhibit Building. There is to be a covered dish supper.

Council will again serve lunch for those attending the Leadership sessions on March 8.

Susie Spurlock, agent, gave a report of upcoming events.

Present were Mary Lou Walden, Kristi Walden, Jean Everett, Jimmie Pronger, Dortha Allen, Marylou McDaniel.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

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| March 1-5 | "The American Story" Musical
Branding Iron Theatre, WTAMU, Canyon |
| March 2-11 | "Death Of A Salesman" drama
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 |
| March 4,5 | "Nunsense Jamboree" Guymon Players
LaRita Theatre, Dalhart 244-5646 |
| March 4 | The Harrington String Quartet
Westminster Presbyterian Church 806-376-8782 |
| March 4 | Ohio Ballet "Kings of Swing" Lone Star Ballet
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-2463 |
| March 6 | "Avalon-Anointed" Christian Contemporary
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096 |
| March 1 | "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" |
| April 1 | State Right Theatre, Amarillo 806-353-7888 |
| March 8 | UIL Orchestra Contest 8:00
Amarillo Civic Auditorium Free Adm. |
| March 11 | Amarillo Symphony- Copland & Ellington
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782 |
| March 16-20 | Disney on Ice "Wizard of Oz"
Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096 |
| March 25*** | Mozart's "Magic Flute" Amarillo Opera
Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-373-7464 |
| March 31*** | "The Music Man" ALT Academy |
| April 1 | Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 |
| March 31 | "Best of Texas Festival"
Grand Plaza 806-373-9305 |
| March 31 | Randel Chamber Orchestra - David Palmer, piano
First Baptist Church 806-876-8782 Youth Orchestra |
| April 11 | Amarillo Symphony - Samuel Jones "Roundings"
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782 |
| April 14 | WTAMU SHOWCASE OF MUSIC
Amarillo Civic Auditorium |

Local Scholarships Due March 10th

The following local scholarships are due this Friday, March the 10th. Please note that the Earl and Conrad Riffe Memorial Scholarship will not be due until April the 14th. For each of these scholarships, seniors must write a personal letter of no more than one page in length describing their plans for the future. Some of the scholarship letters require additional information. Please contact Misti McBryde at 366-3322 for details concerning each of the local scholarships. All local Scholarship letters need to be turned in to Misti McBryde.

Sherman County Texas State Teachers Association Scholarship (The letter for this scholarship needs to be about the teacher who has had the most influence on you.)

V.O. Lasley Memorial Scholarship

Prospectus Study Club Scholarship

Stratford Police Department Scholarship

Nu Beta Sorority Scholarship

Tri Corner Art Association Scholarship - for art majors

Stratford Chamber of Commerce Scholarship - for agriculture related majors

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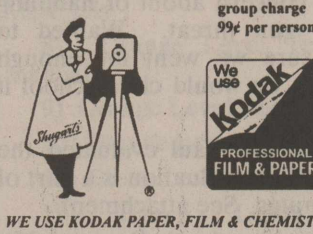


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A party was held at SCOT Hall on Thursday, March 2, 2000 to help Doris Dyess celebrate her "88th" birthday. On hand to help her celebrate were great-granddaughters Kaylee and Madison Mungia.

Dick Lusk

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Timis Tidbits

By Timi Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers, Readers, Citizens this calm, sunny Monday morning March 6, 2000. The old timer community is rather thoughtful and sad due to the memorial services for Anne Pulliam, Eual (Buck) Allen, Nina Gore, wife of Howard Gore of Sunray, Texas.

And personally Dr. Albright Dumas, Texas, recommended that Timi continue home therapy under the supervision of Laquita West, a physical therapist from the Memorial Therapy Dept. in Dumas, Texas.

Timi suggests that someone get in touch with Ross Austin, former Stratfordite whose present address was thoughtfully put in the paper March 2, 2000 by Marillyn Harkins.

Having read current Tidbits thus far, you understand the push we are under today to comply with our surgeons request that we continue home therapy under the supervision of the therapist from Dumas Memorial Hosp. are association with the therapist while we were in the hospital in Dumas gives us this privilege to say the therapist are Angels of Mercy and were fortunate to have their services in our home.

Remember home folks to pat shoulder and tell folks luv u.

Check Out The Library

By Sandy Baskin

Story Time ended this past week with 20 youngsters receiving certificates of attendance. I hope they learned just a little of what our volunteers tried to teach them about "character". "Thank You's" go out to the volunteers: Lynn Wells, Ronna Riffe, Yvonne Tapia, Ellen Downs, and Denise Whitman; and a special "Thank You" to the program directors Laurie Spurlock and Marsha Wright without whom this program could not have taken place.

In preparation for National Library Week, April 8-14, the library will be holding some drawings for a free book for both adults and children. Every time someone checks out a book they will get a chance to sign-up for the drawing, so remember to come in and check out a book.

New at the library this week is *Ghosts of Cape Sabine* by Leonard F. Guttridge. The Harrowing true story of the Greeley Expedition in which twenty-five men went north on an expedition to the Arctic and only six returned. The story has been only partly known, and full of dark riddles, but more than seven years of research by acclaimed historian Leonard Guttridge have uncovered journals, letters, diaries, and other documentary material that for the first time provide intimate day-by-day details of the swirling events surrounding that ill-fated voyage, from turbulent birth to bizarre and tragic finale. The result is a work of nonfiction narrative that reads like a novel-a raw, vivid, harrowing adventure, brilliantly told.

Delirium of the Brave by William Charles Harris brings you into the sweeping passions of politics of legendary Savannah, Georgia-from its Irish-Catholic aristocracy to its descendants of slavery, from its majestic homes and sparkling beaches to its murky swamps and mysterious islands where family secrets and even a huge fortune can lay buried for generations. A gripping novel of history, intrigue, faith and love, *Delirium of the Brave* not only paints an evocative portrait of one of the South's most fabled cities, but demonstrates how the pain of the past becomes the promise of the future.



It is estimated that you will eat 35,000 cookies in your lifetime.

Lenton Lunch Series

The Sherman County Ministerial Alliance will be hosting a **Lenten Lunch Series** with the theme, "Challenges for the New Century: A Christian Response." The series will consist of a light lunch to be served at different churches in Stratford at noon on Wednesdays from March 15 to April 12. The hosting church will provide the meal, which will begin at 12:15 p.m. During the lunch, the pastor of the host church will offer a 15 minute presentation on the theme, "Challenges for the New Century: A Christian Response," based on his experience, as well as the perspectives and current issues of his particular denomination. Following the short presentation, those attending will have 15 minutes to ask questions and engage in discussion. The luncheon will adjourn at 12:50 p.m. and will be followed by an optional tour of the church facilities.

Stratford and Sherman County residents are encouraged to participate in this enlightening ecumenical experience that is sure to build on our shared knowledge, our common spiritual journeys and our Christian unity. The following is the schedule for the Lenten series, including dates, host churches and pastors making presentations.

March 15th-First Methodist Church-Rev. Metzger	United Mark
March 22nd-St. Joseph's Catholic Church-Rev. Darryl Birkenfeld	
March 29th-First Assembly of God Church-Rev. Dean Williamson	
April 5th First Christian Church-Rev. Rob Chandler	
April 12th-First Baptist Church-Rev. Jerry Stewart	

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Kerrick will have an Irish Potato Supper on Friday, March 17, 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Those attending are asked to bring a salad or a dessert. Hosts are the Gillenwaters, Schoonovers and Jo June McDaniel.

Wear some green if you want to avoid getting pinched!

Kerrick will be hostess for the March Coldwater Birthday Party on Tuesday, March 14.

Lynn Wells & Jo June McDaniel were in Amarillo last week and they took Mabel Rogers for supper.

Gene Murdock, son of Roberta and the late Bob Murdock, died recently at Laramie, Wyoming. Roberta makes her home in Mission, TX.

Brenda Taylor, Denver, spent the weekend in Kerrick. She is going to "school" in Minneapolis for a couple of weeks.

Nita Taylor and Buck Weaver attended the "Spirit of the Dance". Nita said she had liked "Lord of the Dance" more, but the Spirit dancers were younger.

Jo June McDaniel hosted a supper and card games Friday night for Brenda Taylor, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Bud & Frankie Shields.

Sundy Gillenwaters did clinicals in Dalhart Thursday with Dr. Matt Turner. (See, you made Kerrick news, Dr.!).

Sundy took daughter Kylee to Kansas to visit relatives and friends during her Spring Break.

This is Chandra Hawkins first year in Lil Dribblers and her team won 16-8 Thursday.

Leonard & Peggy Hawkins attended the Farm Sale Thursday at Dalhart.

Trisha Schoonover, Ellen Tillery & Kendra Mungia went to an estate auction at Elkhart Saturday.

Bill & Pat Boren took a shake-down trip in their new camper over the weekend. They attended ABC National Bowling Tournament in Albuquerque. There were several from Dalhart attending. No one set the world on fire bowling!

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Special Program Given To Prospectus Study Club



Battered & Abused Women & Children was the topic at GFWC/Prospectus Study Club last week. Speaking about CASA was Lisa Crabtree, left, Sherman Spence of Dumas talked about Safe Place. They were introduced by Linda Haynes, Public Affairs Coordinator.

Lisa Crabtree and Shirley Spence spoke to GFWC/Prospectus Study Club on March 1 at Sherman County Library. Mrs. Crabtree is a two year volunteer with CASA 69, Inc. and Mrs. Spence is Safe Place executive director in Dumas.

CASA volunteers are Court Appointed Special Advocates for children who have been victims of child abuse and neglect and are in the court system.

Safe Place, Inc., helps victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. They gladly accept clothing, furniture. Many come to them with just the clothes on their back. There is no charge for their service.

Speakers were introduced by Linda Haynes, Public Affairs Coordinator.

Marsha Wright, President-Elect, conducted the business session. Officers for 2000-2002 were elected. Marsha Wright will

be president; Laurie Spurlock, President-Elect, Yearbook; Michelle Lutes, First President, Finance; Shorty Albert, Second Vice-President, Social; ViAnn Reed, Secretary; Patti Vincent, Treasurer; Marylou McDaniel, reporter.

Orders were turned in for Spirit Flags.

The Book Fair is March 7-8-9 at Middle School and Elementary.

Scholarship recipient will be selected at the next meeting.

Sheryl Allen asked to be placed on the Associate list. Her request was granted with regret.

Co-hostesses were Misti McBryde and Marsha Wright. Present were LaVell Haggard, Liz Sanders, Shorty Albert, Jimmie Pronger, Mary Woodford Wisdom, Oline Caraway, Mattie Baskin, ViAnn Reed, Linda Swain, Laurie Spurlock, Marylou McDaniel, Becky Adams, Dorothy Haile, Barbara Chumley, Michelle Lutes, Linda Haynes.



Engagement Announced

Karen Lynn Babcock, daughter of Kenneth and Linda Babcock of Groom and Mark Alan Metzger, son of Rev. Kenneth T. and Sue Metzger of Abilene, Texas announce their engagement and approaching marriage on April 29, 2000 at St. Stephen United Methodist Church in Amarillo, Texas. The bride to be graduated from West Texas A&M University with BBA in management and is now the Local Government Services Program Coordinator at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. The groom graduated from Angelo State University with a BA in government and from Asbury Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity and is currently the pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Stratford.

City Council Minutes

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session Thursday, December 9, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Pro-Tem Craig Bell presiding and the following council members present: Ken Forthman, Randy Williams, and Johnny Garza.

Also present were: Ric Walton, City Administrator, LaRita Butler, City Clerk; Jim Dewees, Chief of Police; Jon King, City Attorney; and Paula Nusz, Chamber of Commerce Manager.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-tem Craig Bell called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

Randy Williams moved to approve the minutes with corrections, Ken Forthman seconded, all in favor, and motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Sherman County Development Committee (SCDC) to request funding. Ric Walton, responding to a discussion with the auditors, asked Jon King about an interlocal agreement with the County, since the city is budgeting general fund tax dollars for SCDC expenses. Discussion took place. Jon will draw up a small agreement between the City of Stratford and the County; item was tabled until such a contract is drawn up. Randy Williams moved to table until next meeting, Ken Forthman seconded, all in favor, and motion carried.

Mayor Brown arrived 7:40 p.m.

Paula Nusz, Chamber of Commerce Manager introduced herself to the Council.

Meeting was then given to Mayor Brown.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Consider approving Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) Military Service Ordinance. Ric Walton explained the ordinance to the council; the adoption of this ordinance would not change the City's contribution rate. Ken Forthman moved to adopt the ordinance, Craig Bell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Consider approving TMRS Restricted Prior Service Ordinance. Ric Walton explained the ordinance to the council; the adoption of this ordinance would not change the City's contribution rate. Ken Forthman moved to approve the ordinance, Randy Williams, seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Jim Taliaferro arrived 7:50 p.m.

Consider approving contract with Sherman County Appraisal District (SCAD). Ric Walton explained to the council the past cost to the SCAD. Craig Bell moved to approve the contract, Johnny Garza seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Consider voting for three places on the Sherman County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Randy Williams moved to vote for Ken Forthman, Ken Forthman moved to vote for David Cross, and Jim Taliaferro moved to vote for Gerald Wilhelm. Ken Forthman moved

to cease nominations, Craig Bell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Consider approving ordinance regulating semi-trailer parking. Ric Walton reported on residence on North Eight Street, parking a semi-trailer.

This ordinance would regulate the parking of a semi-trailer, with a few restrictions. A 2'x5' pad, at least 2" thick, shall be placed underneath the landing gear, to protect the streets. Jim Taliaferro questioned Ric, if the care of the streets was the only reason for this ordinance, Ric states yes. Jim Taliaferro also asked Jim Dewees if there would be any problems with safety, and there has been none, if so the trailers would be towed. Johnny Garza moved to approve the ordinance, Ken Forthman seconded, all in favor, and motion carried.

Consider approving resolution authorizing grant application to Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. Ric Walton reported on the items to be applied for with grant money. Items are as follows:

Open Top, 30-Yard Roll-Off Container

Roll-Off Pad

Fencing

25-Grass Only Dumpsters

Approximately \$20,150.00 grant money, no matching funds will be required. Craig Bell moved to approve the resolution, Jim Taliaferro seconded, all in favor, motion carried. This grant has a January 21, 2000 deadline.

Consider approving resolution authorizing grant application to Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Police Department Grant Application. No matching funds will be required. Jim Taliaferro questioned Jim Dewees on what this entails, Jim Dewees states, only paperwork. Ken Forthman moved to approve the resolution, Johnny Garza seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Consider approving annexation plan for the City of Stratford. Ric Walton explained to the council the City of Stratford is to file an annexation plan by December 31, 1999. The City has potential areas for annexation. At the end of a three-year period, we must annex the property within 30-day window, if not it will take an additional 5 years before annexing. Discussion took place. If there is any chance in the future for the city to annex in the future, the city must adopt this plan. This plan can be re-upped (extended) every 3 years. The annexation areas would be those areas in the city, which the city is providing utility services to and property East, West, and South of the City. Ken Forthman moved to approve the annexation plan, Jim Taliaferro seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Consider approving on-call pay on weekdays. Discussion took place among the council. On-call pay will be at the rate of \$10.00 per day Monday-Friday and will stay the same for weekends and holidays t \$25.00 per day. Pay will become effective December 13-26, 1999 pay period. Ken Forthman

moved to approve on-call for weekdays, Craig Bell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discuss policy for handling disputed water bills. Ken Forthman suggested effective January 1, 2000 the City Council would no longer handle disputed water bills. A water meter tester has been purchased for reasons such as a disputed water bill, once the customer's water meter has been tested and is determined the meter is reading properly, the customer will then be required to pay the water bill. However, on any extraordinary high water bills, the customer will be given the option to make payments as determined by the Utility Billing Clerk. It is the consensus of the council to pass this policy, effective January 1, 2000.

Final specifications for mowing tractor were discussed. Craig Bell feels the city should not purchase a used tractor. More discussion took place. The City Council is in agreement to submit for bids/proposals.



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Twelve gymnasts from Kelly's Gymnastics competed at a Division I meet in Dumas, TX on February 26, 2000. Shown from left gymnast competing and their individual results were: Violet Conway - 7th on floor and 6th on trampoline; Meghan Brooks - 1st on trampoline; Tabra Arrington - 3rd on floor and 1st on trampoline; Jessica Lomax - 5th on floor and 4th on trampoline; Kelsie Keener - 6th on floor and 5th on trampoline; Lyndi Berry - 4th on floor and trampoline; Megan Walker - 3rd on floor and trampoline; Brandon Downs - 1st on floor and 2nd on trampoline; Layton Berry - 1st on floor and trampoline; Justin Mungia - 1st on floor and trampoline; Klinton Keener - 1st on floor and trampoline.

Not Pictured Sunny Russell who placed 4th on floor and 5th on trampoline.

Shown at right: Kimber Heddins, gymnast at Kelly's Gymnastics also competed at the Division 2 meet in Lubbock, TX on February 12th. Kimber scored 7.2 on floor and 6.2 on trampoline.



Minutes
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Discuss long-range plan for back-up generator. Mayor Brown briefed the council on past meeting concerning the City's water wells being on generators. Ric Walton reported on last weekend's power outage in surrounding towns. Discussion took place on specifications of the generator. Transfer switches would be needed to hook up the generator' approximate cost for switches would be \$5200.00 for 3 locations. Discussion took place on getting the money for the generator from Stratford Sales Tax Corporation. Jim Taliaferro feels the City needs to wait until after January 1, 2000.

Jim Taliaferro moved to approve the Bain Tire bill, Craig Bell seconded, all in favor, motion carried, with Johnny Garza abstaining.

Craig Bell moved to approve all other bills, Ken Forthman seconded, all in favor, and motion carried.

Johnny Garza moved to approve the financial statement, Ken Forthman seconded, all in favor, and motion carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ric Walton reported that the lead and copper water samples taken in October, passed.

Ric reported the audit is going well.

Ric questioned that the January council meeting be moved to January 18, 2000, in order for LaRita Butler to be present. This is on behalf of the auditors.

Ric also reported on GASB 34 meeting, which will be held on December 16, 1999. Ric and LaRita will attend this meeting.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Jim Dewees requested his officers receive \$10.00 turkey or ham in lieu of being able to attend the City of Stratford's Christmas party. It was the consensus of the council to allow this.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

Ken Forthman questioned the roofing of the gazebo in Pendleton Park. Ric Walton reported the City would probably buy the shingles.

Johnny Garza questioned who has the okay's on who joins the Fire Department, Ric stated, the Fire Department as a whole has the okay.

Jim Taliaferro mentioned the alley behind SCOT Hall. Discussion took place on how to handle the situation.

Jim Taliaferro questioned the water on the South side of town.

Craig Bell suggested checking the North Well.

Ken Forthman mentioned to the council he has seen a semi-truck getting water from a fire hydrant on the North side of town. The police department will keep a watch out.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Consider purchase of stock trailer. Ric Walton explained past situations where a stock trailer would have come in handy. There have been several situations where the animal control officer has been called to handle livestock animals. Mayor Brown asked about the approximate usage per year. The consensus of the council is not to purchase a trailer at this time; possibility of using the county trailer was discussed.

Top Of Texas District Meet April 1, Borger

Local GFWC/Prospectus Study Club members are making plans to attend TFWC/Top of Texas Spring Convention in Borger on April 1.

D'Lynn Reed, Stratford, is District President and this is the last district convention of her administration.

Members who hold district offices should attend and all members are encouraged to go in support of D'Lynn.

The event will be held at Johnson Park Church of Christ (Behind McDonald's). Registration and Continental Breakfast begins at 9:00 a.m. Formal opening is 9:30 a.m. The meeting should be over by 3:00 p.m.

A Luncheon and Style show is planned at noon. Program ideas for next year will be given for The Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Affairs, Texas Heritage and Public Affairs.

Marion Gamertsfelder, Dalhart, TFWC State President, is the guest speaker; and will install 2000-2002 District officers.

Registration is \$3.00, Luncheon \$10.00, total \$13.00. At the door it is \$14.00. Send name, name of club and check to Suzanne Cichocki, 657 Evergreen, Borger 79007 or give to Linda Haynes, Stratford, as soon as possible.

March Scholarship List

There are a lot of great scholarship opportunities for our seniors that will be due in March. Please check the list for due dates and get them in ON TIME!!!!

Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative Directors Memorial	Rita Blanca Co-op Members, specific majors	March 15
American General Insurance Company	Top 1/3 of class excluding top 10%	March 1
All-Ink.com	3.0 GPA, specific majors	March 31
Sallie Mae CASHE	All seniors	March 30
Ann Lane Home Economics	FHA members	March 1
Association for Compensatory Educators of Texas	All seniors	March 31
Commitment to Agriculture	Family engaged in agriculture, Agriculture major, ACT score of 18	March 15
Cargill Community	3.0 GPA	March 15
Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year	Athletic involvement, good grades	March 15
Wal-Mart Competitive Edge	3.5 GPA, specific majors	March 1
Best Buy Dollars for Scholars Community Volunteer Service Award	All seniors with community volunteer activities	March 15
Ireland Family	All seniors	March 31
Robert C. Byrd Honors Program	Top 3 seniors by GPA	March 8
Texas Advocates for Migrant Students	Migrant students only	March 10
Gates Millennium Scholar's	Hispanic students with 3.3 GPA	March 15
Vall Inc. Livestock Integration	3.0 GPA - four scholarships will be awarded to SHS seniors	March 1
Gamma Xi	Female education majors	March 25
Texas Trial Lawyers Association	All seniors	March 13



Thursday, March 2, Ports-To-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition held the first board meeting in Lubbock, to elect officers for the Ports-to-Plains Corporation. The purpose of the Corporation is to develop, preserve, enhance, expand and improve the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor as a planned four-lane divided highway utilizing 1-27 that will facilitate the efficient and effective transportation of goods and people from Mexico through West Texas and Oklahoma to Denver, Colorado and Canada. Tommy Gonzales, was named interim director, loaned by the city of Lubbock until a permanent director is acquired. L/R Mike Coggins, Dumas; Sid Cauthorn, Del Rio; Bob Diebitsch, San Angelo; Bill Crooker, Big Springs; Buddy McGehee, Plainview; Joe Kiely, Limon, CO; Peggy Ogles, Boise City, OK; Tommy Arnwine, Sonora; Randy Neugebauer, Lubbock; Gaynelle Riffe, Stratford; Todd McKee, Lubbock; Paul

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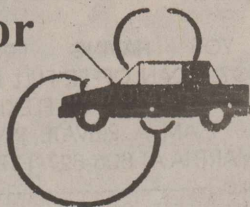
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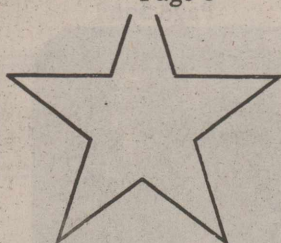
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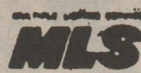
Sherman County is accepting applications for the position of County Veteran Service officer. Applications may be picked up at the County Judge's Office - 701 North 3rd Street - Stratford, TX. Sherman County is an equal opportunity employer. 3-9-2xc-----

Position Available for church custodian and yard work. Methodist Church. Call 396-2178 AM and 366-2478 PM. 3-9-tfn-----

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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-----

Storage Units Under New Management at 610 N. Pine. For more information call 366-5381. 1-6-tfn-----

Tornado Watch/Warning

Knowing the difference between a **TORNADO WATCH** and **TORNADO WARNING** could save your life.

A **TORNADO WATCH** means conditions are right for tornadoes to form.

A **TORNADO WARNING** means a tornado has been sighted in your area and you should take cover immediately.

Remember:

WATCH - take **CAUTION**

WARNING - take **ACTION**
National Weather Service
March 9, 2000 6:30 p.m.
Storm Spotters Class Open To Public
For additional information on tornado safety contact your local office of emergency management.

Help Wanted

Urgently needed experienced insurance CSR for busy and aggressively growing independent insurance agency in Dumas. Salary commensurate with experience. Fax resume to 806-935-9419 or call 800-753-5350 and ask for Earl. 3-9-2xc-----

Cimarron Feeders is taking applications for part-time office help to work on Sat. mornings. Please contact Lynda Engelbrecht at 580-543-6383. 3-9-4xc-----

Bookkeeping position open at First State Bank. Skills required: good attitude & communication skills, 10-key and computer skills, bilingual beneficial. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. 3-9-1xc-----

Secretarial position open at First State Bank. Skills required: good attitude & communication skills, willingness to learn, some computer experience helpful. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. 3-9-1xc-----

Cats have two sets of vocal cords: one for purring, one for meowing.

Legal Notice

Notice To Bidders

Notice is hereby given that Sherman County Commissioners' Court will accept sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) 2000 model belly dump trailer for Precinct #3. Bids should be sealed and have "Bid Request" written on the outside of the envelope. Specifications may be picked up at the Sherman County Judge's Office located in the Sherman County Courthouse, 366-2021 or those interested may contact David Hass at his residence, (806) 827-7378 or his business (580) 423-7623.

Bids should be mailed to the County Judge at P.O. Box 165, Stratford and will be received up to 10:00 a.m., March 13, 2000, at which time they will be opened and considered. Sherman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

David Hass
Commissioner Pct. #3
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:

Lexia SOS - 50 User License
Failure Free Reading Program by JFL

- 1) Teal Level Site License
- 2) Teal Level Print Material - 2 Sets
- 3) Teal Level Teacher's Manual - 7
- 4) Teal Level Booklets - 7
- 5) Teal Level Readers - 7
- 6) Orange Level Mini-License
- 7) Orange Level Print Materials

- 8) Orange Level Teacher's Manual
- 9) Orange Level Booklets
- 10) Orange Level Readers
- 11) Green Level Mini-License
- 12) Green Level Print Materials
- 13) Green Level Teacher's Manual
- 14) Green Level Booklets
- 15) Green Level Readers

Training and Support, Maintenance Contract

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 27, 2000. Any request for proposal after this date will not be accepted. The proposals 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 on Monday, March 27, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. Specifications may be obtained from the Superintendents office.

We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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Color blindness is sometimes referred to as "Daltonism," after the man who discovered it in 1793, John Dalton.

Houses For Sale

House for Sale: 4 bdrm house, 1 bath, 2 car garage, fenced backyard. 506 S. Main. 396-2421 or 753-7036. 3-9-4xc-----

For Sale: Older 3 bdrm, 2 bath, huge walk-in closet over 1600 sq. ft. Needs a little TLC. WILL NOT RENT. Appt. only, \$35,000. Call 366-5011, leave message. 2-10-tfn-----

For Sale: Newly built home, 4 bdrm, 3 bath, close to school, 1217 Olive St. Call 366-2401. 3-2-4xc-----

For Sale: 98 Fleetwood Mobile Home, 16x80, 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, central heat/air, fireplace, electric appliances, excellent condition. 26,500, Reduced. 806-753-4424. 3-9-2xc-----

Legal Notice

City of Stratford Legal Notice

To the Registered Voters of Stratford, Texas: Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 6, 2000, for voting in a General election, to elect 2 alderman and 1 mayor. Location of Polling Places-Stratford: City Hall.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Stratford City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 19, 2000 and ending on May 2, 2000.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

LaRita Butler
P.O. Box 188
Stratford, TX 79084

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 28, 2000.

Issued this the 12th day of February, 2000.

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 2, 2000, and Thursday, March 9, 2000.

Notice of General Election (Aviso De Eleccion General)

To the Registered Voter of the City of Stratford, Texas:
(A las volantes registrados del Cuidad de Stratford, Texas)

Notice is hereby give that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 6, 2000, for voting in a General Election to elect two (2) Aldermen/women and one (1) Mayor for two (2) year terms. The last day to file for Alderman/woman will be March 22, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. (Notifiquese, por las presentado, que las casillas elecoerales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de mayo de 2000 para vot en (2) concejal por dos sin termino de expiracion. El ultimo dia para registrarse para del concejal sera el dia marzo 22, de 2000 a las 5:00 p.m.)

Location of polling places:

(Direccion De Las Cassillas Electorales)

City Hall
520 N. 3rd
Stratford, TX

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at (La Temprano votacion a ausencia en persons se lieveara a cabo de lunes a vienes en

City Hall, 520 N. 3rd

Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 19, 2000 (entre las 9:00 a.m. de las manana y las 5:00 p.m. de la tarde empezando el 19 de abril, 2000 and ending on May 2, 2000. (y

terminando el 2 de mayo, 2000.)) Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to:

(Law solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:)

LaRita Butler
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion En Temprano)

P.O. Box 188; 520 N. Third
(Address) (Direccion
Stratford, TX 79084
(City) (Cuidad) (Zip Code)
(Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 28, 2000.

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 28 de abril, 2000.)

Issued this the 17th day of February 2000.

(Emitado este dia 17th de de febrero, 2000.)

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Notice To Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **ALBERT WILLIAM ZIMMER, DECEASED**, were issued on the 28th day of February, 2000, under Docket NO. 2007, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: Elizabeth Ellen Zimmer.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Albert William Zimmer, Deceased

c/o William A. Cunningham

P.O. Box 1088

Dalhart, Texas 79022

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manne prescribed by law.

DATED this 28th day o February, 2000.

WILLIAM A CUNNINGHAM

Attorney for the Estate
State Bar No. 05246500

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Never do today what you can put off till tomorrow. Delay may give clearer light as to what is best to be done.

—Aaron Burr

AgriPartner Report

Week of February 28, 2000
Dallam, Sherman, Hartley & Moore

The extreme eastern portion of the Texas Panhandle received some much needed moisture when thunderstorms rolled through that area dropping 3/4 to 2 inches of rain. The rest of the Panhandle remains very dry. These dry conditions along with above normal temperatures, high winds and greenbugs continue to take a toll on the wheat crop especially the dryland crop.

Greenbugs continue to increase in all areas of the Texas Panhandle except in the southeast portion. Very heavy infestations are reported from Deaf Smith, Carson, Gray and Moore Counties. Irrigated fields and some of the better stands of dryland wheat in these counties are being treated. Reports received indicate that insecticide applications are effective.

Reports also indicate that beneficial insect activity continues to increase.

A continuous aisle in a building, especially around the apse in a church, is called an ambulatory.



Copper was first used by humans during the late Stone Age—around 8,000 B.C.



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