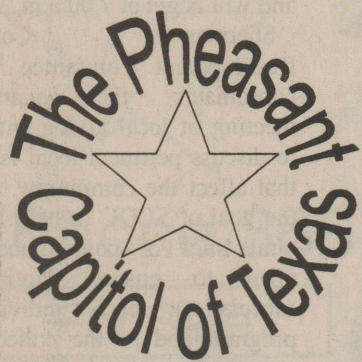




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Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

SPIRIT/US 54 Annual Conference Guymon, OK. Sept. 1-2

The 9th Annual SPIRIT/US54 Transportation Conference will be held in Guymon, Oklahoma on September 1&2, 2004.

The agenda includes a tour of the major area industries, Texas County Feed Yard and Seaboard Plant on Wednesday, September 1, with a reception that evening at the Wild Horse Art Gallery. The Thursday, September 2 conference will be held at the Best Western Townsman Motel beginning with a kickoff breakfast, followed by a report from the Departments of Transportation from Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. The session will conclude with a forum of highway users including four trucking firms that consider US 54 as their main corridor.

The Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture, Terry Peach, will make concluding remarks following a poolside luncheon.

An optional trip to Black Mesa to see the gorgeous mesa lands, dinosaur tracks and the Santa Fe Trail tracks will be followed by an authentic Chuck Wagon Cookout at Kenton, Oklahoma.

For registration and more information on this event, call the City of Guymon (580)338-5838

Fund Raiser Dance To Be Held Aug. 27

Coldwater Manor Nursing Home will have a fund raiser dance on Friday August 27, 2004 at Sherman County Barn, 510 S. Chestnut in Stratford from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Big Band Music provided by: Janie & Her Antique Road Show. Admission is \$5.00 per person.

This is sponsored by: Coldwater Manor Activity, Dept., Non-Profit Organization. Activity Directors: JoAnn Cobos and Janice Vaughn. For more information call 396-5568.

ACT Registration Deadline

For those high school students interested in taking the ACT Test at Stratford High School on September 25, 2004 registration packets may be obtained in the counselor's office. The regular postmark deadline for registration is Friday, August 20th. If you need more information regarding the ACT Test, please contact Misti McBryde at 366-3322.

Band Parents to Meet

The parents of the Big Blue Band will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the band hall to elect officers and plan events for the school year 2004-2005. All parents of high school band members are urged to attend.



Riffe Becomes Eagle Scout

Eric Riffe, son of Chris and Ronna Riffe received the honor of becoming an Eagle Scout on Sunday, August 15, 2004. Master of Ceremonies was Jim Taliaferro at the ceremony that was held at First United Methodist Church in Stratford. Family members, friends and fellow Scout Troop 38 members helped in the ceremony. Congratulations Eric, You deserve it and a job well done. Shown above is Eric with his parents.



A Crane Hinge vault door much like the one you will see at Stratford's Happy State Bank.

Stratford's Happy State Bank Vault Is Set

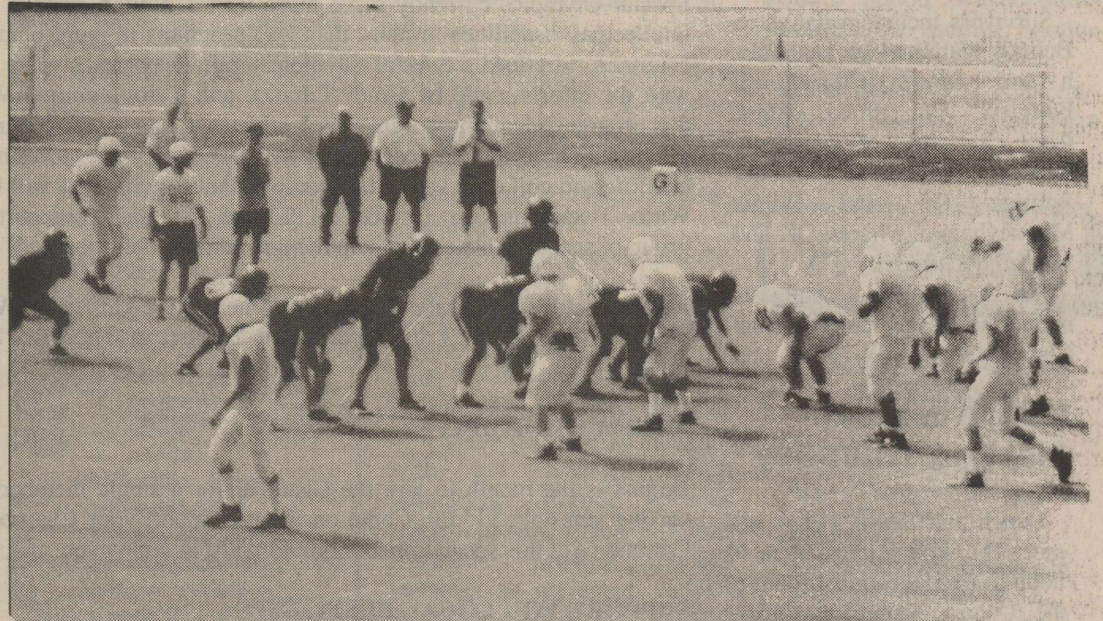
3rd in a series by Tyler Haynes

Happy State Bank takes great pride in all aspects of its business, and their vault doors are no exception. In keeping with their theme, Pat Hickman would take nothing less than an old-fashioned vault door for all his banks. The vault door for the Canyon branch was purchased from Danny Crossland in Houston who sells used bank equipment. Mr. Crossland and Mr. Hickman both tried to find the origin of the old round safe and both believe it came from Hollywood, California even though the company that manufactured the safe could not completely verify it through company records. The vault door in Stratford's Happy State Bank was also purchased from Danny Crossland. The door had been in New Orleans since 1910. Mr. Crossland came to Stratford for its installation at our Happy State Bank on July 19. The vault was installed right after the foundation was set due to its immense size. So the bank is actually built around the vault. The vault doors that Happy State Bank uses haven't been built in at least 90 years. This means the doors have no electronic parts.

Since the vault doors function mechanically, should a part break it can be fixed by a machine shop; so they will work forever. Now, if your thinking a 90 year old safe shouldn't be hard to crack, think again. The vault door in Canyon weighs 42 tons. When asked to swing it closed, I could hardly get it started moving. Though the vault door in Stratford is significantly lighter, I assure you it is sufficiently safe. It is a Crane Hinge vault door which swings like any other door in your house. However, there is a 7500-

pound difference in the vault door and your front door. This will protect the 132 safety deposit boxes that will be housed behind the massive door. The doors antique presents with its polished brass and black veneer will provide the centerpiece for an already classic lobby.

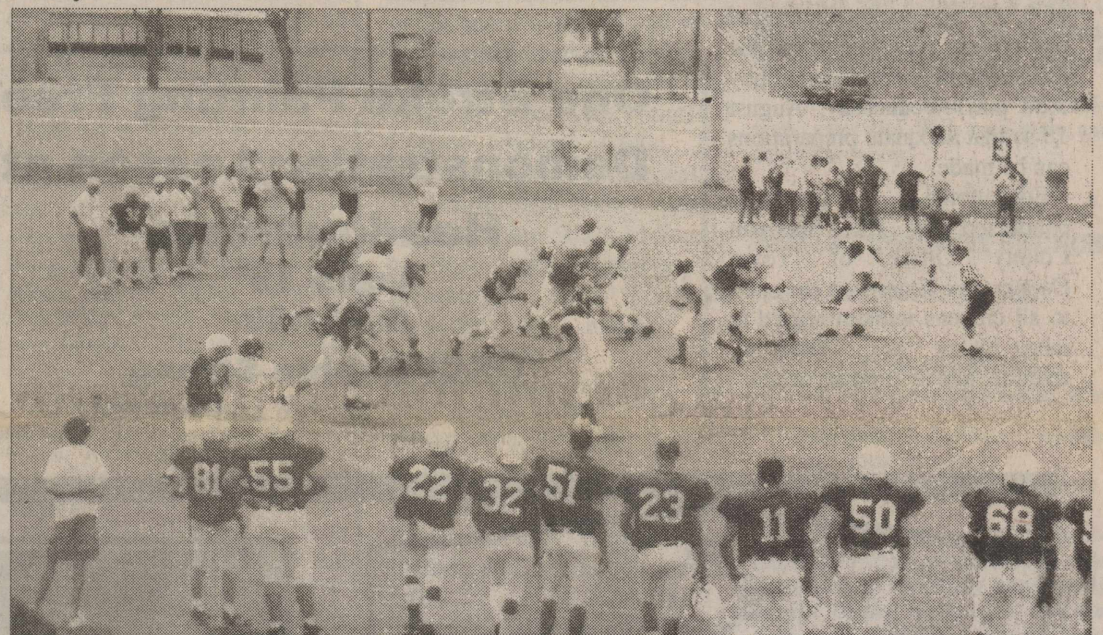
Happy State Bank is all about the "little things" in both its decor and its business practices. One such "thing" is a motto Happy State Bank puts above all its vaults. Carved out in oak, above the vault door it reads, "In God We Trust". Pat Hickman believes, "If it's good enough for our money, it's good enough to put above our vaults". More than that, the employees I interviewed really seem to embrace that motto. In my mind, it is things like that which make Happy State Bank a unique place.



Scrimmage Held Saturday

The J.V. and the Stratford Elks scrimmaged Canadian here on Saturday, August 14, 2004. Their next scrimmage will be this Thursday, August 19th, here against Sanford Varsity.

Shown above J.V. Elks and shown below



Ninth Annual Benefit Golf Tournament Sponsored by Circle of Friends

Sherman County Circle of Friends Ninth Annual Benefit Golf Tournament will be held at Stratford Country Club on August 28th and 29th, 2004.

Couples Scotch Scramble tee-time 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dinner and Fundraiser Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

For more information contact: Pat Johnson-396-2243 or Kris Lasley at 753-4421 or Nelda Stacy at 396-2238.

The purpose of the Circle of Friends is to provide financial assistance to cancer patients and their families in times of crisis and to support education and research programs directed toward improving the patient's quality of life.

Spirit & Ports-to-Plains Attending Tex-21 Transportation Conference

Gaynelle Riffe representing the SPIRIT/54 and Ports-to-Plains Transportation Corridors attended the 7th Annual TEX-21 Transportation Summit in Irving, Texas August 10-13. Principal speakers at the conference were: Ric Williamson, Chairman of Texas Transportation Commission; Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson; Annette Sandberg, Administrator for Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; U. S. House Majority Leader, Tom DeLay; Congressman Michael Burgess, Nick Lampson, John Cluberson, Martin Frost, Green Green, Sheila Jackson Lee, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Pete Sessions, Randy Neugebauer. Break out session concerning NAFTA, Toll Roads, Rail and Transit Issues, Technology and Funding were held the three days. Most of the information concerned I-35 and I-69/59 and very little about the rest of the state. That is why rural and West Texas must be at the

The Circle of Friends raises support funds through: Membership-Special Events-"The Caring Touch" calendar sales and the Susan G. Komen Panhandle of Texas "Race for the Cure"

Financial Support is available for cancer patients receiving treatment in the Harrington Cancer Center's service area. The Circle of Friends assists with services not covered by insurance or available through other agencies. Limited funds are available for out-of-pocket expenses such as travel, lodging, prescribed nutritional supplements and other special needs. Assistance is provided on a short-term basis for crisis situations.

Stratford Hospital District Minutes-Board of Directors Meeting, June 15th

Stratford Hospital District Board of Directors met for the regular monthly meeting, June 15, 2004 at 6:00 p. m. These officers were present:

Shannon Taliaferro, President
Ronnie Brooks, Vice President
Wayne Smith, Director
Betty Brown, Director

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Shannon Taliaferro. Also present were Judy Griffith representing Stratford Family Medical Clinic, Jimmy Lanning representing Stratford Emergency Medical Services, Ed Dudley Interim Administrator for the Stratford Hospital District, and Kandie Galla secretary for Stratford Hospital District.

President Shannon Taliaferro swore in Larry Drake as a new board member for the Stratford Hospital District.

Nominations were made for President of the board. Shannon Taliaferro was nominated and reinstalled as president of the board. Nominations were made for Vice-President. Ronnie Brooks was reinstalled as vice-president of the board. Nominations were made for secretary for the board. Betty Brown was nominated and reinstalled as secretary of the board.

The minutes from the previous board meeting were read by Kandie Galla and approved after corrections were made.

Executive Session opened at 6:15 p.m.

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Chamber News

By Patti Tims

Obits

Rose Cassidy

Gruver-Rose Cassidy, 69, died Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, August 12, 2004 in First Christian Church with the Rev. Gary Gumfory officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Cassidy married Phil Cassidy on Aug. 29, 1953, in Fort Sumner, N.M. She was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Belinda Hamilton of Texoma; a son, Monty Cassidy of Fairview, OK; three sisters, Cora Steward of Perryton, Shirley Calaway of Baxter Springs, KS, and Wilma Mooneyham of Miami, OK and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to First Christian Church, Gruver, TX 79040.

Lunch & Learn Meeting Thursday

Lunch and Learn TEEA will meet Thursday, August 19 at 12 noon in the educational room of the County Extension Office. The program will be "Emergency Preparedness" with Eddie and Sandy Williams as quest speakers. All members are invited and guests are welcome also.

Lunch will be served at a cost of \$5.00 per person. Interested participants are asked to call the Extension office at 366-2122 by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 18 so that adequate preparations can be made.

Educational programs conducted by the Sherman County Office of Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

It was my honor and privilege to attend and assist with the Special Olympics swim meet in Amarillo, Saturday. There were athletes from all around the Texas Panhandle area. I have never felt such unconditional love in my life. To watch these athletes struggle with their disabilities, and overcome the obstacles and reach the finish line was amazing. We could all learn from their honor, courage, and love. I know I did. If you ever have the opportunity to attend any Special Olympics event, please do so. I don't how many of you know what Special Olympics is all about, but I am going to tell you.

Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports training and competition. Special Olympics offer children and adults with intellectual disabilities year round training and competition in 26 Olympic type summer and winter sports. There is no charge to participate in Special Olympics.

Special Olympics currently serve more than 1 million persons with intellectual disabilities in more than 200 programs in more than 150 countries. Stratford's Special Olympic program began 2 years ago, with the efforts made by Cindy Larence and Carol Zimmer. When this program began there were only 4 athletes, today we have 8 in our program. These athletes participate in basketball, track, swimming, bowling and golf each year. State competition in swimming will be in Waco, Texas this year, October 14, 15 and 16th. Please support this group of special athletes and help them to achieve their goal.

If you would like to make a donation to help these kids go to Waco, please contact Cindy Larence or Carol Zimmer at The First State Bank.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

August is the month to join the Chamber for a single membership, costing you only \$15.00. Come on in and support your Chamber of Commerce at this special price. Look forward to seeing you.

SUPPORT YOU LOCAL BUSINESSES

You know I mentioned the new businesses coming to town last week. Well, this week I would like to talk about the businesses that have been here for awhile. That have continued to support Stratford in keeping their businesses open. Please don't forget about them. They have been loyal to Stratford, and we need to be loyal to them. Shop locally for all the items that are available in Stratford.

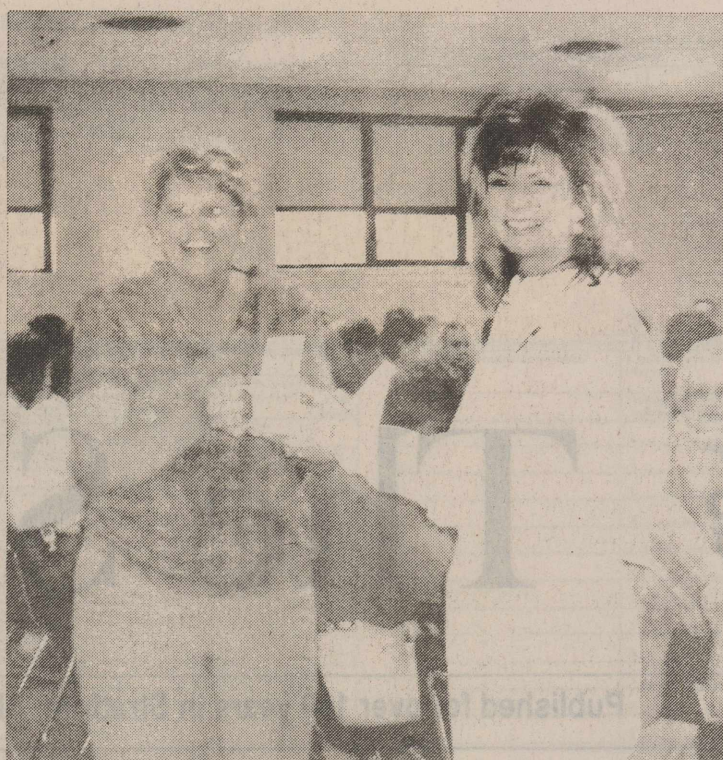
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August 19th

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For more information call 396-2802



Brownlee-Door Prize Winner

Brenda Brownlee was one of the door prize winners on Friday the 13th when Happy State Bank served the SISD Faculty, administration and staff. Congratulations.



Berry Attends Life Insurance Seminar

Walt Berry, Stratford, Texas a Modern Woodmen of America representative, has completed a five-day educational program at Modern Woodmen's Home Office in Rock Island, IL.

The program focused on helping families with Modern Woodmen life insurance plans, annuities and fraternal member benefits.

Founded in 1883 as a fraternal benefit society, today Modern Woodmen of America offers financial services and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families throughout the United States.

Lions Club Begins Monday, August 23

Stratford Lions Club begins Monday, August 23rd at 12 noon at the Methodist Church.

A true poet does not bother to be poetical. Nor does a nursery gardener scent his roses.
-Jean Cocteau

Coming Soon: To Let's Make Arrangements

Ion-Cleanse, the Ion-Cleanse Process is an amazing cleanser method for detoxifying your entire body by bathing your feet in warm water while using Positive & Negative Ions from an Ion Generator.

The process is also known as electrolysis. This is a very effective way to remove Toxic accumulation, regardless of where they are located in the body.

Each session takes 30 minutes-call today for an appt. 366-2092

Roundtable To Meet Aug. 26

The ROUNDTABLE will meet Thursday, August 26, 2004 at the Imagination Station located at 202 N. Main Street and will begin at 7:00 a.m.

Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. coordinates the quarterly meeting of local taxing entities to discuss pertinent local issues that affect the community. It is the goal of SCDC to help keep vital lines of communication open to ensure continued success in each individual program and to the collective growth of our community.

The taxing entities that comprise the Roundtable are: Stratford Hospital District, Stratford Independent School District, Sherman County, and the City of Stratford. Others invited to participate are the Commerce and High Ground of Texas. SCDC encourages the attendance of each taxing entity to include their board members, councilmen and commissioners.

4-H Parent/Leaders Meeting August 30

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

Items of business to be discussed will include 2004-2005 activity sign up sheet and budget adoption; select meeting and county achievement dates for 2004-2005; evaluation of summer activities; and plans for fall activities.

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



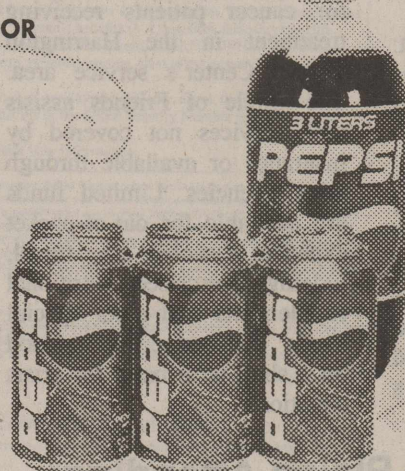
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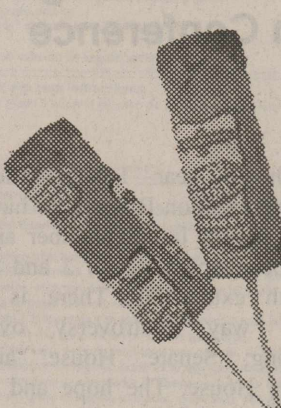
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Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

We are glad to report that the SCOT Fish Fry was a big success, with a huge crowd and plenty of great food! We thank all who came to enjoy the meal, and we certainly appreciate all our members who worked so long and hard to make it a success. Thank you.

Now, coming up this week, August 19 at 2 p.m., is the birthday party, so we want to remember that.

Our luncheon will be next Thursday, August 24—another chance to share some good food and fellowship.

One of the pleasures of going to SCOT Hall is to see the interior of the building after its great "face-lift". Here again, we owe a huge thank you to those who have been responsible. Recently, many hours have been spent on the decorative painting on the walls, so we do say Thank You to those who have worked so hard at this.

It's great to have people who make things happen!

2004-2005 4-H Enrollment Night

The Sherman County 4-H Enrollment night will be held August 30, 2004 at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. Enrollment and Parent/Leader Update will begin at 6:30 p.m. There will be a hot dog supper provided by Lem and Cindy Russell and Cindy Dickenson. New and former 4-H members will need to fill out enrollment forms for the upcoming 4-H Year. This year outstanding 4-H members and parent/leaders

will again be providing a booth, demonstrating their favorite 4-H Project to encourage and educate new 4-H members on the numerous activities 4-H has to offer. There will be a Parent/Leader Meeting following the hot dog supper, all parents are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in assisting with a booth for enrollment night or have any questions please contact Leslie Neve at (806) 366-2081.

You are no bigger than the things that annoy you.
-Jerry Bundsen

A steam engine has always got character. It's the most human of all man-made machines
-Reverend William Vere Awdrey

Charm is a way of getting the answer yes without asking a clear question
-Albert Camus

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Stratford Patriots Win at Area 16 Aquatics Meet

The Stratford Patriots won a total of 11 medals over the weekend in Amarillo at the Special Olympics Area 16 Aquatics meet held at the Amarillo Town Club. We had 7 athletes compete this year and the results are as follows:

Brian Zinck-15 meter flotation swim-1st place-15 meter unassisted swim-1st place
Tyler Pickens-10 meter assisted swim-2nd place-15 meter walk-3rd place
Seth Kimbrell-10 meter assisted swim-3rd place
Jessica Johnson-10 meter assisted swim-1st place-15 meter walk-4th place
Wade Plunk-15 meter flotation swim-1st place-25 meter flotation swim-1st place
Linda McKinney-10 meter assisted swim-2nd place-15 meter walk-3rd place
Matt Powers-25 meter backstroke-1st place-50 meter backstroke-1st place.

These athletes did a wonderful job and had a great time. We will be going to the state competition that will be held in Waco in October. When you see these young athletes around town, ask them about their medals. They will proudly tell you all about them!

We would like to take a minute to thank everyone that contributed to our garage sale in every way and also to all of the sponsors that contributed money and food items to the Ranch Rodeo concession stand that the Special Olympics did for fundraisers to help us go to the state competition. We truly appreciate all of the generosity that this community shows toward our team and all that we stand for.

4-H Achievement Banquet Aug. 23

Sherman County 4-H'ers will be recognized for their accomplishments at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet to be held August 23rd at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. A highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the 2004 recipient of the Gold Star Award, the highest honor given to a 4-H member.

The banquet will begin at 7:00 p.m. with covered dish meal. The banquet is being coordinated by Adult leaders Dinah Horsford, and Roxie Newcomb. These leaders are being assisted by members of the Sherman County 4-H Council.

The planning committee and 4-H Council members will meet on Sunday August 22 at 3:00 p.m. to decorate for the banquet. For more information, contact Susie Spurlock at the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122.



Congratulations Linda!!!!

The First State Bank Ladies in honor of her losing 50 pounds gave Linda McKinney an Impromptu party. Shown above is Linda. Way to Go Linda, everyone is so proud of you. Good Luck!

Texas Panhandle Black Bears 2004

By Dave Cook,
TPWD Wildlife Biologist
Panhandle Wildlife District

Reports of black bears (*Ursus americanus*) in the Western Panhandle are becoming more frequent. Representing just the most recent of sightings we had a report (unverified) that a small black bear was seen just south of Dumas in the canyons located there. It is believed that fires and continuing poor habitat conditions in eastern New Mexico have caused a severe reduction in the mast crop and decrease in other food items as well. This has forced many of the bears to wander outside their normal range.

Black bears historically ranged over the majority of Texas, but resident populations are currently restricted to mountainous areas in the Trans-Pecos Region and a few sightings in East Texas. Also, there is a small resident population located in the Oklahoma Panhandle.

Bears spend the late summer and fall foraging and trying to gain weight for their winter rest. Usually bears become lethargic by November and look for a den site. If the bear is not finding enough food or is not able to defend a territory they may start wondering long distances. In the last couple of years habitat conditions were very poor in New Mexico during the time bears would usually be gaining weight. Bears went into the dens in poor condition and therefore, emerged this spring in bad shape. Incidentally, we may see more bears this fall trying to make a living in the

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West Garrett Dance Studio Open Company Auditions

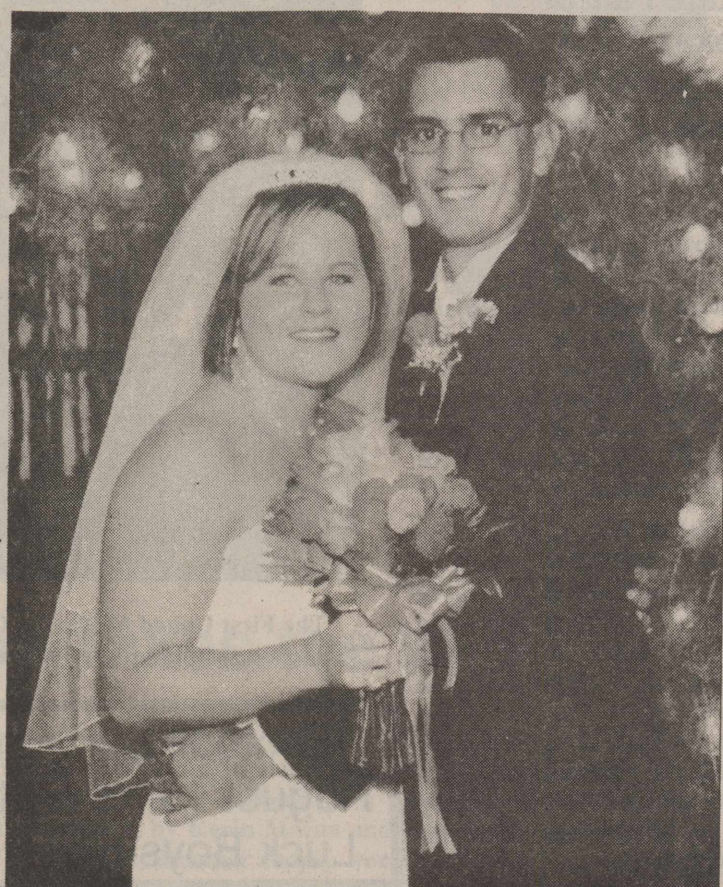
Audition Classes Aug. 30th—Sept. 2nd
From 4pm-6pm

Auditions September 3rd—Starts at 4 pm

Contact Lori Garrett—502 E. 7th Street
Telephone 806-930-6939 or 806-966-5292

Vows Exchanged

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Michelle Dawn Sikora, daughter of Thom and Jeannie Sikora of Stratford and Justin Ross Macon, son of Tanya Medlock of Dumas and Rodney Macon of Stinnett, were united in marriage at the Ranch House Bed and Breakfast in Canyon on June 24, 2004 with Dick Marcear, minister at The Church of Christ at the Colonies, officiating the double ring ceremony.

The bride's something old was an heirloom ring of the bride's great-grandmother, something new—her wedding dress, something borrowed was sister of the bride's wedding veil, and something blue was the garter.

Matron of Honor was Jessica Wheeler, sister of the bride, of Stratford, Texas. Bridesmaids were Kara Britton of Lubbock, Stacye Worthen of Amarillo, Amy Smith of Lubbock, Katie Bills of Canyon.

Best Man was Levi James, friend of the groom, of Stratford. Groomsmen were Ryan Davis of Amarillo, Scott McAlister of Dallas, Shane Qualls of Amarillo, Justin Starnes of Amarillo.

Flower girls were Jaycie Wheeler, niece of the bride, and Poppi Davis, niece of the groom. Ring bearers were Brody Wheeler, nephew of the bride, and John Davis, nephew of the groom. Ushers were Nathaniel Walden of Stratford and Dane Ashley of Levelland.

Serving cake at the reception held at the Ranch House Bed and Breakfast were Keri Walden of Stratford, Lynz McCracken of Alvord, and Mindy Ingram of Amarillo.

The Praise Team of The Church of Christ at the Colonies provided the musical selections.

The bride is a graduate student at West Texas A&M University and will graduate in May of 2005 with a M.A. in Communications. The groom is the Operations Manager for Amarillo National Bank, Tascosa Road Branch.

The couple will reside in Amarillo, Texas.

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

My Servant Will Justify Many

Christianity majors in two things, what we are to believe concerning God and the duty God expects of humankind. These are the big issues. They are both quite important as we reckon with our relationship with God. First of all, every human being comes into this world at odds with God. There is a propensity in our hearts to rebel against God, ignore His words given in the Bible and live pleasure driven lives at the expense of others. We see this readily in our hedonistic overly stimulated society. Now contrary to popular belief, God is not in the business of removing every source of pleasure in life. Actually, God's desire is to replace the ephemeral short-lived pleasure of the world with more substantial, lasting delight found in Him. To bring this about, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world. Christ died to pay the penalty due to people like you and me for our rebellion, self-centeredness and greed. When we trust in the sacrifice of Christ, we are right with God. The Bible calls this justification. We go through life trying to justify our mistakes, justify our positions on various issues and justify our greed and intolerance. We even try to justify ourselves to God. But that won't wash. We need Jesus Christ to step in and represent us before the Father. We need Jesus Christ to say to God, "Father, I died for this lonely soul. Take him, take her, into your heaven." We don't justify ourselves before God. Jesus Christ does it for us. Rather than always trying to justify ourselves, we need to trust Jesus Christ.

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Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.
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Kerrick Community Church

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

First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor

921 Fulton

Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed

5th & Main

Sunday 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. Gene Weinette

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 p

St. Joseph Catholic

Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master

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Rectory - 366 - 5687

Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.

Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon

Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Church

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Sunday School 9:30 am

Morning Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Cards of Thanks

The Stratford Cemetery Board would like to extend our thanks and sincere appreciation to the Sherman County Commissioners and Sherman County employees for the outstanding job they did in repairing some of the roads at the cemetery. The entire community owes each one of you a debt of gratitude and special thanks!

Wayne L. Smith,
President
Stratford Cemetery
Board Members-Becky
Asher, George Harding,
Ann Johnson, Linda
Spurlock

Bears

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Panhandle. Bears will graze wheat fields and have been found in corn circles (this is still pretty rare).

What to do if you see a bear or have a bear on your property?

Black Bears normally are afraid of people, but do not approach it. Most bears in the Panhandle are not resident and usually move on after a few days. However, please contact your local game warden or wildlife biologist as soon as you can. District Office, Canyon for the Wildlife Division 806-655-3782. Amarillo Law Enforcement Office 806-379-8900. Black bears are listed as a state threatened species in Texas and are protected. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is very interested in all bear sightings and we are monitoring "bear occurrences. Please do not take matters into your own hands because the last thing we want is a wounded bear.

Preventing conflicts with bears is the best course of action. Generally, a clean, food-free area is a bear-free area. If bears don't find food they usually move on. Following are a few tips that will not only reduce chances of bear visits but also visits by many other species of wildlife. Keep suburban and rural home areas litter-free, move garbage and barbecue stoves to a secure facility. Bears rely on their keen sense of smell and can be attracted by scents such as dog food, garbage, food scraps, animal feed etc. Do not ever feed bears for any reason.

The chance of coming in contact with a bear in the Panhandle is very remote but if you do encounter a bear:

1. Never approach or come between a mother and cubs, even if the cubs appear grown as they do in the fall.
2. Do not make direct eye contact. Bears perceive eye contact as aggressive behavior.
3. Yell, clap your hands, etc. make a lot of noise. This usually

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The First United Methodist Church hosted an Ice Cream Social in honor of all Stratford ISD teachers, administration, and staff on Sunday, August 15th.



Walker Given Going Away Party

Football Scrimmage Thursday, August 19 here at 5:30 p.m. Good Luck Boys-See you on Thursday

Bill Walker was given a Going Away party by his mother and grandmother on Sunday, August 15, 2004. Bill will be leaving Thursday, August 19th for training in San Antonio, then in approximately 3 months he will be deployed to Iraq. Bill-Everyone wishes you well. Shown above are Grandmother-Betty Chamberlain, Bill and Mother-Tiffany Chaffee.

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Shown at left-Pee Wee Team consists of top L to R: Rett Schoonover, Coach David Cross, Brady Cross, and on bottom Kade McBryde and Preston Burr.



Carter's Boy Takes the Win

The T.J. Carters of Stratford, Texas went to the Winner's Circle to claim victory in the Inaugural running of the Jack Hammer Memorial Saturday, August 7, 2004 at Blue Ribbon Downs in Sallisaw, OK. Carter's Boy ran the 5 furlongs in a time of 59.64 to earn his \$5,200.00 paycheck. Carter's Boy is trained by Kevin Macon and was ridden to victory by Fernando Camacho. Members of the Jack Hammer family were on hand to present the winner's blanket and trophy.

Shown at right-World Qualifiers-Ranch Rodeo Teams will compete in Junior Division of Working Ranch Cowboys Association Rodeo in November. Team members from left: Chance Walker, Reed Schoonover, Braden Hudson, Justin Mungia.



Class of 1994: Top L/R: Dean Hauser, Sarah Graham, Nick Phelps, Chan Smith, Colby Wheeler, Shawnda (Blake) Chitwood, Stacey (Randall) Maldonado, Bottom L/R: Jami (Allen) McGaughy, Tiffany (Reinart) Phelps, Kaci (Wight) McBryde, Stacy (Reese) Pollard, Courtney (Dettle) Reynecke, Kimberly Bouldin.

Shown at right Class of 1974: Back L/R Jack Haile, Phyllis Miller Holmes, Home E. Barbara Bowman: Martha Martha Chesmer Long, Verlie Ellison Norris; not pictured, David McReynolds, Mike Armstrong, Bobby Searle and Jerry Brooks.



Class of 1954 Reunion Standing L/R: Billy Lovelace, Cynthia Gamble Reed, B.A. Donelson; Manual Garcia, Lynn Reeder Studier; Yvonne Mitts Prichard, Rita J. Neal Trimbel, James Crawford; Seated L/R Marjory Mathews Munden, Jo Wayne Harding Summerour, Carroll Parvin Johnson, Helen Finch Hartman, Dickie Bachman. Not pictured: Bob Garoutte, Royene Seaman Garoutte, Jeannie Wells Brannan.



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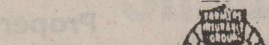
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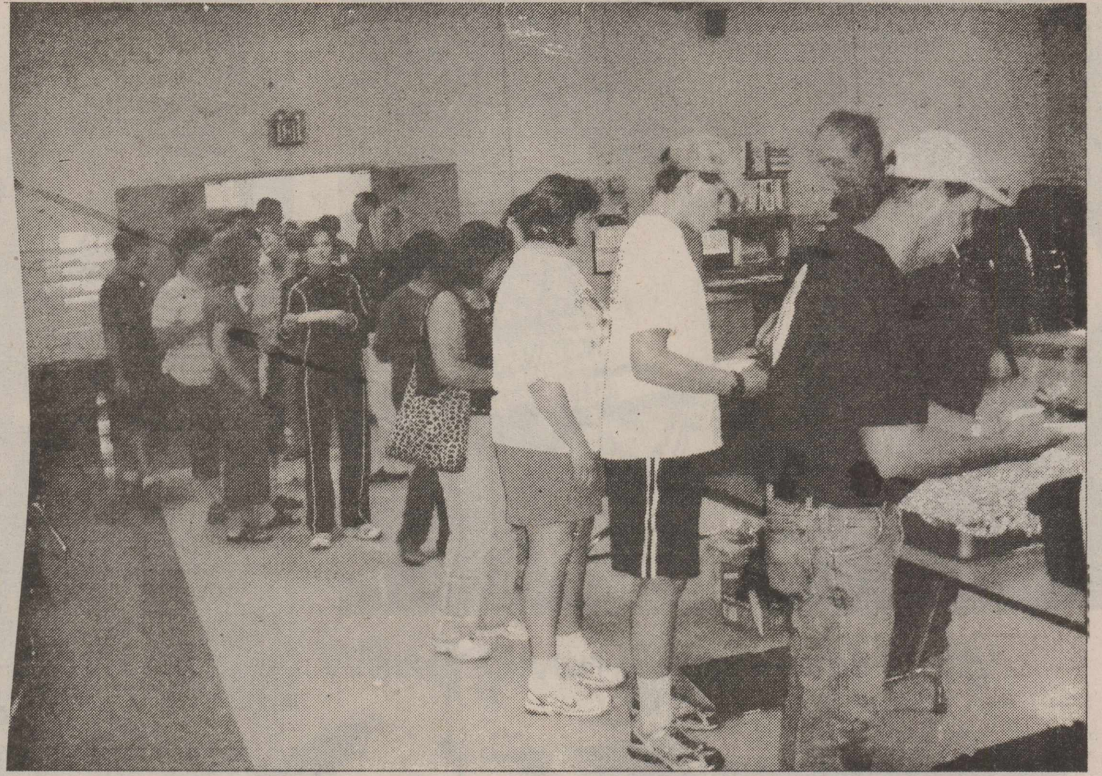
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Imagination Station Drama Camp, ages 4-7, July 26-29-L/R: Troll (Mary Ann Spurlock); Katyln Berry, Jacye Wheeler, Carlee Metcalf, Russell Spurlock, Alex Farney, Ty Hess, Shay Hess.



SISD Teachers, Administration and staff were treated to a barbecue lunch on Friday, the 13th by Happy State Bank.

Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please

NEW INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRY MOVES TO GUYMON

Betty Mosburg, Executive Director of The Panhandle Regional Economic Development Coalition, Inc. (PREDCI) announced today that a new international industry is moving to Guymon. The newly formed company, Guymon Extracts, Inc. was created as a joint venture between the Japanese Companies, RikenVitamin, a major seasoning enterprise and Itochu trading company, along with Seaboard Farms Inc. (OK). The purpose of the new company is for the manufacturing and marketing of extracts from pork bone. A factory that will have the capacity of producing 1200 ton of extract per year will be built at the Guymon Industrial Park with the ground breaking to be held on August 10th and it will be operating by next year April. After the extract is processed into consumer products such as soup for roman noodles by Riken, the products will be supplied to Japanese processed foods and restaurant industries. It is in response to the enlarged demand of pork extracts created by the outbreak of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, Mad Cow disease).

Guymon Extracts Inc. has its head office in Guymon, Oklahoma, and the company is capitalized at 3 million dollars. The ratios of the amount invested are 65% from Riken, 27% from Itochu trading company, 3% from American Itochu International, and 5% from Seaboard. Mr. Isao Yanagi advisor from Riken was inaugurated in early June for the president of the company.

The estimated cost for the

contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

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

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

factory construction is 13.5 million dollars (around 1.5 billion yen). The joint company expects at 5 hundred million yen (around 4.5 million dollars) sales for the year of 2007.

Property Tax Rates

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for listed entities. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties listed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	City/Stratford	City/Texhoma	Hospital/Stratford	Hospital/Texhoma
Last year's tax rate:				
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 387,339	\$ 25,174	\$ 526,830	\$ 9,449
+ Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
= Last year's total taxes	\$ 387,339	\$ 25,174	\$ 526,830	\$ 9,449
÷ Last year's tax base	\$ 45,569,315	\$ 7,727,625	\$ 297,190,973	\$ 90,331,515
= Last year's total tax rate	\$.85 /\$100	\$.32577 /\$100	\$.17727 /\$100	\$.01046 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:				
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 387,169	\$ 25,174	\$ 526,750	\$ 9,447
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 47,269,131	\$ 8,915,315	\$ 316,953,241	\$ 98,653,285
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.81907 /\$100	\$.28236 /\$100	\$.16619 /\$100	\$.00957 /\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.84364 /\$100	\$.29083 /\$100	\$.17117 /\$100	\$.00985 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:				
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 387,169	\$ 25,174	\$ 526,750	\$ 9,447
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 47,269,131	\$ 8,915,315	\$ 316,953,241	\$ 98,653,285
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.81907 /\$100	\$.28236 /\$100	\$.16619 /\$100	\$.00957 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.88459 /\$100	\$.30494 /\$100	\$.17948 /\$100	\$.01033 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$.88459 /\$100	\$.30494 /\$100	\$.17948 /\$100	\$.01033 /\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE				
If the listed unit adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective rate of per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2003 taxes by	\$.81907	\$.28236	\$.16619	\$.00957
	\$ 1,031.06	\$.84	\$ 521.38	\$ 7.50

SCHEDULE A - UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES				
Maintenance and Operation	0	2,600	0	380,000
Interest and Sinking	0	0	0	0

SCHEDULE B - 2004 DEBT SERVICE				
Description of Debt	None	None	None	None

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Appraisal District Office, 402 N. Third, Stratford, Texas

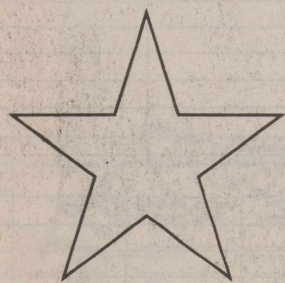
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Garage Sales

Carport Sale: Aug. 21-401 N. Fulton, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. NO EARLY Birds, Men's clothing, boots and hats, 6 kitchen chairs, King-size linens, Double Bed Linens, Lamps, 3 bags yarn and much more. 8-19-c

Garage Sale: Sat. August 21st 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.-12 miles west of Stratford on Hwy 54, south side at Mc3 Cattle Co. Horse tack, furniture, holiday decorations and lots of treasures. 8-19-c

Garage Sale: Sat. Aug. 21- 9 a.m. to ? Downtown-In Bldg. next to Brooks Video. 8-19-c

Garage Sale, Sat. Aug. 21-8 to 7 508 N. Wall-"Lots of Good Stuff" 8-19-c

I have learned this strange thing about travel: one may return to a place and, quite unexpectedly, meet oneself still lingering there from the last time.
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For Sale: 3850 Sq. Ft. living area, 4 BR, 2 1/2 baths, basement, covered patio, 2 car garage, corner lot w/circle drive. 420 N. Chestnut. Call 806-396-2348. 7-10-tfn

For Sale by owner: 3 bedroom, 1 & 1/2 baths, dining room, large living and utility rooms; 1 car garage w/shop; newly remodeled bathroom; new kitchen counter, cabinet, and dishwasher; carpet 2 years old. 1800 sq. feet (w /garage); vinyl siding, large 3-lot yard (90'x140'), 6' backyard picket fence w / 3 gates, large storage building, backyard gym. \$39,900. 213 S. Fulton. Call (432) 586-6324 or (432) 940-6324. 7-29-tfn

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Nobody ever forgets where he buried the hatchet.
—Kin Hubbard

HAVING TO RELOCATE-MUST SELL. 401 Purnell, 4 bedroom-2bath, Approx. 2100 sq. ft. Open floor plan, CH/A (4 yrs old) Ceramic tile, lg. utility room, storage, storage shed in backyard, new fence, close to schools. Call 366-3570 or 753-7758. 8-19-c

For Sale: 4 -bd-2 bath. Lg. Living area, over 1800 sq. ft. 2 storage buildings, new fence & dog run. Sits on 3 lots, 104 N. 7th. Call 396-2300 daytime or 366-3109 nights. 7-22-tfn

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This 2 Bedroom, 1 3/4 bath that has style. The office could serve as 3rd bedroom. Beautiful large living room and dining area. Extra room off of kitchen could serve many purposes such as hobby room or office. Hardwood floors, decorative wall paper. Home sits on a beautiful corner lot with sprinkler system, nice patio area and storage building in backyard. Hurry! \$78,900.

Buyers-You will fall in love with this 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home! The home has been lovingly taken care of and is wonderfully decorated. The kitchen, dining and living room are all open. Large master suite. Master bathroom shower has a wall with beautiful glass blocks. The property also includes a superb shop which is 1152 sq. ft and has 2 overhead garage doors. The shop also has heat & air and includes a 1/2 bath. Great patio. Near schools. \$95,000.

This charming home has been remodeled and sits on a 5 1/2 fenced lots. Attached 18'6"x24'8" workshop and 11'9"x12' storage building in backyard. Seller will furnish home warranty. \$79,900.

Super nice home has been recently refurbished with new floor coverings and paint. It has walk-in closets. \$33,000.

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

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Executive Session closed at 6:25 p.m.
Open session opened at 6:30 p.m.

Voted on hiring Chassidy Town as D.O.N. for Coldwater Manor, motion was made by Ronnie Brooks. Wayne Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5/0.

Jimmy Lanning presented the financial report for Stratford Emergency Medical Service. Jimmy Lanning reported 21 runs for the month of May; Jimmy also discussed the loss of a volunteer and the problem with not having enough volunteers. Ronnie Brooks made a motion to pay Stratford Emergency Medical Services payables as presented. Wayne Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

Daryel Scott made a presentation. Mr. Scott discussed the Insurance premium for the Stratford Hospital District. Mr. Scott also discusses what the actual duties of the board members and what they could and could not do.

Judy Griffith presented the financial report for Stratford Family Medical Clinic. Dr. Basset presented a proposal to the board. Betty Brown made a motion to pay Stratford Family Medical Clinics payables as presented. Larry Drake seconded the motion, the motion carried 5/0.

Kandie Galla presented the financial report for Coldwater Manor. Wayne Smith made a motion to pay Coldwater Manors payables as presented, Ronnie Brooks seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5/0.

Kandie Galla presented the financial report for Stratford Hospital District. Ronnie Brooks made a motion to pay Stratford Hospital Districts payables as presented. Betty Brown seconded the motion, the motion carried 5/0.

Open Session closed 9:07 p.m.
Executive Session opened 9:10

p.m. Executive session closes 9:25 p.m.

Consider having Elisa Flores as Nurse Practitioner two days a week for the Stratford Family Medical Clinic. Ronnie Brooks made a motion. Wayne Smith seconded the motion, Motion carried 5/0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.
Signed Shannon Taliaferro
August 12, 2004.

Recipes

STRAWBERRY-GINGER REFRESHER

Prep time: 5 minutes

1 cup frozen whole unsweetened California strawberries
1 (8-ounce) can unsweetened pineapple chunks, with juice
1/2 cup soy milk
1 tablespoon honey
1/4 teaspoon grated ginger

In blender, combine all ingredients and purée until smooth.

Makes 1 (16-ounce) serving.
Nutrition Information Per Serving: 230 calories; 3 g fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 21 mg sodium; 52 g carbohydrate; 6 g fiber; 6 g protein; 8% calories for fat.

For more recipes and information, visit the Web site www.salstrawberry.com.

SKILLET COUNTRY BRUNCH

6 oz. uncooked bacon
1/2 cup water
2 eggs
1 pkg. (11.25 oz.) Krusteaz CarbSimple Cornbread Mix
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1/2 cup sour cream
1/4 cup chopped green onions

Preheat oven to 375°F. In 9-inch ovenproof skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp. Drain on paper towels and cool. Crumble bacon into small pieces. Set aside. Reserve 2 tablespoons bacon fat in skillet. Place water and eggs in mixing bowl. Whisk together until blended. Add cornbread mix, crumbled bacon, cheese, sour cream and green onions. Stir until moistened. Spoon batter into hot skillet. Bake 20-25 minutes or until golden brown and a toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Makes 12, 2 1/2x2-inch servings. Net carbs: 9g.

2004

Property Tax Rates in

SHERMAN COUNTY

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for SHERMAN COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 2,141,198.	\$	\$
Last year's debt taxes	\$ —	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,141,198.	\$	\$
Last year's tax base	\$453,884,088.	\$	\$
Last year's total tax rate	\$.47175 /\$100	\$/100	\$/100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$ 2,149,354.	\$	\$
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)			
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$495,510,455.	\$	\$
(after subtracting value of new property)			
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.43376 /\$100	\$/100	\$/100
for each fund			
Total effective tax rate	\$.43376 /\$100		
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.44677 /\$100		
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$ 2,149,354.	\$	\$
(after subtracting taxes on lost property			
and adjusting for any transferred function,			
tax increment financing, state criminal			
justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent			
health care expenditures)	\$ 2,149,354.	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$495,510,455.	\$	\$
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.43376 /\$100	\$/100	\$/100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.46846 /\$100	\$/100	\$/100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ — /\$100	\$/100	\$/100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.46846 /\$100	\$/100	\$/100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.46846 /\$100		

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Lisa Cooper - Staffing Coordinator
Dumas Office
500 E 1st St. Suite 213
806 934-0150



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Thursday, August 19, 2004
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Stratford Independent School District

PO Box 108 • 503 N 8th Street
Stratford, TX 79084
 Telephone (806) 366-3300 Fax (806) 366-3304

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Stratford ISD** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.00**; lunch costs **\$1.25 for PK-8th Grade** and **\$1.50 for 9th – 12th Grade**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. The reduced price is **\$.30** for breakfast and **\$.40** for lunch.

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, use the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application, which is enclosed. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. **Return the completed application to: Beth Bench, Cafeteria Phone 366-3310.**

Here are answers to questions you may have about applying:

- Who can get free or reduced price meals? Children in households receiving Food Stamps, TANF and most foster children can get free meals regardless of household income. Also, if your household income is within the limits on the Federal Income Chart, your children can receive free or reduced-price meals.
- Will my information be checked? Yes. We may ask you to send written proof of the information you give.
- What if I stop receiving Food Stamps or TANF? If your children qualify because you listed a Food Stamp or TANF case number, you must tell the school when you no longer receive Food Stamps or TANF.
- What if my household size or income changes? If your children qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on your income, you must tell us if your household size goes down or if your income goes up by more than \$50 per month (per year). Call us at (806) 366-3310 to update your application.
- If I don't qualify now, may I apply again later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start receiving Food Stamps or TANF. If you lose your job, your children may be able to receive free or reduced-price meals during the time you are unemployed.
- What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Jim Taliaferro**, Superintendent, Stratford ISD – PO Box 108 – Stratford, TX 79084.

If you have other questions or need help, call (806) 366-3310. Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: (806) 366-3310.

Sincerely,

Beth Bench

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Stratford Independent School District

PO Box 108
Stratford, TX 79084
(806) 366-3300 Phone
(806) 366-3304 Fax

Estimable Padre/Tutor:

Los estudiantes necesitan alimentos saludables para aprender. **Stratford ISD** ofrece comidas saludables todos los días de clases. El desayuno cuesta **\$1.00**; el almuerzo cuesta **\$1.25 PK – 8th and \$1.50 9th – 12th**. Posiblemente sus hijos califiquen para recibir comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido. El precio reducido para el desayuno es **\$.30** y **\$.40** para el almuerzo. Para solicitar comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido, use la Solicitud para Comidas Gratuitas y a Precio

Reducido adjunta. No nos es posible procesar una solicitud incompleta, así que le pedimos se asegure de proveer toda la información requerida. **Una vez completa, regrese la solicitud a: Cafeteria, Beth Bench, 366-3310.**

A continuación se encuentran respuestas a algunas preguntas que Ud. pueda tener acerca de lasolicitud:

- ¿Quién puede obtener comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido? Los estudiantes de hogares que reciben Estampillas para Comida o TANF pueden recibir comidas gratuitas sin importar los ingresos del hogar. Así mismo si los ingresos del hogar están dentro de lo estipulado por la guía de ingresos del gobierno federal, sus niños pueden recibir comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido.
- ¿Será verificada mi solicitud? Existe la posibilidad de que le pidamos prueba por escrito de lainformación que usted provea.
- ¿Que sucede si dejo de recibir Estampillas para Comida o TANF? Si sus hijos califican porque usted anotó un número de Estampillas para Comida o TANF, debe notificar a las autoridades escolares cuando ya no reciba estos beneficios.
- ¿Que sucede si hay cambios en el tamaño de la familia o en los ingresos? Si sus hijos califican para recibir comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido basandose en sus ingresos, debe dejarnos saber si el número de miembros de la familia disminuye o si sus ingresos aumentan por más de \$50 mensuales (\$600 al año). Llame al (366-3310). No es necesario llenar otra solicitud.
- ¿Puedo solicitar comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido después si ahora no califico? Si. Puede solicitar comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido en cualquier momento del año escolar si el tamaño de la familia aumenta, si los ingresos disminuyen, o si empieza usted a recibir Estampillas para Comida o TANF. Si pierde su trabajo, es posible que sus hijos califiquen para recibir comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido durante el tiempo que usted está desempleado.
- ¿Puedo apelar la decisión de las autoridades escolares acerca de mi solicitud? Debe comunicarse con las autoridades escolares. También puede pedir una audiencia llamando o escribiendo a: **Stratford ISD, Jim Taliaferro, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, 366-3300.** Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita asistencia, llame al **Beth Bench, 366-3310.** Atentamente,

Beth Bench

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Instructions for Applying — 2004-05

Use a separate application for each foster child. List other children together.

If you are applying for a **FOSTER CHILD**, follow these instructions:
Part 1: List the child's name, school, and grade.
Part 2: List the child's personal use monthly income, if any. **Part 3:** Skip this part.
Part 4: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.
Part 5: Optional. We must have your permission to share your information.

If your household receives **FOOD STAMPS OR TANF**, follow these instructions:
Part 1: List each child's name, school, grade, and Food Stamp or TANF case number.
Part 2: Skip this part.
Part 3: Skip this part.
Part 4: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.
Part 5: Optional. We must have your permission to share your information.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, follow these instructions:
Part 1: List each child's name, school, and grade. **Optional** (Social Security Number, Student I.D., or Date of Birth)
Part 2: Skip this part.
Part 3: Follow these instructions to report last month's household income.
Column 1—Name: List the last, first, and middle name of each person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children. Attach an extra sheet of paper if needed.
Column 2—Last month's income and how often it is received: For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received.
Employment Income: List the gross income for each person. It is not the same as take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and deductions. It should be listed on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. Next to the amount, write how often you receive it—weekly (W), every 2 weeks (E), twice a month (M), or monthly (M).
Other Income: List the amount each person receives from all other sources. Include welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and ANY OTHER INCOME. Report net income for self-owned business, farm, or rental income. Next to the amount, write how often the person receives it.
Column 3—Check if no income: If the person does not have any income, check the box. **Part 4:** An adult household member must sign the form and list his or her Social Security Number or mark the box if he or she doesn't have one.
Part 5: Optional. We must have your permission to share your information.

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us. The National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your children for free or reduced-price meals. The Social Security Number of the adult household member who signs the application is required unless you list Food Stamp or TANF case numbers for all children you are applying for. OR if you are applying for a foster child. You must check the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box if the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security Number. We WILL use your information to see if your children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, to operate the program, and to enforce the rules of the program. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into misuse of program rules.

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Instrucciones Para Completar La Solicitud

Llene una solicitud separada para cada niño que esté bajo servicios sociales. Todos los demás niños deben anotarse juntos en una sola solicitud.

Si está solicitando beneficios para un niño a cargo de servicios sociales, siga estas instrucciones:
Primera parte: Anote el nombre del niño, la escuela y el grado escolar.
Segunda parte: Anote el ingreso mensual para "uso personal" del niño (si es que lo tiene).
Tercera parte: Deje esta parte en blanco.
Cuarta parte: Firme la solicitud. No es necesario anotar un número de seguro social.

Si en su hogar se reciben Estampillas para Comida o TANF, siga estas instrucciones:
Primera parte: Anote el nombre de cada niño, la escuela, grado y número de caso de Estampillas para Comida o TANF.
Segunda parte: Deje esta parte en blanco.
Tercera parte: Deje esta parte en blanco.
Cuarta parte: Firme la solicitud. No es necesario anotar un número de seguro social.

TODOS LOS DEMÁS GRUPOS FAMILIARES sigan estas instrucciones:
Primera parte: Anote los nombres de todos los niños, la escuela y el grado escolar. (Opcional: Número de Seguro Social, Número de Identificación del Estudiante, o Fecha de Nacimiento)
Segunda parte: Deje esta parte en blanco.
Tercera parte: Siga estas instrucciones para reportar el ingreso total del hogar del mes pasado.
Primera Columna – Nombre: Anote el apellido, nombre e inicial de todas las personas que viven en el hogar sean o no familiares (abuelos, otros familiares, o amigos). Debe incluirse a sí mismo y todos los niños. Adjunte otra hoja de papel si es necesario.
Segunda Columna – Ingreso del mes pasado y frecuencia con que se recibieron: Anote los tipos de ingresos recibidos en el hogar el mes pasado y la frecuencia con que se recibieron.
Ingresos de Trabajo: Anote el ingreso bruto que cada persona recibió el mes pasado. El ingreso bruto no es el que recibe después de sus deducciones. Ingreso bruto es lo que ganó antes de sus deducciones y se encuentra en su talón de cheque o su empleador lo puede proveer. En seguida de la cantidad anote la frecuencia con que se recibe el ingreso (semanal, quincenal, dos veces al mes o mensual).
Otros ingresos: Anote el total de ingresos que cada persona recibió el mes pasado de cualquier otro origen. Incluya asistencia pública (Welfare) pensiones para hijos, manutención, jubilación, pensión de seguro social, compensación al trabajador (Worker's Compensation), compensación por desempleo, beneficios por huelga, Ingreso de Seguridad Suplemental (SSI), beneficios de veteranos (VA benefits), beneficios por incapacidad, contribuciones regulares de personas que no residen en el hogar y CUALQUIER OTRO INGRESO. Anote cualquier ingreso neto de empresa propia, granja, o ingresos de rentas. En seguida de la cantidad, anote la frecuencia con que se recibe el ingreso.
Tercer Columna – Marque si no tiene ingresos: Si la persona no tiene ningún ingreso, marque el espacio apropiado.
Cuarta parte: La solicitud debe ser firmada por un miembro adulto del hogar y debe incluir el número de su seguro social o tener una marca en el espacio donde dice que no cuenta con un número de seguro social.

Declaración de la Ley de Privacidad: Esto explica como se usará la información que usted provee. La Ley Nacional de Alimentos Escolares requiere la información en esta solicitud. No tiene que dar la información, pero si no tenemos toda la información necesaria no podemos aprobar su solicitud para comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido. El número de seguro social del adulto que firma la solicitud es necesario o si no se ha anotado un número de Estampillas para Comida o TANF para todos los niños para quienes está solicitando beneficio o si está solicitando para un niño que está a cargo de servicios sociales. Si el adulto que firma la solicitud no tiene número de seguro social, debe marcar el espacio donde dice "No tengo un número de seguro social". USABENOS su información para verificar si sus niños son elegibles para recibir comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido, para el funcionamiento del programa y para poner en vigor los reglamentos del programa. POSIBLEMENTE compartamos su información de elegibilidad con oficiales de programas de educación, salud y nutrición para ayudarles a evaluar, financiar o determinar beneficios para sus propios programas, con ciertos contadores para sus propias auditorías, y funcionarios del orden público con el propósito de investigar el uso ilegal de algunos programas.

Declaración de No Discriminación: Esto explica lo que Ud. debe hacer si cree que se le ha tratado injustamente. El gobierno federal y el Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (USDA) prohíben la discriminación en todos sus programas y actividades en base a la raza, color de la piel, país de origen, género, edad o discapacidad. Para presentar una queja de discriminación, escriba a USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 o llame al (202) 720-5964 (voz y para sordos). "USDA" es un proveedor y empleador que ofrece igualdad de oportunidades.

Multi-Child Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for 2004-05

Stratford Independent School District/Charter School					
Part 1. Children in School (Use a separate application for each foster child)					
Names of all children in school (Last, First, Middle Initial)	School Name	Social Security #, Student I.D., or Date of Birth (OPTIONAL)	Grade	Food Stamp or TANF case # (if any)	
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
If you listed a Food Stamp/TANF case number for one child, skip to Part 4.					
Part 2. Foster Child					
If this application is for a child who is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, check box ☐ and list the amount of the child's personal use monthly income: \$ _____ Skip to Part 4.					
Part 3. Household Members and Income From Last Month (List each person in the household. For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received.)					
1. Name. (List everyone in household. In the example, the household includes mother Jane, grandfather Ralph and child Susie.)		2. Income and how often it is received. Weekly (W), Monthly (M), Every 2 Weeks (E), Twice a Month (T). (Jane earns \$200 every 2 weeks and receives \$50 a month in child support. Ralph receives \$300 a month from Social Security. Susie has no income.)		3. Check if NO income.	
	Earnings from work before deductions	Welfare, child support, alimony	Pensions, retirement, Social Security	Other	
Example Jane Smith	\$ 200 / W	\$ 50 / M	\$ /	\$ /	☐
Ralph Smith	\$ /	\$ /	\$ 300 / M	\$ /	☐
Susie Smith	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	☒
1.	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	☐
2.	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	☐
3.	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	☐
4.	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	☐
Part 4. Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign)					
An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement on the "Instructions for Applying" page.)					
I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify check the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.					
Sign here: _____		Date: _____			
Social Security Number: _____		☐ I do not have a Social Security Number.			
Printed Name: _____		Home Phone: _____		Work Phone: _____	
Mailing Address: _____		City: _____		State: _____ Zip: _____	
Do not fill out this part. For school use only.					
Monthly Income Conversion: Weekly x 4.33, Every 2 Weeks x 2.15, Twice A Month x 2					
Monthly Income: _____		Household size: _____		Food Stamp or TANF: _____ Date Withdrawn: _____	
Eligibility: Free _____ Reduced _____ Denied _____		Reason: _____			
Temporary: Free _____ Time Period: _____		(Expires after _____ days)			
Determining Official's Signature: _____		Date: _____			

Solicitud Múltiple para Comidas Gratuitas y a Precio Reducido, 2004-2005

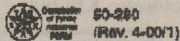
STRATFORD ISD Distrito/Escuela Incorporada					
Parte 1: Niños que Asisten a la Escuela (Llene una solicitud separada para cada niño a cargo de servicios sociales.)					
Nombres de todos los Niños en la Escuela (Apellido, Nombre, Inicial 2 ^o Nombre)	Nombre de la Escuela	Número de Seguro Social, Identificación del Estudiante, o Fecha de Nacimiento (OPCIONAL)	Grado Escolar	Número de Caso de Cupones para Comida o TANF	
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
Si anotó un número de caso de Estampillas para Comida o TANF de un niño, prosiga a la parte 4.					
Parte 2: Niño a Cargo de Servicios Sociales					
Si esta solicitud es para un niño que está bajo la responsabilidad legal de una agencia de asistencia social o corte, marque aquí ☐ y anote la cantidad de ingresos de la cual el niño dispone para su uso personal mensualmente: \$ _____ Prosiga a la Parte 4.					
Parte 3: Ingresos Totales del Hogar del Mes Pasado. (Debe detallar los ingresos y la frecuencia con que se recibieron.)					
1. Nombre (Anote todos los miembros del hogar.) (Ejemplo: Jane Smith)		2. Ingresos del mes pasado y frecuencia con que se recibieron. (Ejemplo: \$200 mensuales (M) o \$150 quincenales (M) o quincenales (2 W) o \$200 dos veces al mes (2 M))		3. Marque si NO tiene ingresos	
	Ingresos mensuales del trabajo (antes de las deducciones)	Asistencia social, pensión para hijos, pensión alimenticia	Pensiones, jubilación, seguro social	Otros ingresos	
1.	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	☐
2.	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	☐
3.	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	☐
4.	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	☐
5.	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	☐
6.	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	☐
7.	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	\$ /	☐
Parte 4: Firma y Número de Seguro Social (El adulto debe firmar la solicitud)					
Un miembro adulto del hogar debe firmar la solicitud. Si ha llenado la Parte 3, el adulto que firma la solicitud debe también anotar su número de seguro social o marcar la parte que dice "No tengo un número de seguro social." (Vea la Declaración de Privacidad en las "Instrucciones para Completar la Solicitud".)					
Certifico que la información dada en esta solicitud es verdadera y que todos los ingresos han sido declarados. Entiendo que la escuela recibirá fondos federales basados en la información que he dado. Entiendo que las autoridades escolares pueden verificar dicha información. Entiendo que si proveo información errónea intencionalmente, mis hijos pueden perder los beneficios de alimentos escolares y se me puede hacer proceso legal.					
Firma: _____		Fecha: _____			
Número de Seguro Social: _____		☐ No tengo número de seguro social.			
Nombre en Letra Impresa: _____		Teléfono en Casa: _____		Teléfono en el Trabajo: _____	
Domicilio: _____		Ciudad: _____		Estado: _____ Zona Postal: _____	
Para Uso de Autoridades Escolares Solamente. No Use este Espacio.					
Monthly Income Conversion: Weekly x 4.33, Every 2 Weeks x 2.15, Twice A Month x 2					
Monthly Income: _____		Household size: _____		Food Stamp or TANF: _____ Date Withdrawn: _____	
Eligibility: Free _____ Reduced _____ Denied _____		Reason: _____			
Temporary: Free _____ Time Period: _____		(Expires after _____ days)			
Determining Official's Signature: _____		Date: _____			

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 AM August 27, 2004 in the High School Library at 503 N. 8th Street, Stratford, Texas. 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.

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.37	\$.07701 *	\$ 1.44701	\$ 7,449	\$ 812
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.3277	\$.106 *	\$ 1.4337	\$ 7,742	\$ 715
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.35	\$.0706 *	\$ 1.4206	\$ 7,723	\$ 715

* 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	\$ 32,838	\$ 35,753
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 17,838	\$ 20,753
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.44701	\$ 1.42261
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 258.11	\$ 295.23
Increase (Decrease) In Taxes		\$ 37.12

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 1.42261. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.42261.

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)	\$ 617,925
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,500

2004-05 Multi-Child Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application—continuation sheet

Part 1. Children in School—continuation sheet				
Names of all children in school (Last, First, Middle Initial)	School Name	Social Security #, Student I.D., or Date of Birth (OPTIONAL)	Grade	Food Stamp or TANF case # (if any)
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				
11.				
12.				
13.				
14.				
15.				
16.				
17.				

Part 3. Household Members and Income From Last Month—continuation sheet				
1. Name. (List everyone in household.)	2. Income and how often it is received. Weekly (W), Monthly (M), Every 2 Weeks (E), Twice a Month (T).	3. Check if NO income.		
	Earnings from work before deductions	Welfare, child support, alimony		
	Pensions, retirement, Social Security	Other		
5.	\$ /	\$ /		
6.	\$ /	\$ /		
7.	\$ /	\$ /		
8.	\$ /	\$ /		
9.	\$ /	\$ /		
10.	\$ /	\$ /		
11.	\$ /	\$ /		
12.	\$ /	\$ /		
13.	\$ /	\$ /		
14.	\$ /	\$ /		
15.	\$ /	\$ /		
16.	\$ /	\$ /		
17.	\$ /	\$ /		

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us. The National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your children for free or reduced-price meals. The Social Security Number of the adult household member who signs the application is required unless you list Food Stamp or TANF case numbers for all children you are applying for OR if you are applying for a foster child. You must check the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box if the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security Number. We WILL use your information to see if your children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, to operate the program, and to enforce the rules of the program. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into misuse of program rules.

Non-Discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W,