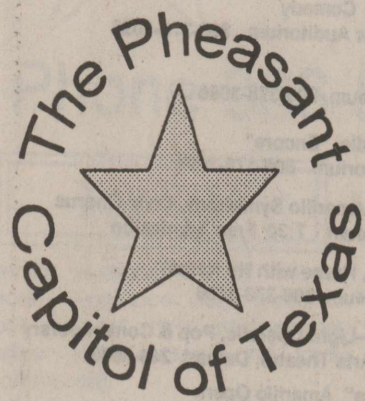


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2002 Old Timer King & Queen

2002 Old Timer King & Queen, Alfred Pronger and Helen Taylor, seated are pictured at their crowning with past royalty. From left are Mary Peach Smith, Maurine Plunk, Paul Aduddell, Homer Blake, Elsie Lasley, Baskin & Betty Brown, Mary Riffe, Bill & Selma Pendleton. GFWC/Prospectus Study Club hosted the event at the First State Bank.

1st Baptist Church Chamber News To Celebrate 100 Years

One hundred years ago, August 24, around twenty believers had the insight and calling to begin a new church in Stratford, Texas. One hundred years late that same church, after three new buildings is still proclaiming the Word of God. Though many families have come and gone the memories of some of the old timers are still alive and well. The ministries of the church have grown, six years ago the current building was remodeled, and the times have changed the way a few things are done now, but, the message remains the same, "Jesus died that we might be saved."

First Baptist church of Stratford would like to invite all past members to a "100th Anniversary Celebration." On Saturday, August 24 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a hot dog cookout at Pendleton Park. Please come for a time of visitation with past and present members. On Sunday, August 25th at 9:00 a.m. come for breakfast and view some of the memorabilia from the past. Following the worship service Sunday morning you are invited to a "free" catered meal at the High School cafeteria. So that we may have an idea of how many to plan for we ask that you give us a call and let us know if you plan to come to one or both of the free meals. The phone number for the church is 396-5554. We are looking forward to seeing and visiting with all our past friends. We sincerely hope you will come if you can.

"Beauty Pageant" At Coldwater Manor

Coldwater Manor is having a "Beauty Pageant" Friday, August 23, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Extension Approved

Sherman County's request for an extension of Emergency Haying and Grazing CRP acreages has been approved. Because weather-related conditions continue to worsen and extension is authorized through November 30, 2002.

If you are interested in this program, please contact the Sherman County FSA Office PRIOR to either haying or grazing CRP acreages.

As promised in last week's paper, I did process the film but every picture was too dark. Thank you to everyone who had a part in making this year's rodeo a success. Sorry for the disappointment.

1st Place - Prothro & Landess Score of 57 points: Team members include Lavert Avent, Steve Elliott, Buddy Schnauser, Shawn Daniel, and J.D. Roberts.

2nd Place - Crawford Ranch with a score of 45 points: Team members include Tom Turner, Kenny Chambers, Kempson Kiser, Kevin Hill and Rod Cleveland.

3rd Place - Cimarron River Ranch with a score of 42 points: Team members include Wes Avent, Wade Dooley, Shane Guest, Jim Ferguson, and Ben Winters.

Hard Luck Award - Walter Lasley and Sons - Team members include Tommie Long, Lane Bell, Malcolm Long, Cody Bell and Heath Bivins.

Prizes Awarded and sponsored by Ted Allen & Moorman Manufacturing.

Sherman County 4-H Enrollment Night

Sherman Co. 4-H Enrollment night is planned for August 26, 2002 at the County Exhibit Building in Stratford beginning at 6:30 p.m. All Sherman County Youth who wish to participate in the 4-H program and who are age 8 and enrolled in the third grade through age 19 are invited to attend the annual event.

Youth can learn of the many activities available to them through the Texas Cooperative Extension and have an opportunity to meet both County Extension Agents, Susie Spurlock and Leslie Neve. Past members are encouraged to re-enroll for projects for the 2002-2003 4-H Year beginning September 1.

All who attend are welcome to refreshments and a hot dog supper sponsored by 4-H and prepared by Cindy Miller, a parent volunteer. A short parent orientation will be conducted and activities for the kids after the sign-up is complete. In addition, the Sherman County 4-H Bake Show Awards will be presented at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Sherman County Extension office.

Flag Afghan To Be Given Away

Stratford Fire Department is sponsoring a drawing for a flag afghan made and donated by Bobbie Strong. Proceeds of the drawing will benefit the Fire Department's building fund. The afghan is on display at the First State Bank. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and are available from any member of the fire department. The drawing will be held September 11, 2002 and ticket holders need not be present to win. Please help the Fire Department by buying tickets and maybe you will win the flag afghan.

4-H Bake Show August 26th

The annual 4-H Better Bake Show will be Monday, August 26, 2002. Coffee cakes made from scratch will be the competition baked good this year. Products should be entered no later than 9:30 a.m. Monday at the County Extension Office located in the annex of the Sherman County Courthouse in Stratford.

The awards program will be held at 7:45 p.m. during the 4-H Enrollment Night activities. The top three winners will be announced along with recognition of the first year participants. The first place winner will represent Sherman County at the District I Bake Show to be held during the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo.

Sponsors of the Sherman County 4-H Bake Show are Stratford Grain Company, Sunray Coop, Texhoma Wheatgrowers, Collingwood Stratford/Texhoma, West Texas Gas Company, and Texas Cooperative Extension.

Youth ages 9 or 8 years old and in the third grade through age 19 are encouraged to participate. Rules are available at the Sherman County Extension Office according to Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



Shown above, School Board members serving at the Back To School Hamburger Supper held on Monday, August 12, 2002 from left, Jordan Johnson, Steve Johnson, Ronna Riffe, Ricky Reed, and Joe Reinart.



Serving drinks at the back to school supper from left, Misti McBryde and D'Lynn Reed.



Shown above, throwing Horseshoes at the Horseshoe Pitch held at Pendleton Park during the Stratford Jamboree is Elbert Williams.

Circle Of Friends To Host Golf Tournament

The Sherman County Circle of Friends Seventh Annual Benefit Golf Tournament will be at Stratford Country Club August 24-25, 2002.

Couples Scotch Scramble Tee-Time 9 a.m.

Dinner and Fund Raiser Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Pat Johnson 396-2243 or Kris Lasley 753-4421 or Nelda Stacy 396-2238.

Entry Fee is \$120 per team.

Men have been wise in different modes, but they have always laughed the same way.

—Samuel Johnson

Transportation News

By Gaynelle Riffe

This past weeks, I have attended two State Transportation Annual Meetings.

Texas Good Roads in Austin to receive recognition for the Road Hand Award presented by TxDOT Commission Chairman, John Johnson.

Texas Good Roads membership can be anyone. I am a member to get their mailings however I have never attended a meeting until August 11. Members are TxDOT District Engineers, County Judges and Commissioners, City and Chamber designated Transportation Chairman and business interests.

TEX-21 Transportation Summit I have attended 4 out of their 5 years. Their membership is mostly City, County, Chamber representatives and industry interests. It is a lobbying group. The focus is to get more Federal funds returned to Texas and to get more State funds for the Metropolitan areas and I-35. I attend just to try to protect the Panhandle and rural interests because most of the thoughts do not consider rural. This group lobbies State and Federal Senate and House for projects. What did I learn from these meetings. Improving rail and light rail is a consideration to address congestion and air quality. The Trans-Texas Corridor will also address these issues. Texas does not have the funds to meet the Transportation needs. Texas is a donor state for gasoline tax as only 87% of the allocated 93% returned to the State. All state organizations are asking for a 95% return. Federal gasoline tax revenue is down, making a shortfall for Transportation nation wide. Homeland Security is also competing for Transportation dollars. Same story, everyone wants a piece of the pie and the pie is getting smaller. What are some revenue stream ideas that will keep the money in the State? Toll roads and creating Regional Transportation Tax District funded by an addition to the gas tax or sales tax.

Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees

Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during August 2002.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"Colorado blue spruces were selected for this campaign because of their many uses in the home landscape," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "They lend beauty to their surroundings with their silver blue-green color and compact conical shape. They can be used as individual ornamentals, and energy-saving windbreak, a privacy screen, or as living Christmas trees."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to TEN BLUE SPRUCES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by August 31, 2002. Or join on-line at www.arborday.org.

Season Football Tickets On Sale Now!

The 2002 Football season is upon us...two-a-days began on Aug. 5 and the Elks are eager to play ball! Season football tickets will go on sale Thursday, August 22 in the office of the Superintendent. Seating will be held for previous owners until Tuesday, September 3. After that date seats will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Cost of seats for the season:

Adults-\$12.00

Child-\$8.00

There are 4 home games this year. We are hoping for another great season and the Elks look forward to your support. For more information call Penny at 366-3305.

Letters To The Editor

Obit

Zola Mae Aduddell

Zola Mae Aduddell, 72, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002, in Amarillo.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, 2002 at First United Methodist Church of Stratford, with the Rev. Metzger, pastor, and the Rev. Roy Harris, pastor of Kerrick Community Church, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors of Dumas.

Mrs. Aduddell was born Nov. 29, 1929 in Dalhart. She was a homemaker. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Stratford. She was a Stratford resident most of her life. She married Bill Aduddell on Nov. 20, 1948, in Tucumcari, NM.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1991.

She is survived by a daughter, Billie Knight of Amarillo; three grandchildren, Phillip, Theresa and Heather; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101, or the American Cancer Society, 211 Zauk, Dumas, TX 79029.

Fall Crops Tour, Aug. 23rd

Goodwell-The Fall Crops Tour for the Panhandle Research and Extension Center will be held on Friday, August 23, 2002 at Goodwell on the OPREC research station. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m., trailers will load at 8:15 a.m. and the tour will start at 8:30 a.m. A noon meal sponsored by the Oklahoma Wheat Growers will be provided for those attending the tour, please call (580) 349-5441 on or before August 21st for meal reservations.

There are certified crop adviser CEU's pending in pest management, soil fertility, crop production and soil and water management.

Four stops and speakers will include: Animal Waste in Corn/Wheat Rotation, Jeff Hattey, Ph.D., OSU; Bermudagrass for the High Plains, Charles Taliaferro, Ph.D., OSU; Corn Planting Date, Rick Kochenower, OPREC; Soybean Row Spacing, Curtis Bensch, Ph.D., OPREC; Soil Quality, Jose Sanchez, Ph.D., OPREC; Seed Wheat Quality, Gene Krenzer, Ph.D., OSU, and Clearfield Wheat, Case Medlin, Ph.D., OSU.

OPSU Announces Formation Of New Booster Club

The Oklahoma Panhandle State University football staff announces the formation of a new athletic booster club for parents, alumni and fans. The Aggies are beginning a new era under the direction of new Head Football Coach, Ryan Held.

The football staff feels it is important to create a family atmosphere where people can interact with players' parents as well as get involved with alumni and fans. The coaches feel the Aggie Pigskin Club will go towards improving the strength and conditioning program that is vital in competition for a top Division II football program. Future gatherings where parents, alumni and fans interact with the coaching staff will be a fun time to talk Aggie football and get to know those involved on a personal basis. Join now and become a charter member to support the OPSU football program. Please visit the OPSU website (www.opsu.edu/athletics/) and follow the football links.

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Dear Marty and Readers,

Recently, our county and our area have been deluged with public notices in the papers for applications for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations from Seaboard, Inc. for swine facilities. These were in the legal notices section of the paper and did not attract a lot of attention. Probably most people did not read them closely, if at all. Had they been read closely, I believe local residents would have noticed several things in the applications. The first thing would be the large numbers of hogs that will be concentrated on very small land area and the limited area available for waste disposal. The total numbers of hogs per facility are staggering, we are facing the prospect of some 1 million hogs situated within 8 to 10 miles southwest and south of Stratford. Totals of hogs per facility and land area for waste disposal reveal some interesting numbers when compared to population to land area for several large cities. We recently compared the totals of hogs in Sherman County (from applications and existing hog sites) to the population of Austin, Texas for some folks working in state offices in Austin. Each person in Austin has 25 times more land area to live in than each hog in Sherman County will have available to live in and for waste disposal area. Also, the city of Austin has a sewage treatment plant for their population and cannot, under any circumstances, discharge untreated sewage anywhere. Not so for the hog farms, they are allowed to collect the waste in lagoons and then discharge it on the land through sprinkler irrigation on cropland, and are also permitted to overflow in the event of "catastrophic rainfall events".

The second thing that is noticeable in these public notices is that there is a system for public comment to the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission on these applications. Comments must be limited to "technical merit" issues, but when comment is submitted, then those who have made comments are entitled to further action later as the process continues with TNRCC. If the applications are given approval by the executive director of TNRCC, those who made comment during the public comment period have the right to submit a petition to overturn that decision. If that petition is accepted, then there is a hearing before the board of directors of the TNRCC on the contested application. The petitions to overturn and subsequent hearings are not limited solely to issues of technical merit. Other issues can be addressed, such as past history of applicants, problems with design, prior violations in other jurisdictions, etc. There is also an independent office in the TNRCC, the Office of Public Interest Counsel, who are placed to take into account the concerns of citizens beyond the usual permitting procedures of the TNRCC.

We, as residents of this area, have been told by various elected officials, etc., that there is not much we can do about the pending invasion of hogs and other large polluters in our area because Texas is a "property rights state, TNRCC does not have record of any previous violations of rules by hog producers, etc." That brings me to the focus of this letter. THERE IS SOMETHING WE CAN DO!

Early this year, several area residents focused our attention and efforts and organized as Panhandle Alliance, Inc., a Texas non-profit organization whose mission statement is "Clean air, clean land, clean water, and quality of life." We have been responding to the Seaboard applications as they were published, have been to Austin and visited with representatives from the Governor's office and the TNRCC, and have combined our efforts with folks from other areas facing similar problems. We are cautiously optimistic about the outcome of our efforts. We are not trying to harm anyone's business, but we are trying to

insure that short term gains will not harm our area in the long term.

We will be sponsoring two meetings on Tuesday, Aug. 27th for the purpose of informing folks of who we are and what we are doing, and will also advance some positive ideas for growth of our area without the environmental damage that the hog facilities offer. We will be meeting at noon on the 27th at the Sherman County Barn, we will have hamburgers and the trimmings for all who can come, so you can eat while you listen. We will also have another meeting on the 27th at the Community Room in Sunray at 6:30 p.m. for area residents who may be closer to Sunray than Stratford. We invite all who are interested in these issues to come and hear what we are doing and if you then decide you agree with us, you can join us.

Thank you,
Steve Baskin, Pres.
Panhandle Alliance, Inc.

Guymon Community Theater Presents Musical "1776"

America's Prize Winning Musical "1776" will be presented by the Guymon Community Theater, August 22-24. Kristy Patterson will be directing the musical with music & lyrics by Sherman Edwards. This production is made possible with the assistance of the Oklahoma Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. For information and reservations, call (580) 338-0019.



Between 1870 and 1980, the United States successfully defended the America's Cup yachting title 25 straight times.

Available Collegiate License Plates

Collegiate license plates are a big hit as students across Texas head back to school.

There are 48 Texas colleges and universities that participate in the collegiate license plate program. Collegiate license plate designs vary among several different logos with names of each school.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and local county tax assessor-collector's offices can help motorists obtain collegiate specialty license plates to show off school pride.

"We are pleased to administer the collegiate license plate program because of its contribution to higher education," said Mike Behrens, TxDOT executive director. "The sales of collegiate special plates have helped fund scholarships and benefited thousands of college students for several years."

Collegiate specialty plates cost \$30 annually in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee. Of that amount, \$25 goes directly to the college or university chosen. Several schools have raised thousands of dollars for scholarship programs.

Texas A&M University has consistently been the top-seller, raising more than \$1.5 million since the plate was introduced in 1990.

Motorists can get an application for collegiate special plates at their county tax office, on TxDOT's Web site at www.dot.state.tx.us, by calling the TxDOT Help Desk at (512) 465-7611, or by calling TxDOT's toll free Fax-On-Demand forms line at (888)232-7033.

TxDOT began its specialty license plate program in 1965. Today, TxDOT has more than 100 different specialty license plate designs, many of them benefitting a particular group or organization.

Available Collegiate License Plates: Abilene Christian University, Austin College, Baylor University, Brookhaven College, East Texas Baptist University, Houston Baptist University, Howard Payne University, Huston-Tillotson College, Incarnate Word College, Lamar University, Lubbock Christian University, McMurry University, Midwestern State University, North Central Texas College, Parker College of Chiropractic, Prairie View A&M University, Rice University, Richland College, Sam Houston State University, Southern Methodist University, Southwest Texas State University, Southwestern University, St. Mary's University, Stephen F. Austin State University, Sul Ross State University, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University, Commerce, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University, Kingsville, Texas Chiropractic College, Texas Christian University, Texas Lutheran University, Texas Southern University, Texas Tech University, Texas Wesleyan University, Texas Woman's University, University of Houston, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, University of North Texas, University of Saint Thomas, University of Texas at Arlington, University of Texas at Austin, U.T. at Brownsville & Texas Southmost College, University of Texas as Dallas, University of Texas at El Paso, University of Texas at San Antonio, West Texas A&M University.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- August 16-18 "1776" Musical
22-24 Guymon Community Theatre 580-338-0019
- Aug. 16 The Three Amigos Comedy
Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Sept. 6-8 Khiva Shrine Circus
Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Sept. 7 Stars of the Panhandle "Encore"
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Sept. 11 Freedom Memorial Amarillo Symphony, Civic Chorus
Amarillo Civic Coliseum 7:30 Free Admission
- Sept. 12 "America" (Tin Man, Horse with No Name)
Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Sept. 13 Four Grand Pianos -Light Operatic, Pop & Contemporary
LaRita Performing Arts Theatre, Dalhart 244-5646
- Sept. 21 "Pirates of Penzance" Amarillo Opera
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-7464
- Sept. 22 Bebo Norman
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096

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Lollies Lines

By Lorelyn Powers

We hope everyone is doing well this the first day of Public School year 2002-2003. With all students back in the class rooms and teachers and all doing their jobs. One is reminded Summer is nearing end. Fall is approaching, if people were out an about Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002 about 7:10 when the cold front and wind came though our town you knew it was nearing fall.

On August 24, 25, 2002 there will be present member and past members of the First Baptist Church Stratford here to celebrate 100 years-On Saturday, August 17, 2002 as one passed the church and looked at the back of the Sanctuary there were people on the bell tower. There are going to be several past pastor and youth ministers in attendance.

It seems like that for the last few weeks we have had high clouds in the morning just like right now and the temp is 84 degrees and the trees are swaying with the slight breeze to keep the flies away if one is out enjoying the cool breeze.

Lets all be careful and patient and kind to one another.

Lunch & Learn Holds Aug. 15th Meeting

And that delicious chocolate pie was made with TOFU! "The Joy of Soy" was the program presented by Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent, when Lunch & Learn met Aug. 15. Members learned that tofu acts like a sponge and has the ability to soak up any flavor that is added to it. Crumbled into a pot of spicy chiji sauce, it tastes like chili.

Tips for tofu may be obtained from the Extension Office.

Enjoying the luncheon and program were Teresa Edmond, Martha Mitts, Paula Nusz, Liz Sanders, Connie Oquin, Marylou McDaniel.

Jenny Spurlock assisted her mother in hosting the luncheon.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Donna Gillenwaters had a stent placed in heart Aug. 16 in Amarillo. They took Kylee home on way to hospital after three days with her grandparents. This was Donna's second stent in about six weeks.

Recent visitors with Jo June McDaniel were Harold and Narcesia Baker of Monroe, LA. Coming to visit with them at various times were Whit & Jean McDaniel, Tasha McDaniel, Eric & Keena McDaniel, all of Dumas. Also John, Nicholas & Shelby McDaniel, Rose Wells of Stratford and Allen (Buckshot) Wells of Barnsdall, OK.

Bill & Pat Boren went to Oklahoma City to see his sister, Janice Kirchoffner, who had surgery which consisted of a new hip, knee and a thigh bone.

Marylou McDaniel was in Denver Aug. 10-11 for Rockies games and Camera Day. It was HOT at Patti's but delightfully cool at the cabin for three days before returning home Aug. 14.

Annette Hampton had back surgery in Lubbock on Monday.

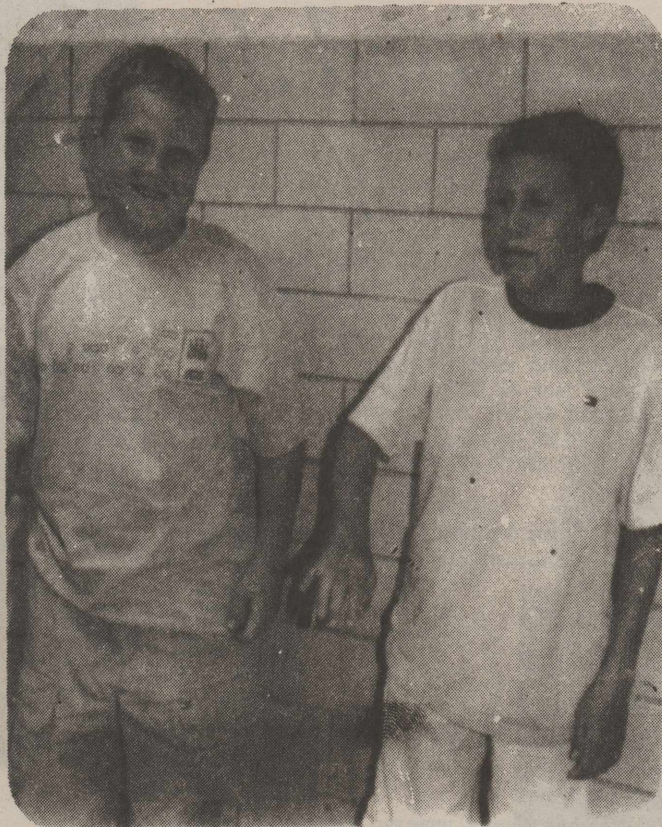
A lot of "first timers" enjoyed luncheon at the Community Center Sunday. From Dumas were Blanche & Evelyn Hull, Whit & Jean McDaniel, Tasha McDaniel, Shirley Roys.

Also Larry & Misty Brace, Texhoma; Diane Roberts, Keyes; Buck Weaver, Boise City.

From Stratford were Terry & Gail Wells, Teresa Wells, R.J. & Mary Hill, Piper & Nathan Bennett, Bob & Berlene Baker.

Kerrickites were Ted & Joyce, Jo June McDaniel as hosts. Marjory Munden, Roy & Ciccy Harris, Dr. Gary Mathews, Virgie Mathews, Ralph, Minnie, Ralph James & Annette Hampton, Nita Taylor, Marylou, Mike & Merilee McDaniel.

Remember, the luncheon is held the first and third Sundays. Just bring a dish of your choice and enjoy.



Eric Riffe, left and Landan Luna attended the Stratford ISD School Board meeting on Thursday, August 15, 2002. They are working on achieving one of their badges for Boy Scouts.

Plan Your Next Vacation Online

(NAPS)—For the many reasons you need a vacation, planning a well-deserved trip can seem like an arduous task. Between travel agents' mounting fees and time-consuming phone calls, it's often easier to simply book a vacation online in your own time. But how do you get started?

• **Start your vacation by searching the Web.** Search engines such as Ask Jeeves (www.Ask.com) are great places to start planning a vacation. By simply typing keywords, such as "travel deals" or "book a hotel," into the search box, you can find travel deals to suit your needs.

• **Find great deals by comparing prices and packages.** The Internet is a great resource for comparison shopping. Just because you found a hotel at an affordable price on one site doesn't mean the price isn't even better on another. Use your favorite search engine to help you find the Web's best travel deals.

• **Before purchasing tickets online, be sure the site is secure.** Before providing your credit card information, be sure the site you're on is secure. A site is secure when a lock appears in



Browsing the Web can be a great way to find deals on airfare, hotel and vacation packages.

the lower right side of the computer screen and the Web address begins with https:// rather than http://.

• **Receive confirmation of booked travel.** Once you've made the purchase, keep a record of all confirmation information, such as the airline record locator number and the car rental pickup information. Print the confirmation pages that appear after you have completed your online reservation.

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Scot News

By Jack Gore

Last week I was on sick leave. This week will be board meeting on Tuesday the 20th, Luncheon on Thursday the 22nd and Dance on Sat. the 24th.

With school starting back up and be sure to get your Gold Card for all the school activities, games, etc. Then the following week will be slow and then Labor Day weekend next. Be thinking of some fall activities that we can be doing soon.



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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Bob Sweeten

5th & Main

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

First United Methodist

Rev. 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

St. Joseph Catholic

Father Darryl Birkenfeld

6th & Pearl

Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:30a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m. -
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

N. 3rd & Chestnut

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

Calvary Baptist

James Washburn

302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Brent Farney

702 N. 3rd

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m..
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

La Mision Bautista

Mision Bautista

401 S. Wall 396-5376

Domingo-(Sunday)
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am
Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm
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Pastor Roberto Frescas
205 N. Poplar - Hwy 287
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.
Meir Co Les Serv De Ador 5 p.m.

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

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Stratford, TX

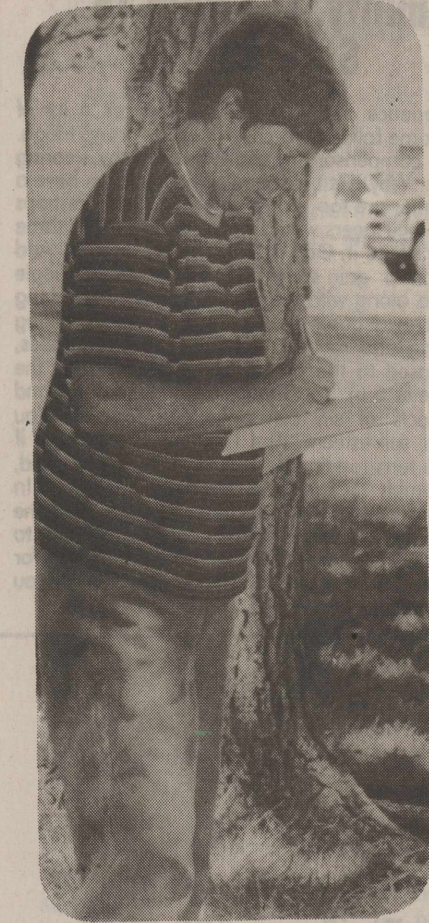
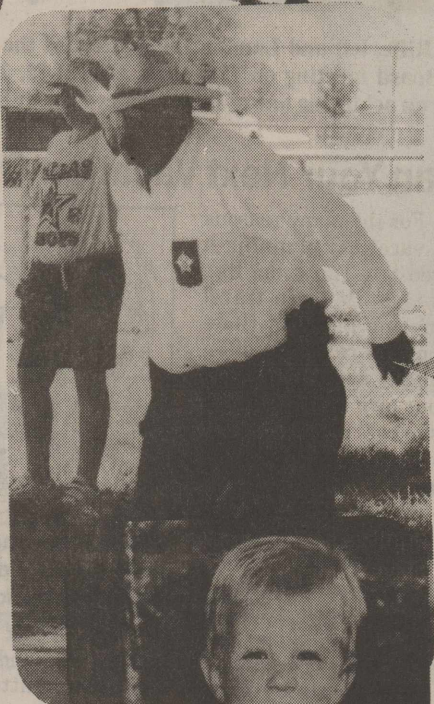
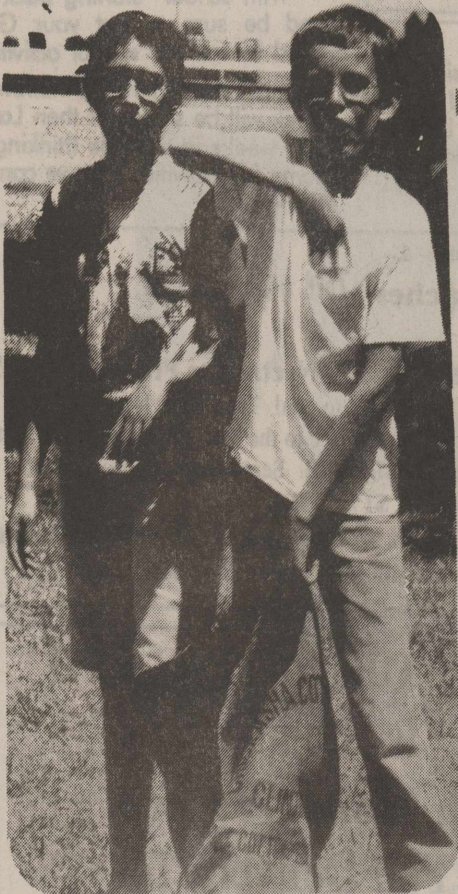
Sunray Community Building 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Sunray, TX

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Stratford Jamboree Shots!



Barbecue pictures
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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Stratford Hospital District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.94 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 26, 2002 at 7:30 a.m. Coldwater Manor.

FOR the proposal: Margaret Reed, Ineta Chesher, Larry Drake, Ronald Brooks, & Shannon Taliaferro

AGAINST the proposal: NONE
 PRESENT and not voting:
 ABSENT:

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$ 31562	\$ 32232
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Average taxable value	\$ 31562	\$ 32232
Tax rate	.14723	.15820
Tax	\$ 46.47	\$ 50.99

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$ 4.52 or 9.73 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$.01097 per \$100 of taxable value or 7.45 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):

The _____ County Auditor certifies that _____ County has spent \$ _____ in the previous 12 months beginning _____, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. _____ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):

The _____ spent \$ _____ from _____ to _____ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is _____.



Shown above, Stratford Lion's Club served a delicious Barbecue meal after the parade.



Shown at left, Martin and Shannon Dettle's daughter Bailey took a little nap during the Stratford Jamboree Festivities on Saturday at the park.



In parts of England and the United States the Scarlet Pimpernel is called the poor man's weather-glass because it closes up before rain.

Check Out These Web Sites:

Here are a few Web sites you may want to watch:
The American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) at www.1-800-222-1222.info.
Vanderbilt-Ingram's Cancer Information Program at www.vicc.org.
National PTA at www.pta.org.
WGBH Boston Video at www.wgbh.org.
The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases at www.niams.nih.gov.
Shriners International Headquarters at www.shrinershq.org.
The United States Fire Administration at www.usfa.fema.gov.
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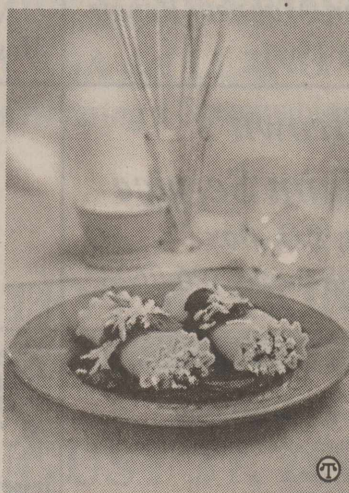
Fabulous Food

Meals That Are Big On Taste, Easy On The Budget

(NAPS)—A new recipe booklet is stirring things up for family meals, showing that hearty fare doesn't have to cost a lot, nor does it have to take hours to prepare.

Gourmet Family Meals: Under 10 Dollars, Under 10 Minutes was created by Francesco Rinaldi pasta sauces and member chefs from the American Culinary Foundation (ACF). The booklet offers 20 great recipes, including appetizers and main courses, lighter pasta dishes to heartier fare, special sections on chicken and seafood Italian-style, plus a few recipes "just for kids."

This recipe for Lasagna Rolls comes from the booklet's pasta section, and is a super-easy yet novel twist on an Italian favorite.



Lasagna Rolls are a quick-and-easy meal idea that can be made quite inexpensively.

Lasagna Rolls

- 12 lasagna noodles, cooked
- 4 oz. (½ cup) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 15 oz. ricotta cheese
- ½ cup frozen spinach, thawed and drained
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Pinch of parsley
- Pinch of basil
- Pinch of nutmeg
- 16 oz. Francesco Rinaldi Traditional pasta sauce

In a medium mixing bowl, combine cheeses, spinach and season with salt and pepper. Add basil, parsley and nutmeg, blend well. Lay lasagna noodle flat on a cutting board. Place 2 tablespoons of the cheese mixture on the end closest to you. Carefully roll halfway, flatten a little with a gentle pat and then continue

to roll to the end. Repeat this with the remainder of the cheese mixture and pasta.

Heat pasta sauce, either on stovetop or in microwave. Place 3 rolls at a time in a microwave-safe dish; cover and microwave on High for 1½ minutes. Repeat with remainder of rolls. Pour hot pasta sauce over each roll. Garnish with parsley and sprinkle with cheese.

Recently, Francesco Rinaldi became the first pasta sauce to be honored with the ACF's Seal of Approval. The award is presented to products that meet the organization's standards of quality, based on extensive testing carried out by a panel of member chefs.

For information on how to order a free copy of the *Gourmet Family Meals* booklet, visit www.francescorinaldi.com.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank Superintendent Jim Taliaferro & the Stratford ISD Board of Trustees for their presentation of certificates to us last Thursday, August 15th. We felt honored to have been chosen for this and we do appreciate it very much. Again THANKS!

Marty & Shari

Lamb & Goat Validation Tags To Be Ordered

All Sherman County 4-H and FFA members planning on exhibiting a goat or lamb in a state show this upcoming year need to contact Leslie Neve at the Sherman County Extension Office at (806) 366-2081 before August 22, 2002. The deadline for ordering validation tags is approaching and in order to obtain a correct number the committee must have an accurate animal count.



The earliest stopwatches were known as pulse watches. Made in the 1680s, they were used by doctors.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The SHERMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 9.68 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 29, 2002; 8:00 a.m. at Sherman County Courthouse.

FOR the proposal: All Commissioners; County Judge

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$ 30,617.	\$ 31,404.
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Average taxable value	\$ 30,617.	\$ 31,404.
Tax rate	.37187	.40874
Tax	\$ 113.86	\$ 128.36

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would INCREASE by \$ 14.50 or 12.73 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would INCREASE by \$.03687 per \$100 of taxable value or 9.914 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):

The SHERMAN County Auditor certifies that SHERMAN County has spent \$ 34,830. in the previous 12 months beginning JULY 1, 2001, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. SHERMAN County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Stratford ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 AM, August 30, 2002 in High School Library, 503 N 8th Stratford, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.16	\$.074 *	\$ 1.2340	\$ 6,470	\$ 1,584
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.28853	\$.0747*	\$ 1.3354	\$ 7,203	\$ 869
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.33751	\$.07249*	\$ 1.41	\$ 7,584	\$ 869

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 31,364	\$ 32,040
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 16,364	\$ 17,040
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.23396	\$ 1.33751
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 201.93	\$ 227.91
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 25.98

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.42102. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.42102.

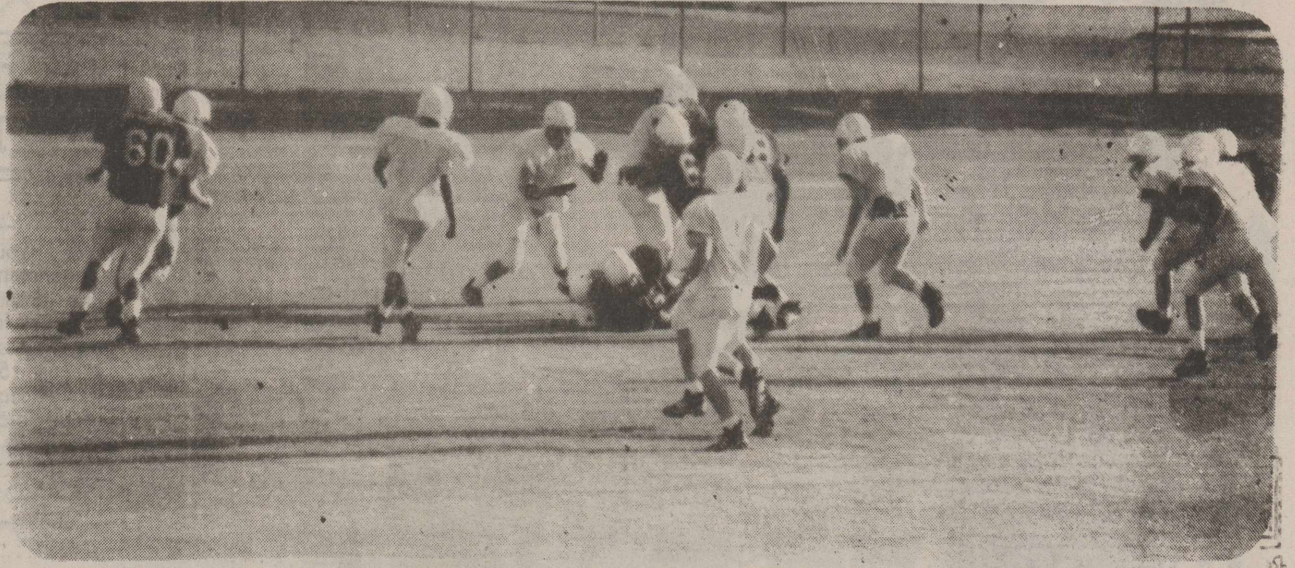
Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

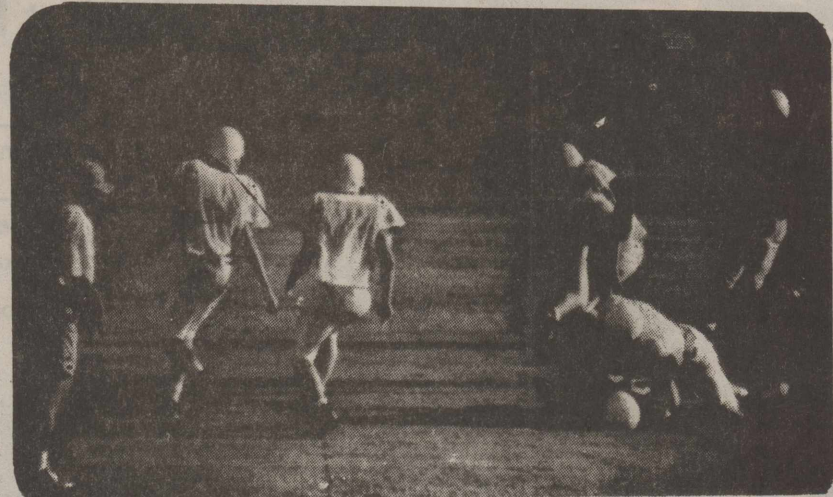
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,325,888
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 4,203



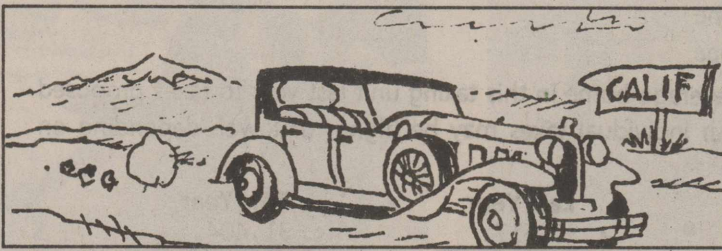
Recently, Marty Robertson and Shari Hudson of *The Stratford Star* were named to the Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) of Stratford ISD. Joe Reinart, School Board President, presented Shari Hudson, left and Marty Robertson with certificates at the last board meeting held on Thursday, August 15, 2002.



The Stratford Elks Intra-squad scrimmage was held on Friday night, August 16, 2002.



Shown above, scrimmage held on August 16, 2002.



The first coast-to-coast paved road was the Lincoln Highway. It opened on September 10, 1913.



In 1886, a team of eight in England, using commercial machinery, created a sweater in less than 2 1/2 hours after shearing the sheep.

No sign that the human eyes can look upon is more provocative of awe than the night sky scattered thick with stars.
—Llewelyn Powys

The whole secret of life is to be interested in one thing profoundly and in a thousand other things well.
—Hugh Walpole

You should always believe all you read in newspapers, as this makes them more interesting.
—Rose Macaulay

City Council Minutes

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Thursday, July 18, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at Stratford City Hall with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following councilmembers present: Blake Confer, Bryan Mungia, and George Harding.

Also present were: Don Nicholson, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Clerk; Kathy Rendon, part-time City Clerk; Jon King, City Attorney; Randy Agan, Chief of Police; and Kristine Olsen, Sherman County Development Committee; Judy Huggins; Yvonne Miller; Marty Robertson; Tammie Helmuth; Derra Neely; ViAnn Reed; Becky Adams; Delinda Olivas; Candy Gutierrez; Albert Olivas; Tana Pemberton; Mary Pool; Steve Pemberton; Valerie McAlister; Suzanne Ashley; Wayne Smith; Cliff Adams; Clinton Miller; J.H. Elledge; Rebecca Hemphill; Laurie Ellis.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

George Harding motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2002 meeting with corrections, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Wayne Smith representing the Cemetery Board was present to discuss the Veteran's Monument and the Director House for the New Addition of the Stratford Cemetery. Wayne presented a drawing of the monument and directory house for approval by the council, upon approval Wayne will submit the drawings to be blueprinted.

Joe Zak is currently in the process of gathering information for the purchase of the land adjacent to the Cemetery.

Discussion took place concerning the current changes to the Cemetery Ordinance.

Cemetery Board appointments were discussed. Two of the current board members have agreed to serve again.

Ken Forthman arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Approximate cost of the blueprinting will be \$500.00 and approximate total cost of project is \$24,000. Bryan Mungia motioned to move forward with this project, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Council thanked Wayne for his time.

Kristine Olsen was present to discuss the committee meeting held for a possible new business. At this point, she is researching several options. Nothing more at this time.

Becky Adams was present regarding the Police Department. Becky read aloud to the council the following letter:

"I am here today to represent a group of Stratford citizens in complaint against the Stratford Police Department. The civil rights of citizens are being violated on a regular basis. We believe that they are making unjustified stops and harassing people, mainly our youth. Just to name a few of these

allegations: wide right turn-didn't cross the yellow line, failure to yield-the-yield was made, rear license plate light out-it wasn't, failure to stop-a legal stop was made, minors told to "blow into this" (Handheld breathalyzer)-not asked or told that they had an option and this machine is still being used today, though I was told in June that it was broken. Then when it still reads a negative reading-the minor is given a ticket anyhow for Minor Consumption. I realize that a minor can be given a ticket for just smelling it on their breath-but evidently this wasn't the case. Unlawful searches have been made-both with the person present and not. Singling out specific kids for harassment has also been a claim. "You've been given a ticket for this before and you got out of it." Not just asked once, but several times and each time denied because it wasn't true. This is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the civic rights violations these men have committed.

These men that we have hired to uphold the law seem to have little respect for it. Many times they are cited without seatbelts, failing to come to a complete stop at a stop sign and numerous other violations. There are even reports of failing to use the protective child seats in vehicles. They have totally lost all respect from a great deal of our youth. They feel that it's the officers' word against them and because they are minors, they lose in all aspects.

We respectfully demand that action is taken to correct these problems or we will have to proceed further.

Thank you for your time."
Becky Adams
July 18, 2002.

Derra Neely was present to discuss the Police Department. Ms. Neely had a concern with the police department discussing a case with a minor. Discussion took place with Mrs. Neely and Chief Randy Agan. They then excused themselves from the room for further discussion.

Steve Pemberton was concerned that the youth in our town were being harassed by the police department. Discussion took place on portable breath tests being given and the way the approach by an officer and in some cases, detained. Randy Agan stated the video cameras for the patrol cars will soon be in place. Further discussion took place concerning the cameras. The citizens made the comment that they would take further action if necessary.

Review applications and possibly appoint Municipal Judge was tabled until further information can be gathered.

The consensus of the council was not to continue with the \$200/month salary for judge/or clerk.

Municipal Court Technology Fee Ordinance was discussed. This Ordinance would allow the City to collect \$4.00/fine to go towards the purchase of computer systems for the municipal Court. Further discussion took place. No action taken.

Curfew Ordinance and Noise Ordinance was moved further on the agenda under the Chief of Police report.

Council adjourned into executive session at 8:45 p.m. under section 551.074 and 551.071 to discuss Personnel and Litigation.

Council reconvened out of executive session at 9:40 p.m. No action taken.

Discussion of bills took place. George Harding motioned to approve bills, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Financial Statements were discussed. Blake Confer motioned to approve financial statements, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Liz Agan arrived at 9:50 p.m.

Discussion regarding submission by Chris Hernandez for mileage reimbursement. LaRita will contact Workman's Compensation regarding mileage reimbursement for physical therapy. City employees will not use personal vehicles for City business.

Don Nicholson stated he contacted BFI's regional headquarters in Austin to obtain resolution to all the problems. The City of Stratford has received 74 new dumpsters to date and is expecting approximately 140 more; repairs are being done on some of the dumpsters; repairs have been made on the BFI trash truck.

No seal coating will be done this year. There is only enough money in the budget to seal coat 41,255 square yards. \$12,486 more is needed for job completion. The contractor refused the job-as he stated "all or nothing". The money budgeted for the seal coat will now be used for more patching of the streets.

Bids to repair roofing on the building next door:

Fox Roofing in Liberal-\$4500
John Bolf-\$3885.

The repair will only stabilize the building. George suggests checking into hot mop (tar).

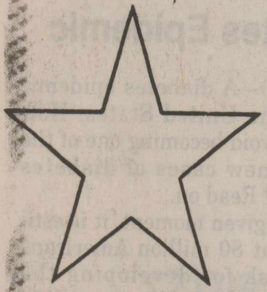
There is currently no City Ordinance regarding parking loaded semi-trucks on the street. Will check with City of Hereford regarding their ordinances.

Ken Forthman questions hours at Landfill for months of October-March. Closing time will be 5 p.m. due to the fact that it gets dark earlier.

Ken states more spray is needed. He will check around for prices on spray.

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<p>Business Directory</p> <p>WALTER LASLEY & SONS INC. <i>THE Feedyard</i> Since 1953 753-4411</p>	<p>COLDWATER MANOR "LOVE SPOKEN HERE" 1111 BEAVER RD., STRATFORD, TX (806)396-5568</p>
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8-8-1fn

For Sale: 2000 Grand Am, 4-Door, low mileage, new tires. Call 366-3713.
8-8-3xc

For Sale: 1994 Ford Escort 2 door, good condition. Call 806-384-2240 or 333-5826.
7-25-4xc

For Sale: 1992 Glasstron I/O Fish & Ski Boat, depth finder, custom tarp, daytime call 753-7740, after 5 p.m. 753-4556.
8-1-1fn

For Sale: Nice shopmade BBQ/Smoker grill on trailer, \$800.00 obo. Daytime - 753-7740, after 5 p.m. 753-4556.
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8-1-1fn

For Sale: 2 good lawn mowers, 402 S. Maple. J.D. Smith - 396-2572.
8-8-4xc

Are you getting close to your 65th birthday? Remember with Medicare Parts A and B, you can take out a Medicare Supplement policy that will help fill in the gaps with your medical claims. Contact us for quotes and information that will help you in this transition. Allen-Tarver Insurance Agency, 205 N. Main, Stratford, TX 806-396-5810.
8-22-8xc

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1-4-1yrpd

Land For Sale

Land for Sale: One (1) 640 Acre Tract cultivated land; 306.7 acres in CRP, 276.3 acres in CRP, 250.3 in CRP. Contact Trust Department/Martha Mills, First State Bank 396-5521.
3-12-1fn

Wanted

Custom work wanted: Shredding, reasonable rates. Call 396-2305 or 753-6691.
8-1-4xc

Garage Sales

Back Yard Sale: Sat. August 24th, 9-?, 702 N. Pearl.
8-22-1xp

Garage Sale: Saturday, August 24, 8:00 a.m. - ?, 802 N. Fulton. Lots of children's items.
8-22-1xc

For Rent

2 Bedroom Trailer House for rent. 305 S. Wall. Call 935-6702.
6-14-1fn

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

The impala is a swift, graceful antelope that can leap up to 30 feet in a single bound.

Houses for Sale

House for Sale: Great Location, beautiful corner lot, 2 large bedrooms, 1 large bath, garage, central heat/AC. 806-659-2345.
8-2-1fn

For Sale: 3 Bdrm, 2 bath brick home, double car garage, fenced in backyard, across from City Park. 702 N. 7th. Call 396-2425, 396-2845, 396-5841, or 396-1050 for more information.
6-14-1fn

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1-3-1fn

For Sale: Perfect location! Close to school, town & park. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, big kitchen, large utility & office. Lots of storage! Attached garage, 1000 sq. ft. brick garage with game room or shop out back. Brick fence, sprinkler system. 701 N. Pearl. 366-5684.
6-6-1fn

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Fax 935-7687 or call our Stratford Agent Arnita Lane 366-5853

New Listing - Heartwarming - Full of Comfort! 2 story, 4 B/R, 2 baths, basement, detached 2 car garage, storage throughout, rock exterior, metal roof. Come with 1 year home warranty. Corner Lot. \$89,900.

New Listing - Nice home on corner. Nearly new shop/garage, Brick 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, den/living room, bedroom/office. \$79,500.

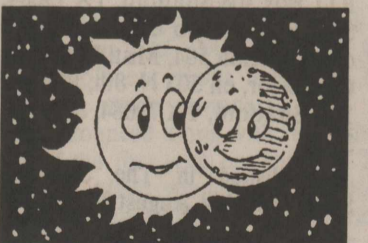
New Listing - 3 B/R, 2 bath, nice brick home with single garage. Nice kitchen cabinets, ready to go at \$57,000.

Listing - 3 B/R, 1 3/4 baths, fireplace, living room, dining room and gameroom. \$38,500.

Listing - Nice 3 B/R, 1 3/4 bath, single garage, gas fireplace, central heat/air. Huge closets, nice yard, storage bldg. \$55,000

House for Sale: Recently remodeled 2500 sq. ft house. 3 bdrm, 2 baths. Immediate possession. Call for more information. 244-2155 or 333-7120.
8-8-1fn

Home for Sale: 3 Bdrm, 1 3/4 bath, 1475 sq. ft - \$55,000. Completely remodeled, new furnace/AC, Sprinkler/drip system, large fenced yard. Phone: 366-3081. Cell: 806-753-6103.
8-8-4xc



The next total solar eclipse viewable in the U.S. won't occur until Aug. 21, 2017. Its path of totality will stretch from Oregon to South Carolina.

House for Sale or Rent: 1214 Division, 4 Bdrm, 1 3/4 Bath, 2100 Sq. ft., central heat/ac, fireplace, nice deck. 396-2047.
8-15-1fn

Three bedroom brick home in good location. Nice size living area, 1 and 3/4 baths, double car garage, corner lot. 1101 N. Chestnut--Call for Kathy at 366-5566 or 769-4478 after 5:00 p.m.
5-23-1fn

House for Sale: 604 S. Fulton, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1716 living, brick/steel siding, central heat/air, a/c new, vinyl windows, fireplace, large fenced backyard, new ceramic cook-top, built-in oven and microwave, dishwasher, pantry, ice maker hook-up, utility room, carpet, new vinyl flooring, attic storage w/stairs, covered patio, 2 storage sheds, 2 car garage, electric door openers. Phone 254-772-7927.
1-10-1fn

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- 514 S. Pearl - 3 Bedrooms - 1 1/2 Baths - Big Utility Room - Fireplace - Stove. \$51,000.

House for Sale or Rent: 3 Bedroom. Call 806-396-2125.
8-22-1fn

House for Sale: 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, near schools, new carpet, new A/C, 1900 Sq. ft. 1205 Division. 366-3296 or 753-6496.
8-15-4xp

For Sale: 4 Bdr, 2 1/2 bath house on 1 acre. Over 2100 sq. ft. w/detached 2 car garage. This must see house is priced to sell. Call 806-323-9676 for more details.
8-8-1fn

Help Wanted

Sherman County is accepting applications for Veteran's Affairs Officers. Pick up applications at County Judges offices. Deadline for applying is August 26th.
8-15-2xc

Coldwater Manor, a 39-bed nursing facility in Stratford, TX is seeking R.N. for Director of Nursing. Long term care experience a plus. Excellent long-term opportunity. Train with current D.O.N. before he retires. Excellent salary and benefits package. Submit resume or apply in person at Coldwater Manor; 1111 Beaver Road; P.O. Box 1189; Stratford, TX 79084. 806/396-5568; 806/396-5930 FAX EOE.
8-22-4xc

Diary position now available at Coldwater Manor. Excellent benefits including health insurance after 90 days. Apply in person at Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX. EOE.
8-22-2xc



A lion's mane protects him during fights—softening the blows of his enemies.

FDA NEWS OF SAFETY

Facts from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

"Home Use" Medical Devices: Benefits And Challenges

(NAPS)—The rapid growth in sales of medical devices used at home represents one of the "hottest" emerging areas in health care. Well-known trends are converging to increase the role of home use devices. They are:

- a changing population, in which there are decreasing numbers of nurses and an increasing geriatric patient population.
- insurance company practices, which encourages patients to leave hospitals earlier and to continue medical care at home.
- sophisticated new products being designed into smaller and less expensive packages.

Examples of advanced medical technology used at home include medical delivery devices, implanted pacemakers and defibrillators and "telemedicine" devices that transmit information about patients—such as weight, blood pressure, body temperature, blood oxygenation, blood glucose and lung function—from their homes to the doctor's office.

Some of the devices that patients will be taking home in the near future would have looked like science fiction a few years ago.

"Smart bandages" will be able to detect signs of infection and "recommend" treatment.

Exoskeleton systems and functional electrical stimulation (FES) systems will restore use to the paralyzed limbs of quadriplegic patients.

A biosensing toothbrush will check patient's blood sugar

and levels of bacteria during toothbrushing.

As these complicated and more capable devices are being introduced, they challenge the ability of home users who often lack familiarity with high-technology devices and medical care. Manufacturers usually include manuals and may give training, but this is no guarantee that patients will be able to avoid problems. This is because some devices require the user to understand complex processes and terminology.

These are called "human factors" problems and they are well-known and problems in hospitals, despite the fact that medical devices are being operated by well-trained health practitioners, with on-site service, and the support of other doctors and nurses.

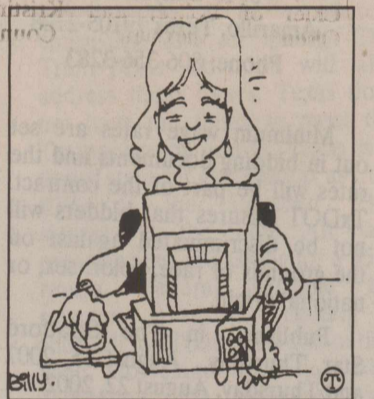
The FDA's Human Factors Program helps ensure that manufacturers are making human factors part of the design and testing of their new medical devices. When a dangerous problem ("adverse event") with a medical device—a serious injury, death, or near miss—is reported to the FDA, members of the Human Factors Group help investigators find out if the event was caused by human factors or shortcomings in the design of the device.

The FDA is working hard to keep up with the rapid changes in the design and sale of home use medical devices. To learn more, visit www.fda.gov.

Web Watch

(NAPS)—Don't buy a bunch of incompatible software to run your business. That's the advice of experts at Mountain Buggy, a small business that imports rugged baby strollers. They use the Oracle Small Business Suite to take orders over the Web, and orders automatically flow into the accounting component of the Suite for easy processing. They use the Oracle Small Business Suite to run their entire company from inventory management and sales to employee management.

For more information, visit www.oracle-smallbusiness.com. Although depression affects up to one in four women at some point in their lives, clinical depression is not a "normal" part of being a woman. Fortunately, 80 percent of all cases of clinical depression can be effectively treated with medication, psychotherapy or a combination of



both. Depression is a debilitating disease and should therefore be treated the same way you would treat any other serious illness—by speaking to your doctor and getting the proper care and treatment. For more information on depression, call a local mental health center or visit www.womenmentalhealth.org and www.GoOnAndLive.com.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE TO
CONTRACTORS OF
PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY
IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (S)

District: Amarillo
Contract 6086-78-001 for CLEANING and SWEEPING HIGHWAYS in HANSFORD County, etc. will be opened on September 25, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$189,600.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 7203

State Office
Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office (s)
Amarillo District
District Engineer
5715 Canyon Dr
Amarillo, Texas 79105-2708
Phone: 806-356-3283

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of the Stratford Independent School District budget hearing. In accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on the proposed 2002-2003 budget for the Stratford Independent School District on August 30, 2002 at 7:00 a.m. The hearing will be held in High School Library of Stratford Schools, 503 N. Eighth, Stratford, Texas.

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NOTICE
FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
TEXAS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Stratford will hold a final public hearing on Tuesday, August 27, 2002 at 5:15 p.m. at the Stratford City Hall, 518 N. 3rd, in regard to the water system improvements project recently completed with a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. Topics to be discussed will include the specific program improvements completed and the costs associated with the TCDP and the City of Stratford. Handicapped citizens needing assistance to attend this hearing should contact Don Nicholson, City Manager, at (806) 366-5581.

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Since we cannot know all that is to be known of everything, we ought to know a little about everything.
—Blaise Pascal

Advertisement For Bids

Sealed Proposals for the Window replacement for the Sherman County Courthouse, Stratford, Texas will be received by Judge Kim Crippen, 701 N. 3rd, Room 206, Stratford, Texas, 79084 until 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time, August 27th, then publicly opened and read aloud. Proposals shall be addressed to Judge Kim Crippen. The scope of the work shall include window replacement, refurbishment of window sills where termite damage exists, ceiling removal and reinstallation, etc.

Plans may be examined at the following locations:
AGC/F.W. Dodge Plan Room
1707 W. 8th Avenue
Amarillo, Texas 79105
Phone: (806) 374-1924
Sherman County Courthouse
701 N. 3rd, Room 206
Stratford, Texas 79084

Two copies of the plans may be obtained from the office of D. Scott Stark, Architect, 2106 S. Polk, Amarillo, Texas, 79109, by qualified Window Contractors upon deposit of \$25.00 per set of plans. Additional copies may be purchased upon receipt of \$25.00 per set to defray printing costs. All plans shall be returned to the Architect for which a deposit was taken. All deposits shall be refunded in full if plans are returned in good condition to the Architect within ten (10) days after bid opening.

A cashier's check, or acceptable bidder's bond payable to Sherman County, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid submitted must accompany each proposal as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the bidder will promptly enter into a contract and execute such bonds as may be required.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities or reject any or all bids.

A proposals shall remain in effect for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of receipt unless sooner returned.

The four-hour bid time as observed by AGC shall be in effect on this project.

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On November 28, 1929, Ernie Nevers of the Chicago Cardinals celebrated Thanksgiving by scoring all 40 points (6 touchdowns, 4 points after) in the team's 40-6 win.

(NAPS)—The season is called "fall" for a reason: all of those lovely autumn leaves will eventually end up on the ground, and you'll have to clean them up.

A convenient alternative to back-wrenching raking is using a leaf blower. According to Mark Michaels, handheld products business unit manager at Husqvarna, handheld or backpack leaf blowers can be a powerful tool in removing the remnants of the fall season.

"Leaf blowers provide more efficiency in the clean-up process," Michaels said. "Compared to manual tools, a blower will allow you to cover more ground with less fatigue to the arms and back."

Michaels offers these tips for selecting a blower:

- The true test of power in a leaf blower is not the size of the engine or rated horsepower but rather the amount of air it puts out in a given amount of time. Air volume is measured by the cubic feet per minute (CFM). If you're buying a handheld blower, look for one greater than 350 CFM. For backpack models, anything above 575 CFM will provide high efficiency.

- Consider the nozzle shape. A narrow outlet will provide higher air speed—good for moving wet, heavy material. A wider nozzle provides lower airspeed but creates a wider path, allowing you to move large amounts of dry material.
- If you have a large area to tackle, consider a backpack blower.

NOTICE OF
CONCENTRATED ANIMAL
FEEDING OPERATION
APPLICATION TPDES
Registration No. WQ0004498-000

APPLICATION, SEABOARD FARMS, INC., P.O. Box 29135, Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66201 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a new TPDES Registration No. WQ0004498-000 to authorize the applicant to operate a new swine facility at 66,000 head in Sherman County, Texas. The application was received by TNRCC on May 20, 2002. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this registration except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The proposed facility will be located on the south side of County Road Y, approximately 2 miles west of the intersection of County Road Y and US Highway 287, in Sherman County, Texas. The facility will be located in the drainage area of an unnamed segment in Segment No. 0100 of the Canadian River Basin.

The application is available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the Sherman County Library, 719 N. Main St., Stratford, Texas 79084.

The Executive Director of the TNRCC has prepared a draft registration which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitation within which the facility must operate.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements for the registration and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the application for registration and a response to all comments.

INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the registration process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Issued: August 12, 2002
LaDonna Castanuela, Chief Clerk
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

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Choose The Right Leaf Blower



It reduces stress on the shoulders and back, especially if equipped with a hip pad and used properly.

- A backpack blower with the throttle handle mounted on the tube allows for the most maneuverability and least fatigue. Look for a throttle that allows you to lock the speed at a constant rate.

- When considering a handheld blower, look for one with an in-line handle. If the handle is off-set from the tube, your wrist will be forced to rotate in an unnatural position. Also, many handheld blowers come with a vacuum attachment for mulching.

- Visit an outdoor power equipment dealer for additional tips or to try out a blower. Get advice from someone who's been around power equipment long enough to help you make a smart buying decision.

For more information, visit www.husqvarna.com, or call 1-800-HUSKY-62 to locate a dealer near you.

Stratford ISD offers career and technology education programs in Vocational Agriculture and Homemaking, Computer Application, and diversified Career Preparation, Internetworking technology. Admission to these programs is based on student selection, curriculum and pre-requisite.

It is the policy of Stratford ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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Stratford ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the title IX Coordinator, Jim Taliaferro, Supt., at 503 N. Eighth, of 806-366-3300, the Section 504 Coordinator, Misti McBryde, Counselor, at 503 N. Eighth or 806-366-3322.

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FORMA DE MUESTRA

Stratford ISD ofrece programas vocacionales en agricultura y economomise de casa, computadora de negocio aplicacion y diversified career technology y internetworking technology. La admission a estos programas se basa en el estudiante y la minima edad.

Es norma de Stratford ISD no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo a impedimento, en sus programas, servicios o activades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Titulo VI de la Ley de Deprechos Civiles de 1964, segun enmienda; el Titulo IX de las Emmiendas en la Educacion de 1972, y la Seccion 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitacion de 1973, segun enmienda.

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Stratford ISD tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua engles no sea un obstaculo para la admission y participacion en todos los programas educatovos y vocacionales.

Para informacion sobre sus derechos o procediminetos para quejas, comuniquese con el Coordinador del Titulo IX, Jim Taliaferro, Supt., en 503 N. 8th, P.O. Box 108 Stratford, TX 79084, 806-366-3300, y/o el Coordinador de la Seccion 504, Misti McBryde, Counselor, en 503 N. 8th, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, 806-366-3322.

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In the last 50 years, every time the University of Kentucky has won the NCAA basketball championship (1949, 1951, 1958, 1978, 1996 and 1998), the New York Yankees have won the World Series.

The best view of big government is in the rear view mirror as you're driving away from it.
—President Ronald Reagan

City Council Minutes
Cont. from page 6

Ken is looking to submit for a Solid Waste Grant to replace the old Recycle van with a new one.

Four (4) more cardboard dumpsters have been distributed.

The City must notify TNRCC if water pressure drops below 21 lbs. More valves are needed. Brandt Engineering will be contacted to help resolve this problem.

Randy Agan requests to reinstate the ordinance for Curfew Violations with modified changes. Age limit was changed to "Under 17 years of age" and it will be reviewed every three (3) years. Blake Confer motioned to accept and reinstate the Curfew Violation Ordinance, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Randy requested council to accept Noise Ordinance-which currently reads "after 10:00 p.m./over 80 decibels" and would be modified by removing time and decibels. Discussion took place regarding the Noise Ordinance. B.A. Donelson motioned to deny acceptance of Noise Ordinance; Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, no action taken.

Kristine Olsen commended Police Department on burglary capture. Don Nicholson adds that Blake Sladek would like to commend Police Department for their work on burglaries and thefts. Mayor Brown commended Police Department on the drug bust they worked with the Sheriff's Office and several other law enforcement departments.

B. A. Donelson feels that paving of the streets should be mandatory. Con Nicholson and Mayor state they were reluctant to make the decision not to seal coat. However, even though the contracts states that either party can add and/or delete footage to be seal coated, the contractor refused to seal coat unless the City agreed to seal coat the original square footage submitted.

Demolition has been ordered on the building at 101 S. Main. Don Nicholson states that clean up at 302 S. Spruce is proceeding as scheduled. B.A. Donelson stated deadline letters regarding clean up should be consistent.

Mayor Brown states seven (7) fire hydrants will be replaced. Brandt Engineering will handle the engineering and bid process.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Stratford City Council met in Special Session Monday, July 29, 2002 at 12:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Joe Zak, Bryan Mungia, B.A. donelson, Blake Confer, and George Harding.

Also present were: Don Nicholson, City Administrator, LaRita Butler, City Clerk; Kathy Rendon, Part-time City Clerk; Randy Agan, Chief of police; Jon King, City Attorney; and Kristine Olsen, Sherman County Development.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Municipal Judge position was discussed. It was mentioned that if the Justice of the Peace handles some cases, the county would keep any money collected from fines.

Further discussion took place concerning whether or not the city had to have a municipal judge. Job duties of the municipal judge and municipal clerk were also discussed. Connie Oquin arrived at 12:30 p.m. Council questioned Connie concerning the duties of Municipal Judge. Discussion took place. No action taken.

Discuss and consider possible purchased of Police Car Video Cameras. The video cameras are mandated by the state and must be in place by January 2003. Randy Agan has been in contact with camera agencies. The money from past drug seizures will be used to purchase the cameras.

B.A. Donelson questioned as to why the Police Department has three patrol vehicles. Discussion took place.

Randy AGAN gave a few specifics on the camera and the videotapes to be used.

Blake Confer motioned to approve the purchase of the video cameras for the patrol cameras; George Harding seconded, all in favor motion carried.

Question was asked by the council if there was any alternative to the Municipal Judge position. no further discussion. meeting adjourned 1:10 p.m.

You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club.
—Jack London

(NAPS)—A diabetes epidemic has hit the United States. How can you avoid becoming one of the 800,000 new cases of diabetes each year? Read on.

At any given moment, it is estimated that 80 million Americans are at risk for developing the potentially debilitating and life-threatening disease. Although type 2 diabetes is becoming more common, it is a fairly preventable disease.

"My father has diabetes, and I've seen the health problems it's caused him," said Emily Lobdell, 26, of Chicago who is at high risk for type 2 diabetes. "I definitely do not want that to happen to me."

Lobdell eats whole grains, exercises and makes good diet choices because she knows that poor health habits are partially to blame for the upward trend of type 2 diabetes, which is also referred to as "adult onset" diabetes. Research is clear that an inactive lifestyle and poor food choices top the list of reasons for the epidemic. Fear not, however, there is a silver lining. Making lifestyle changes may reduce your chances for developing the disease.

The science is in: choose your foods carefully. Studies that look at the eating patterns found that those who ate vegetables, fruit, fish, poultry and whole grains had a lower risk of type 2 diabetes.

Though fruits and vegetables are a necessary part of a healthy diet, several studies indicate that whole-grain foods are very effective in lowering the risk for type 2 diabetes.

Research recently published in *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* shows that whole grains from breads and breakfast cereals are a surprising new weapon to prevent the disease.

Researchers from Harvard and the University of Minnesota conducted the first ever double-blind clinical study designed to improve the body's "insulin response" by eating U.S. guideline levels of

whole-grain foods. The term, "insulin response" refers to the way the body processes blood sugar. Whole-grain foods like a bowl of cereal tend to improve the body's ability to handle blood sugar. The U.S. guideline level is three servings of whole-grain foods a day; however, nine in 10 Americans DO NOT meet that minimum guideline.

Vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients—whole grains contain plenty of these substances and together, they are part of the diabetes-prevention picture. Vitamin E, magnesium and phytoestrogens are just a few of the many components in whole grains that may also help improve insulin sensitivity.

A Great Start Toward Total Nutrition—Read the label. It's easy to meet the guideline and give whole-grain foods a spot at every meal. Choose a whole-grain cereal for breakfast, such as Total, Cheerios, Wheat Chex or a shredded wheat cereal. Oatmeal is whole grain, too. Select whole-grain bread for sandwiches and use whole-grain pastas, brown rice or other whole-grain dishes at supper. One bowl of whole-grain cereal along with a sandwich with two slices of whole-grain bread and you've met the requirement for three servings.

Finding Whole-Grain Foods

Breakfast cereals*
Bread, bagels, crackers, pasta*
Barley
Bulgur
Brown rice
Corn, fresh or frozen
Quinoa

* Check ingredient labels—look for the word "whole" before the name of the grain in the ingredient list. It should be the first ingredient.

OTHER TIPS
Look for the "whole grain" seal on products.
Look for the whole-grain health claim on packages.

Check Out These Web Sites:

- Silipos proSport Gel Action athletic supports at www.prosportgel.com.
- Crest Whitestrips at www.whitestrips.com.
- Lutron Electronics at www.lutron.com.
- Chef America at www.chefamerica.com.
- Columbia Crest Winery at www.columbia-crest.com.
- Intel® Pentium® 4 processor at www.intel.com.
- Audubon at www.audubon.org.
- The Cornell Lab of Ornithology at www.birds.cornell.edu.
- BWD Automotive's Legacy Scholarships at www.bwdautomotive.com.
- MSN Money at www.money.msn.com.