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## First State Bank holds Hamburger Cook-out

Stratford ISD staff, teachers, administration and their families were treated to a hamburger cook-out by First State Bank at the country home of B.A. and LeRayne Donelsons on Monday, August 16, 2004. The kids also enjoyed pony rides and egg hunt. Door prizes were also drawn for adults and children. A good time was had by all!

## Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

Coming Soon!!  
The Stratford Community will have a Laundromat that will meet all your needs.

## Pantry to Meet Thurs. Aug. 26

The Pantry Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 26 at 7 p.m. at the XIT Building.

## Fund Raise: 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.

## Imagination Station News

Rummage Sale-Sept. 18: Haunted House, October 28: Italy Exhibit Dinner Nov. 13-Tours No. 15-19: Christmas Parade Stew Supper Dec. 1. Girl Scouts will organize for the year in August. The Computer Lab will be open in September. Several organizations are planning to hold their meetings in the facility. The Imagination Station is not only for children's programming but also for adult programs. It would be really great if all these programmings were free or if we had enough donated funds to pay the bills. Small fees will be requested for programs to supplement grants and donations. Looking ahead to 2005, week of the young child and maybe Miss Imagination will return.

## Stratford ISD "Gold Card" Available to Those 62 Years of Age & Above

Stratford ISD is proud to offer a "Gold Card" for all citizens who are 62 years of age or older. This card will admit one person to all "home" UIL events. You may pick up a "Gold Card" in the Office of the Superintendent Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We would be happy to mail you one by calling us at 366-3305. The Stratford ISD appreciates your support of the students and faculty of this district. We look forward to seeing you this year. "Gold Cards" are good for a lifetime, unless lost or damaged.

## Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Stratford Family Medical Clinic, 1220 Purnell, in Stratford on September 16, 2004.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

## Williams Presents Program at Lunch & Learn Thursday

"Emergency Preparedness" was the topic Sandy Williams shared with Lunch & Learn members Aug. 19 at the educational room of the County Extension Office. She accented her talk with slides and recommends that each family have a disaster plan and a disaster supply kit. Pamphlets are available with suggestions.

Lunch was enjoyed by Cindy Jackson, Gina Jones, Margaret Graham, Kim Crippen, Dorothy Haile, Paula Nusz, Marylou McDaniel and agent Susie Spurlock.

## Season Football Tickets on Sale Now!

The 2004 Football season is upon us...two-a-days began on Monday, August 2 and the Elks are eager to play ball! Season football tickets went on sale Monday, August 23 in the office of the Superintendent. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Seating will be held for previous owners until Friday, September 3. After that date seats will be sold on a first come first serve basis. There are 5 home games this year. Cost of seats for the season: Adults-\$15.00 and Child-\$10.00.

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

## Roundtable To Meet

The Sherman County Development Committee is hosting a Roundtable Meeting on Thursday, August 26, 2004. The meeting will start at 7:00 a.m. and will be held at the Imagination Station located at 202 N. Main Street. The Sherman County Development Committee encourages all members of Sherman County Taxing Entities to attend.

## Sherman County Development Committee needs your help!

The Sherman County Development Committee is updating files on properties for sale, rent and for lease in Sherman County.

If you have residential or commercial property that you would like to have on file with the Sherman County Development Committee, please stop by the SCDC office located at 301 N. Main Street. If you are unable to come to the office please telephone us at 806-366-2897, or send the information to us at Sherman County Development Committee, P.O. Box 652, Stratford, Texas 79084.

We have had recent inquiries about properties for rent, lease and for sale.



## Estate Planning & Planned Giving Seminar Held

Following their regular board meeting, on August 17, the Stratford Education Foundation held a very informative estate-planning seminar at the Imagination Station. Approximately 45 residents enjoyed a presentation by Jim Allison, Amarillo Area Foundation, and Charles King, attorney with Sprouse Shrader Smith PC, on estate planning and charitable giving. A question and answer period followed their presentations. We thank these gentlemen for sharing their ideas with us! Refreshments were served by board members following the meeting. Shown above, left/Right Jim Allison, Wesley Spurlock, B.A. Donelson Gayland Vandiver and Charles King. (Photo by Debbi Vandiver).



## Circle of Friends

Shown at left-Circle of Friends opportunity: 1. Judith Ripka Citrine & Diamond Ring and 2. Citrine & Diamond Earrings furnished by Duncan & Boyd Jewelers, Amarillo. Jewelry is on display at Allen-Tarver Agency and tickets available until Friday, August 27 and then at the Circle of Friends, Stratford Golf Tournament, Saturday, August 28.

## 9th Annual SPIRIT Conference in Guymon Sept. 1 & 2

Pre-conference activities on Wed. Sept. 1 will be a tour of Texas County Feedyard, Seaboard Plant, Evening Reception Wild Horse Art Gallery.

Thursday, September 2 will begin with a breakfast and forum with Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico Departments of Transportation.

Gary Ridley, Oklahoma Director of Transportation will be the keynote speaker followed by reports from Congressional, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Legislative consultant, Mark Schwartz. The session will be topped off with a forum of highway users including trucking firms that consider US 54 their main transportation corridor.

Concluding remarks by Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture, Terry Peach followed by lunch.

The afternoon allows for an optional trip to Black Mesa followed by a Chuchwagon supper at Kenton, Oklahoma.

For more information on this event, call the City of Guymon (580) 338-5838. Or see the SPIRIT web site at

[www.southwestpassage.org](http://www.southwestpassage.org)

## Transportation News

By Gaynelle Riffe

Main Street Enhancement Committee has been meeting monthly. They are planning a trip to see other Enhancement Projects in Perryton, Panhandle, and Canadian.

Ports-to-Plains made a presentation to New Mexico Transportation Commissioners in Raton August 18. They were present at the US. 87 dedication of the "John L. Morrow" highway/Ports to Plains, to begin 4 lane divided construction on US 87 in May 2005 from Raton to Clayton. Texas US 87 has begun the first 11 miles of four lane divided construction at Texline, south to Dalhart. SPIRIT 54 was also represented.

The 9th annual SPIRIT Conference will be held in Guymon, Oklahoma September 1-2. The Texas Department of Transportation Executive Director, Michael Behrens will be a presenter on Thursday morning, September 2. Texas must have a good representation to show an interest in the 4 lane of US 54 in Texas. I am hoping for at least 20 persons from Stratford to attend. Information and Registration can be found on the web at

[www.southwestpassage.org](http://www.southwestpassage.org)

Or at the Stratford Chamber of Commerce or Stratford Grain Co.

## Scot Luncheon

Scot Luncheon Thursday, August 26, 2004 "Slow Boat to China" See you there.

## Whale of a Sale Sept. 18th

The Imagination Station will hold a Whale of a rummage sale September 18. Featuring the 'Unique Boutique' "Like new gently worn items. "Hardware", light fixtures, conduit, builder's stuff: "Kitchen Cabinet" (bowls without lids, lids without bowls etc.) "GreenHouse" house plants, planters, silk or dried flowers. If you have items to donate to the Imagination Station, please call Gaynelle Riffe, Jeanne Bell, Kim Crippen, Kim Allen, George Harding, Melody York, Laurie Spurlock, B.A. Donelson, Terri Teig. Please have items clean, in working order, clothes sized and on hangers, if appropriate. Have you changed sizes or it hasn't been worn for 3 years? Maybe it is time to recycle. Baby is 10 and has out grown bottles, scooter toys, car seat, bottles etc.

## Spirit Camp Participants

The Varsity and JV Cheerleaders loved having the girls at Spirit Camp this year! We would like all Spirit Camp Participants to cheer in the Pep Rally on Friday, August 27. We will meet for cheer practice in the High School Gym at 5:00 on Monday, August 23 and 5:00 on Thursday, August 26. Please have your daughter wear either her spirit camp t-shirt or a cheer uniform for the Pep Rally.

Since the first game is out of town, we will have the Spirit football game for the September 24 football game. If you have any questions please call Jessica Wheeler at 366-3485 or 366-3324. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you at practice!



## Obits

Gladys Blair

Gladys Blair, 82, died Thursday, August 19, 2004 in Amarillo.

A family gathering was held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 20, 2004 in Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Emporia, KS. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors. Mrs. Blair was born Jan. 1, 1922 in Valley Falls, KS. She was a Stratford resident for the past two years and a former Miami, OK, resident.

Survivors include a daughter, Dee Blair of Fort Worth; two sons, Earl Blair of Stratford and Ted Blair of Terre Haute, IN; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to BSA Hospice, PO Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

## Football T-shirts on Sale Now

If you'd like to order a football T-shirt, please call Jessica Wheeler (Cheerleader sponsor) @ 366-3324.

## SISD Education Foundation Held 1st Meeting since Summer Break

The Stratford ISD Education Foundation held its first meeting since the summer break on Tuesday, August 17, 2004 at the Imagination Station. Those in attendance were: BA Donelson, Dinah Horsford, Lugenia Carter, Marihoward Engelbrecht, Kathy Riffe, Wesley Spurlock, Jim Taliaferro, Gayland Vandiver, Margaret Reed, Joyce McBryde and Walter Easley.

Committee chairman gave their committee reports. The board voted on some revisions made to the grant committee and Gayland Vandiver and Wesley Spurlock agreed to serve on this committee. Mrs. Carter reminds us that the deadlines for submitting a grant request are October 1 and April 1. BA reported that the class of 1954 donated \$1000.00 to the foundation in memory of class members that have passed away.

A thank you note from Lynda Hauser was read thanking the foundation for funding a visit from John Erickson, author of Hank the Cow Dog series. His presentation will include readings and characterizations from the series and is scheduled for September 14, 2004.

The next board meeting will be November 18.

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## Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

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## 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.

## 4-H Enrollment Night To Be Held

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.

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## Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- Aug. 24-25 Dora the Explorer Live, "Search for the City of Lost Toys" Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-378-3096
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- Sept. 9-19 "Kimberly Akimbo" Dark Comedy ALT Adventure Space Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Sept. 16-19 "Beauty and the Beast" Guymon Community Theatre
- Sept. 23-26 Disney On Ice, "Monsters, Inc." Amarillo Civic Center 806-378-3096
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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Patrons:

The condition of school finance in Texas seems to be in constant turmoil. That fact is apparent that alleviating the problem will require a great influx of money from sources not yet available to the school finance system. The problems in Austin have caused burdens to shift from state funding to local property owners to carry the majority of the load for funding your school in Sherman County. This issue is the major part of the school funding legislation to be tackled in the next session. It is an issue that, in my opinion, must not only establish equal financial responsibility to all Texans for funding their educational system, but at the same time provide local districts the freedom to operate their own schools as they see fit. This is a difficult task, but a vital effort for the future of our state. Stratford ISD continues to maintain a firm financial condition as we begin a new year. The district continues to update programs as well as the physical plant, all to provide the best education for our students. As we build the budget for the ensuing year, plans are being made to place funds in position to alleviate the district's debt. Current plans include the designation of funds to pay the debt off in 2008 when the bonds become available to be called. That plan, barring any need for the funds due to unforeseen disasters, pays the bond off seven years early and saves the patrons of Stratford ISD about \$270,000 in interest. The budget and proposed tax rate reflect these plans. Your Board of Trustees and administration are very aware of the challenges in the local economy and will continue to guard your trust, and your schools will continue to reflect the values and educational ethics you expect. Please be aware of the school finance issue as it heats up again in Austin.

Thank You,

J Taliaferro

Dear Readers,

Hasn't the rain been wonderful? The trees love it, the crops love it, the grass loves it and the weeds love it.

A visitor to town during the Jamboree was a little disappointed in the nice clean town remembered. The vacant yards and lots were overgrown in weeds, which made the whole town look unkept. The highway and railroad sides are the things all visitors see first.

I know the city has sent out letters to property owners and the railroad has just sprayed the weeds but things still look pretty wooly.

We may have to help our neighbor or use our equipment to mow other property. Let's make every effort to Keep Stratford Beautiful.

Gaynelle Riffe

P.S. I can see more tumbleweeds in the spring. Let's get rid of what we can now.

## Good Luck Cross Country

The tools of the Industrial Age extended the capabilities of our muscles. The tools of the Digital Age extend the capabilities of our minds.

—Bill Gates

## Chamber News

By Patti Tims

### New Office Hours

Since I have started school again, my new office hours will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. I hope this is not to confusing for everyone and I really appreciate everyone patience with me while I attend school.

### Shop Local

Once again I would like to encourage everyone to shop locally for all of the items that can be bought local. This helps to keep our economy strong in Stratford and help keep the tax rate down. The more money we keep local the more money we can save. Gas prices are now rising and this will also save you money by not driving as much. Also this will save wear and tear on your vehicle.

### Membership Drive

Remember, August is the month to join the Chamber for only \$15 single membership. This will be good for one year and you may say you support your local Chamber of Commerce and the local businesses. Help us to promote Stratford. Look forward to seeing you.

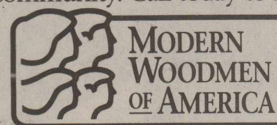
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# Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Jack Gilley celebrated his birthday several days. On Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> he was at the Rockies baseball game where several times "Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Jack Gilley flashed across a billboard. It had been arranged by daughters Jackie, Jill, Jan and Jerry. The family had been to a flag contest. Jan & Jerry had to go home before the game that Jack, Donna, Jackie & Jill attended. Patty & Marylou McDaniel visited with them at the ballpark.

Sharon Martenson Powell was smack in the middle of hurricane Charley at Fort Myers, FL! She had moved there earlier this year. The day before Charley hit, her daughter Kristen had flown in. They stayed in an inner room. No electricity for several days.

Here are some notes from Patty and Sharon.

From Patti Aug. 20-Got this from my friend, Sharon in Fort Myers. She called after spending the day in Punta Gorda helping distribute things to the people there. It was pretty emotional! She & I drove all around that town when I was there. The area she was working had the traditional trailer houses as opposed to the

"manufactured" homes. Little to no help had been in there. Think FEMA showed up for the first time today. People tried to cover the goods they'd salvaged and to add insult to injury, it started pouring rain today. Say a little prayer for the roof over your head.

From Sharon-I just spent the day up in Punta Gorda going out to trailer parks passing out water and food. Here are some pictures from a couple of them. They really don't show the devastation and are nothing compared to the ones that are totally destroyed. Please keep these people in your prayers (and send a check to the Red Cross if you are so inclined). These trailer parks had been pretty well ignored until Tuesday (17<sup>th</sup>). The girl with me today was up there doing search and rescue. The greatest thing that happened today was finding a Sr. citizen in trailer and he was very sick. We took him to the hospital...well actually to the tents they have set up because the hospital is so damaged. It is like a MASH unit, soldiers and all. Asked him about his insurance...he's paying \$3000 a year for a supplement...told him I would call him in a couple of weeks and take care of that. After all, Punta Gorda is my territory at work. I will never be able to describe what I saw and felt today. All I do know is that we are all so blessed!!

Mike & Marylou McDaniel spent several days at Fred's Spread in Colorado. In item about classmates visiting at Randy & Mary Pat Williams, the name of Steve Baskin was left off. Others were James Young, Alan Ross, Patti McDaniel.

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The short story is the most democratic of all the arts; anyone may tell a story, and if it is an absorbing one, someone will listen.  
—Hallie Burnett  
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2 Tbsp. sugar  
½ cup butter or margarine, melted  
2 tsp. MAXWELL HOUSE Instant Coffee

1½ cups cold milk  
¼ tsp. ground cinnamon (optional)

MIX crumbs, sugar and butter thoroughly with fork until crumbs are well moistened. Press onto bottoms of 12 paper-lined muffin cups.

DISSOLVE coffee in milk. Beat milk mixture, filling mix and cinnamon with electric mixer on low speed until blended. Beat on medium speed 3 minutes. (Filling will be thick.) Spoon over crumb mixture in muffin cups.

REFRIGERATE at least 1 hour or until ready to serve. Store leftover cheesecakes in refrigerator.



## Turner Honored with Shower

Roni Turner, bride-elect of Chance Crowl was honored with a wedding shower on Sunday, August 15, 2004 in the home of ViAnn Reed. Shown from left, Hershelene Turner, Shelene Jines, Roni Turner, Delinda Olivas, and Blanch Canales.

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Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and then go and do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.  
—Harold Whitman  
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A lotta cats copy the Mona Lisa, but people still line up to see the original.  
—Louis Armstrong  
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### To Mary Wayne and Neal Spurlock on Your 50th Anniversary

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He has definitely made us who we are today.  
For this, we are truly grateful.

With all our Love,  
Susan, Wesley and Kathy

### Veneman Proposes Reforms to FSA County Committee Elections, USDA Seeks Public Comment on Guidelines to Increase Minority Participation

Washington, Aug. 18, 2004—Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman has proposed new guidelines to ensure that Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committees fairly represent agricultural producers, especially minorities and women.

"These guidelines better define the County Committee election process," said Veneman. "The proposed reforms will help encourage participation by minority and under-represented producers on County Committees."

The 2002 Farm Bill gave the Secretary of Agriculture authority to issue uniform guidelines governing the County Committee election process. The proposed guidelines were prepared with advice from community groups and leaders, as well by an inter-agency working group convened by the Secretary. Adopting the definition set forth in 7 U.S.C.-2003, the 2002 Farm Bill defines socially disadvantaged (SDA) producers as a group whose members have been subject to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group, without regard to their individual qualities. 7 U.S.C.-2003 (e) (1) states that SCA producers have generally been defined to

include: African-Americans; Hispanic Americans; Native Americans; Asian-Pacific Americans; Subcontinent Asian-Americans; and women. By statute, USDA must solicit nominations for County Committee positions from organizations representing the interests of SDA groups.

The public has 30 days to comment on the proposed guidelines published in the Aug. 17 Federal Register. The guidelines will not become final

until USDA has received and considered public comments.

Among the proposed provisions, the Secretary may nominate to a slate regardless of whether any nominations have been filed. Currently, one or more SCA producers may be appointed to be an advisor to a County Committee; however, these advisors have no voting authority. A nomination by the Secretary may include the current advisor.

After evaluating whether the proposed reforms in these guidelines result in an increase in minority and under-served producers on County Committees, the Secretary may exercise her authority to appoint SCA producers to County Committees. Before exercising this authority, USDA will seek

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### 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

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

### Church of Church

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

Early Service 9:00 a.m.

Growth groups/Sun. School 10:00 a.m.

Late Service 11:00 a.m.

Growth Groups Nightly 7:00 p.m.

Wed.- Youth Group Teen Kids 7:00 p.m./Adult Choir 7:00

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Imagine God's chagrin. He views the earth He made and the people He loved. It's party, party, party; it's partying with vulgar trysts and twists. There are drugs and alcohol. There is wife swapping and a multiplicity of orgies. There are anonymous homosexual encounters with hundreds and sometimes thousands of partners. It is all wholly unnatural, contrary to God's order and very repulsive. In the midst of all of this, intellectuals are justifying perversity and actually convincing people it is normal behavior. "Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart" (Genesis 6:5-6). It was then God sent the flood to destroy the earth. Only Noah and his family survived. Some might say the description of the earth just given looks like today. Jesus Christ predicted this would be the case. "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah" (Matthews 24:37). That is, when Christ comes a second time, it will be for judgement. He came the first time for salvation. He came to save men and women, young people and children, from the fate of people during Noah's time. This is the good news. Because Jesus Christ faced judgement when He died, because He did this in the place of others, because He was perfect and because He was totally undeserving of death, His suffering of judgment and doom releases those who trust in Him from the shadow of being judged. The undeserving One, Jesus Christ, suffered to set the deserving ones free.

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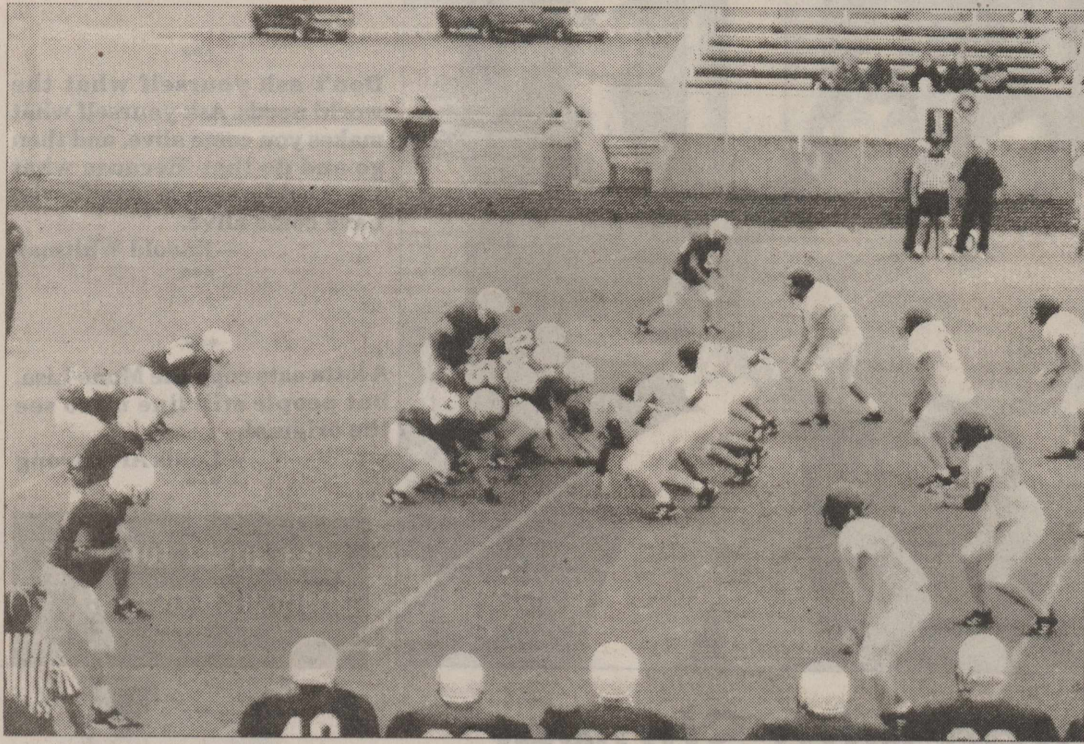
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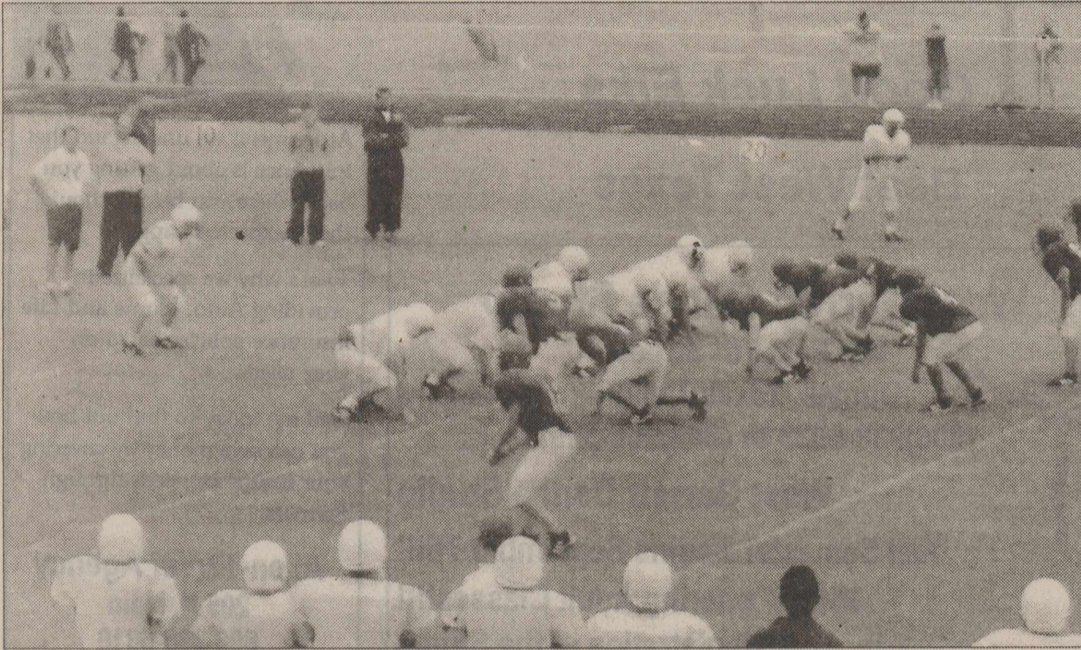


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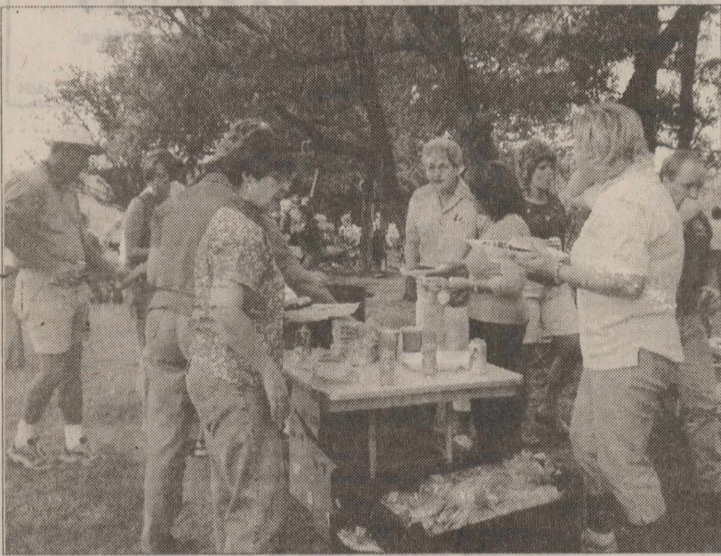




The Stratford Elks scrimmaged Sanford Fritch here on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. The Elks kick off their season this Friday against West Texas there with game time at 7:30 p.m. GO ELKS!



The J.V. Elks scrimmaged Sanford Fritch on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Their first game is here on Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Shown at Left Employees of First State Bank of Stratford and SISD Employees enjoyed the hamburger cookout at BA and LeRayne Donelsons on Monday, August 16, 2004.

Chancellor of Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. OPSU is sponsoring a tailgate party directly after the ceremony (about 5:00 p.m.) and we hope you plan to stay for the 7:00 p.m. kickoff against Southwestern Oklahoma State University on Carl Wooten Field. We will also conduct tours of the clubhouse and the apartments.

Oklahoma Panhandle State University moved students into the brand new apartment complex over the weekend. As students were unloading cars and greeting friends and roommates, OPSU personnel stayed busy answering questions and issuing keys. Now that move-in is nearing completion, we hope you will join us in celebrating the completion of our new student housing!

### Apartment Dedication Set

OPSU invites everyone to celebrate our new campus housing during the apartment dedication ceremony set for Saturday, August 28, 2004. It takes place on the north side of the clubhouse at the complex located right off Aggie Boulevard next to the golf course. Plenty of parking is available behind Oscar Williams Field House and the new Noble Center parking lot is also available.

The ceremony begins at 4:00 p.m., and the special guest speaker is Dr. Paul Rissler,

### Good Luck Cross Country

### Good Luck Elks

### Pampa Invites Everyone to Community Wide Garage Sale

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to visit Pampa on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> for our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Community Wide Garage Sale! Dozens of local businesses and individuals have cleaned out their closets and back rooms to bring you loads of bargains and great deals on everything from baby clothes to antiques and furniture! You'll find bargains galore at homes and businesses all over town. So, put on your tennis shoes, load up the family and get ready to shop til you drop at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Community Wide Garage Sale! You can pick up a map of all of the garage sale locations at any of these following locations: Dale Automotive-2309 Alcock; Bonney's Treasures-1425 Alcock; Best Kept Secrets-1925 N. Hobart; Brown's Shoe Fit-1500 N. Hobart; Trash & Treasure-1421 N. Hobart; bell Mart-1020 E. Frederic; Hamburger Station-11820 US Hwy. 60; The Red Barn-1420 S. Barnes; Heard & Jones Healthmart-114 N. Cuyler or PJ's Swap Shot-1001 E. Federic.

For more information call the Pampa Chamber of Commerce at 669-3241 or visit our office at 200 N. Ballard, Pampa, TX.

### AgriPartner Report

Week of August 16, 2004 for Dallam, Sherman, Hartley and Moore Counties

Corn borer moth activity has decreased. Insecticide applications to refuges and non-Bt fields likely have been accomplished by this point unless corn was late-planted.

Spider mites have increased but remain below economic threshold level in most fields. Once corn reaches dent stage, spider mites are no longer considered to have an economic impact.

Corn earworm can be found in most cornfields. As these larvae complete development in corn and emerge as moths, they will seek alternate hosts such as cotton, soybeans and sorghum in which to lay eggs initiating another generation in these crops.

Check soybeans for podworms. Corn earworms leaving cornfields as moths will be attracted to soybeans with developing pods in which to lay eggs. The economic threshold for podworms in soybeans is an average of 3 per foot of row.

Keep a close watch on sorghum for headworms. Corn earworms moths that cycle out of corn will be attracted to sorghum that is in the bloom and milk stages to lay eggs. Economic threshold for headworms in sorghum is an average of 1 to 2 per head.

A light bollworm egg lay has been observed in area cotton. Keep checking fields for developing worms. Bollworm economic threshold in cotton is considered to be approximately 5,000 bollworms per acres.

Cotton aphids can be found in area cotton. Current infestation levels are well below the economic threshold of 50 aphids per leaf. Keep monitoring this pest particularly in fields that receive an insecticide application to control other cotton pests.

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additional public comments on proposed provisions under which such appointments would be made.

The proposed reforms to the FSA County Committee election process include:

\*If no valid nominations are filed, the Secretary may nominate up to two individuals to be placed on the ballot. If the Secretary does not exercise this authority, then the State Committee may nominate up to two individuals to be placed on the ballot. If neither the Secretary nor the State Committee chooses to exercise their authority, then the respective County Committee shall nominate two individuals to be placed on the ballot.

\*FSA county offices shall actively locate and recruit eligible candidates identified as SDA farmers and ranchers as potential nominees for the County Committee elections using any reasonable means necessary, including the development of partnerships with community based



### Girls Celebrate "40" & "1"

Holly Sladek, daughter of Rex and Sherri Sladek, celebrated her 1<sup>st</sup> birthday with Rhonda Browne on her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday, August 20, 2004 at XIT Communications. Their birthdays were on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

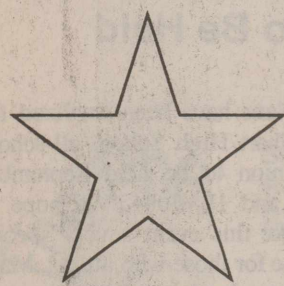
organizations. \*County Committees will annually review the local administrative area (LAA) boundaries to ensure the fair representation of SCA producers in the area. \*The number of consecutive three-year terms that a County Committee member may serve

will be reduced from three to two. This provision becomes effective with the 2005 election. \*In counties selected for further election monitoring, the FSA State Office will receive all ballots and deliver them in a

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<h2>Business Directory</h2>	<h3>Stratford Hospital District</h3> <p>Coldwater Manor Stratford Family Medical Clinic Stratford EMS Proudly serving the medical needs of Stratford and Sherman County</p>
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For Sale: 150ft. of 4ft chain link fence. Top rail, post and fittings. 917 N. 4<sup>th</sup>. \$50.00 Call 366-7572. 8-26-c

I have two GREAT Celine Dion Concert tickets for sale...Las Vegas, NV...September 17, 2004-8:30 p.m. Carolyn Tarver 396-5810 or 366-2393. 9-9-c

For Sale: 1995 Oldsmobile-Delta 88 Royale-Nice-runs great. Call 753-7155 to see. 9-2-p

All cash vending route for sale. 50 high traffic locations. \$36,000 annual income. Cost \$5000. Call 1-800-568 or [www.vendingthatworks.com](http://www.vendingthatworks.com) 8-26-c

For Sale: '03 Cadillac CTS, Loaded, ON STAR, 26,000 miles. Call 769-4464. 9-16-c

## Garage Sales

Garage Sale: Saturday, Aug. 28 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 719 South Second, Lots of Bargains- Cecilia and Anita DeBord. 8-26-c

GARAGE SALE Furniture, clothes, Suburban, Misc. 715 South 4<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 28, Saturday 9 to 1. 8-26-p

## Land for Sale

Land for Sale: Section 66 and South 1/2 of Section 67 Block 8. Capital Syndicate sub-division Dallam County CRP to 9-30-2007. Contact Trust Dept at First State Bank of Stratford 806-396-5521. 10-23-tfn

## Help Wanted

Certified Nurses Aide positions are now available at Coldwater Manor. Excellent benefits including health insurance and retirement after 90 days of employment. Apply in person at Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX 79084 E.O.E. 6-3-tfn

Coldwater Manor is now accepting applications for part-time office help. Basic office duties & some computer skills necessary. M-F, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Apply in person or fax resume to (806) 396-5930 E.O.E. 8-26-tfn

I need truck driver. Call 753-7470. 8-26-2xp

## Pet of the Week



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

Tolerance is the greatest gift of the mind; it requires the same effort of the brain that it takes to balance oneself on a bicycle. —Helen Keller

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I will do little handiwork jobs for the elderly at a reasonable cost. Call Dick Bachman 366-7679. 8-19-tfn

Sandblasting & Painting Call 244-3839 or 268-0334. Keith Heiskell 10-7-p

## For Rent

FOR RENT...Office space on Main Street for rent. For information call (806)396-5541. 11-27-tfn

For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished apt., 6<sup>th</sup> & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime, 396-5892 at nights. 1-28-tfn

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## USDA Creates Voluntary Register to Reach Minority Producers

Washington, August 20, 2004-Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced today that minority farmers and ranchers may now join a new voluntary register to receive information from USDA.

"The new Minority Farm Register is an outreach tool to underserved farmers and ranchers who are not currently enrolled in USDA loan, farm or conservation programs," said Veneman during video taped remarks to the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Federation of Southern Cooperatives Land Assistance Fund being held in Epes, AL. "The Register will create a shared outreach list that will help USDA, community-based organizations and minority-serving educational institutions to communicate with minority farmers and ranchers."

By joining the Register, minority producers may receive outreach materials, newsletters and program announcements from USDA agencies. They may also receive information and assistance from other USDA-approved outreach partners, such as community-based organizations, faith-based organizations and minority-serving educational institutions. USDA will carefully control access to the Register.

People wishing to join the register must sign and date an application that provides their name and address. Providing phone numbers, e-mail address, race, ethnicity, gender and farm or ranch location will be voluntary, although the additional information increases the producer's opportunities for receiving appropriate assistance.

## Houses For Sale

Owner Financing, Buying a House Made Simple. All 3 Bdrm. 319 S. Main, 611 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Call Brett Cummings 366-7664 (hm) or 753-6677 (cell). 1-2-04-tfn

3 Bdrm Brick, 2 baths on large corner lot. 1201 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Located in Casa Bonita Addition. Call 366-2153 for Appointment 9-30-c

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

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

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

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-to-1 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

4 Bdrm Brick Home in Texhoma, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces, 2 car garage, large walk-in closets, new roof & barn in backyard 40'x25'. (580)423-4553 or (580)423-7718 for more info. 7-31-tfn

FOR SALE BY OWNER...Beautiful 4 bedroom home, large sized rooms, 3 full baths, office, large utility room, basement, covered patio, beautifully landscaped backyard. W/deck. This house is located in a GREAT neighborhood!! 202 Kay Ave. Approx. 3800 sq. ft. Call 806-366-2482. 4-22-tfn

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Timing: The alpha and omega of aerialists, jugglers, actors, diplomats, publicists, generals, prizefighters, revolutionists, financiers, dictators, lovers.  
—Marlene Dietrich  
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The Register application is available at USDA Service Centers or from approved USDA outreach partners.

Completed applications may be mailed to: Minority Farm Register, USDA Stop Code 0503, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., 20250. The sign-up information will also be available on the FSA's Web site at [www.forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainse/vlet](http://www.forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainse/vlet)

And on the Assistant Secretary for civil Rights' (ASCR) Web site at

[www.usda.gov/cr](http://www.usda.gov/cr)

FSA and ASCR are jointly administering the register. Sign-up forms will be issued in Spanish and English. The register is planned to be ready Sept. 3, 2004. People may remove their name from the Register by writing the Minority Farm Register, USDA Stop Code 0503, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20250.

For more information, please contact the Office of Minority and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers Assistance, Farm Service Agency, STOP 0503, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-5501 (Call 1-866-538-2610; Fax: 1-866-302-1760; TTY:866-480-2824. E-Mail ) or USDA Office of Outreach, STOP 9473, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, 20250 (Call 1-800-8804183; Fax: (202) 720-7489; E-mail:

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

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. 7<sup>th</sup>. Call 396-2300 daytime or 366-3109 nights. 7-22-tfn

## Ad Rem Land Co.

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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.

Well maintained home in nice neighborhood. This home has large kitchen with dining area and large living room. Two large bedrooms, with large living room. Two large bedrooms, with large walk-in closets, plus office with closet that could be third bedroom, two full baths and large utility room. Two car attached garage, sprinkler system, CHA, and large shop in fenced backyard. We are offering a one-year home warranty with this home. This is a must see home ready to move into, for more information call 806-570-5716 or 806-655-2560. 10-28-c

## Veneman

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sealed box to the respective county offices at the time appointed for tabulation. Ballot opening and counting will be fully open and accessible to the public, with 10 days advance notice of the date and time of the vote tabulation. FSA County Committees help ensure that federal programs meet the needs of producers in their communities. Committees make decisions on commodity price support loans and payments; establishment of allotments and yields; conservation programs; incentive, indemnity and disaster payments for some commodities; and other farm disaster assistance.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates for seats on County Committees. In addition, eligible candidates can be nominated by any community-based, faith-based or other organizations in the county or area during the nomination period. Groups representing SDA Producers will be encouraged to nominate eligible individuals all eligible candidates and voters without regard to race, color, religion, Cont. in col. 5

Under Legal Notices

## Legal Notices

### Legal Notice City of Stratford, Texas Budget Hearing

In accordance with the State of Texas Statutes and provisions of the City of Stratford Charter, notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on the 2004-2005 Budget for the City of Stratford, Texas. On September 9, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the City Council Meeting Room of Stratford City Hall. At the conclusion of said Public Hearing, and after consideration of all comments from municipal taxpayers, the City Council will take action on the Proposed Budget. Final action on the Proposed Budget and the vote on the new tax rate will be held on September 9, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting Room of Stratford City Hall. Notice of Vote on Tax Rate will be published in the Stratford Star on September 9, 2004.

David Brown, Mayor  
City of Stratford, Texas

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, August 26, 2004.

national origin, age, sex, marital status or disability. Eligibility for voting is open to all who

demonstrate participation or cooperation in FSA programs

and who register at their local FSA Service Center. Communications Outreach Campaign Veneman also announced the implementation of a communications effort to encourage under-represented groups to nominate candidates to serve on the committees. Veneman sent letters to the leaders of some 2,000 national and regional groups and community-based organizations representing socially disadvantaged farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers to encourage their participation in county elections.

Additional actions USDA is taking to encourage SDA producers to participate in the FSA County Committee elections include:

\*Focusing communications activities in 300 target counties that have significant numbers of socially disadvantaged producers.

\*Using media outlets that serve SCA producers to spread the word about County Committee elections.

\*Publishing a new brochure "FSA County Committees," which is being distributed to producers across the country.

\*Secretary Veneman is also sending letters to minority advisors on FSA County Committees encouraging them to nominate themselves as candidates.

The nomination period for the 2004 elections closes Sept. 3, 2004. Nomination forms (FSA-669A) can be obtained from local FSA Service Center offices or online at

Producers can expect to receive their ballots during the week of Nov. 7, 2004 and must mail in or return their ballots to their local FSA office by Dec. 6, 2004.

Details on FSA County Committee elections and the Federal Register proposal can be found on the web at:

## Cards of Thanks

We thank you so much for your prayers, offers of help, food, cards and words of encouragement and hope when Luke was airlifted to Lubbock last Thursday. The kindness of the people of Stratford is not to be matched anywhere!

With most grateful thanks  
The Jack Haile Family

The Stratford ISD appreciation picnic sponsored by Stratford's First State Bank was a big success thanks to a great turnout and the help of so many volunteers. A big thank you goes to the FSB employees that helped before and during the picnic and to WR Larance for graciously taking pictures. And a special thank you to the following businesses for their donations: Allsup's, Dairy Queen, and Express Lanes. Also our sincere gratitude goes to Joyce for cutting up all the vegetables and to the directors for grilling the burgers.

We appreciate you all  
Stratford's First State Bank

St. Joseph Catholic Church would like to congratulate the following winners of our raffle: Graciela Jacques-Grand Prize winner of \$300, Jose Rosales-Yard Decoration (donated by THE General Store), Sevando Torres-Yard Decoration (donated by THE General Store), Debbie Rosales-Gift Basket (donated by Norma's Precious Moments), Claudia Aguilera-Body cream & silk flowers (donated by Elk Pharmacy), Lucio Cabazos-Teddy Bear (donated by Elk Pharmacy), Olga Ortega-Grease Gun (donated by A&I Parts), Viola Abeyta-Collectable Race Truck (donated by Brooks Motors), Marisol Chavoya-Flashlight (donated by Rynos Lawn Care), Jennifer Artho-Flashlight (donated by Rynos Lawn Care), Bertha Saenz-Earrings (donated by Bobby Edmond Horse Sales), Elias Jalomo-Candle (donated by Acquisitions), Ana Rodriguez-candle (donated by Acquisitions), Rudy Olivarez- \$20 coupon (donated by Rendon's Headquarters), Digna Rosales-\$25 gift certificate (donated by Let's Make Arrangements), Father Johnson-Gift Certificate (donated by TCB). A special thank you to the local businesses for their donations to our raffle. God Bless!

St. Joseph Catholic Church

All comments received by September 16, 2004 will be considered. Comments should be submitted to: County Committee Election Reform Comments, Department of Agriculture, Room 3092-S, Mail Stop 0539, Independence Ave., S.W. Washington, D.C. 20250-0539; or by email to:



## City Council Minutes

Council Minutes  
June 10, 2004

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Thursday, June 10, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro-Tem George Harding presiding and the following council members present: Nan McWilliams, Nancy Kimball and Eric Werner.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Secretary; Dwayne Dennis, Roger Mayfield, and Stewart Moss, Stratford Police Department; Deana Mungia, Jim Taliaferro and Joe Mungia.

Mayor Pro-Tem George Harding called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Ken Forthman arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the minutes of the May 13<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting, Eric Werner seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the minutes of the May 24<sup>th</sup> Special meeting with changes, Eric Werner seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Brent Spurlock arrived at 6:12 p.m.

Delinda Olivas arrived at 6:13 p.m. Joe and Deana Mungia spoke to the council regarding issues concerning the Police Department. Sean Hardman questioned Deana on what she was requesting from the City Council. Discussion took place. George Harding thanked Joe and Deana for their time. Joe and Deana then excused themselves from the meeting.

Delinda Olivas was present to read aloud a letter to the council regarding issues with the Police Department. Sean Hardman then asked Delinda what she was requesting from the City Council. Discussion took place.

George Harding then thanked Delinda for her time. Delinda then excused herself from the meeting.

Dwayne Plunk was not present to discuss the State Champion signs; however, Jim Taliaferro was present; therefore, discussion took place regarding the status of the signs. Jim Taliaferro suggested on making the signs more manageable. Ken will gather information regarding further reconstruction of the signs.

A written report was available to the council in their packets regarding municipal court business.

A written report was available to the council in their packets regarding police department business. George Harding commented on the recent fuel report the department has been including in the packets.

Sean Hardman reported that Apex Construction will send a letter certifying that the testing they did does comply with our TCEQ permit, but the letter has not been received as of yet. Once the letter is received the city will get with Dwight Brandt and then follow up with TCEQ and try and resolve the issue with the East Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Sean also mentioned that Panhandle Regional Planning Commission will have a Community Development Block Grant available should the City wish to apply again.

Sean also mentioned the TCMA meeting, spraying of the City streets, upcoming parade meeting, and the tagging of the junk vehicles. Sean stated that the Mayor would like for the council to discuss closing on June 11, 2004 in honor of Ronald Reagan; consensus of the council was to stay open.

Nancy Kimball questioned the status of the modification of ordinances.

Discussion took place regarding the tort claim, which had been billed.

Brent Spurlock was present to request for funds from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund. Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the funds, Eric Werner seconded, all in favor, motion

Bryan Mungia arrived at 7:18 p.m.

Livestock permit for Leslie Neve was discussed. Eric Werner motioned to table the permit, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nancy Kimball questioned the status on the auditor's reportable conditions. Discussion took place.

Discussion took place regarding the City of Stratford Personnel Policy. Nancy Kimball motioned to accept the policy as presented, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Bryan Mungia motioned to approve the May financial statement, Eric Werner seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Bryan Mungia questioned the condemnation of houses around the City.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

### July 8, 2004

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

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Secretary; Ken Forthman, Logan Neve, Nicole McIntosh, Officer Roger Mayfield and Officer Dwayne Dennis.

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

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2004 Regular meeting, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Council reviewed the written court report available in their packets.

Council also reviewed written police report available in their packets.

Sean Hardman reminded the council of the TML quarterly meeting to be held in Dalhart July 15, 2004.

Sean will have several upcoming meetings, TCEQ & Brandt Engineers and PRPC ordinance codification.

Comments were made regarding the upcoming 2004-2005 budget process and the Stratford Parade on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Ken Forthman was present to discuss the updated information regarding the State Championship signs. Discussion took place concerning the size of the signs. George Harding suggested that the city have one sign built to see the results instead of building all five at the same time. Discussion also took place regarding community involvement on the project.

Logan Neve was present to discuss his application for an animal permit at the June Council meeting. Logan had questions concerning why his permit was tabled at the previous meeting. Discussion took place. Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the animal permit upon obtaining the property owner's signature, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place concerning the request for zoning change located at Block 29 Lots 1-2, Stratford, Texas, Sherman County. Item was tabled until further information can be gathered.

Discussion took place on attendance for the newly elected official orientation school in Lubbock.

Special meeting to discuss the upcoming 2004-2005 budget was set for July 19, 2004 at 7:00 a.m.

Discussion took place on building permit rates. Sean Hardman will gather information from surrounding cities.

The City's infrastructure project (Main Street) was discussed. The City will continue to pursue the process for funds on this project. Discussion took place with the concern of the retailers on Main street but it was also mentioned about getting the retailers

together to visit the Perryton's retailers.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve accounts payable, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried. George Harding motioned to approve the June Financial statement, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Brown questioned the street repairs.

George Harding discussed concerns with the East Sewer plant.

City council requests that executive session be on next month's agenda to discuss personnel.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

### July 19, 2004

Stratford City Council met in Special session Monday, July 19, 2004 at 7:00 a.m. with Mayor Pro-tem George Harding presiding and the following council members present: Nancy Kimball, Nan McWilliams, and Eric Werner.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator and LaRita Butler, City Secretary.

Mayor Pro-Tem George Harding called the meeting to order at 7:25 a.m.

Council held a budget workshop. Discussion took place on expenses for the East Wastewater Treatment Plant and other repairs needed around town. Software upgrade was discussed.

Council set next budget meeting for July 27, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 8:08 a.m.

### July 27, 2004

Stratford City Council met in Special Session Tuesday, July 27, 2004 at 7:00 a.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Nancy Kimball, George Harding and Nan McWilliams.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator and LaRita Butler, City Secretary

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:16 A.M.

Discussion took place regarding the purchase of a vehicle for the Recycle Department. Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the purchase of a 2000 Chevrolet pickup for \$13,000, George Harding seconded, all in favor motion carried. Sean Hardman will check into getting a topper for the new pickup.

Council then held a budget workshop.

Discussion took place regarding the North Lift station and the pump station.

Community Development line item was discussed.

Payroll deduction on police department uniforms was discussed.

Fuel bids were also discussed.

Council set next budget meeting August 4, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

### August 4, 2004

Stratford City Council met in Special Session Wednesday, August 4, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: George Harding, Nan McWilliams, and Nancy Kimball.

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

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Council held a budget workshop

Cost of living raise for City Employees was discussed.

Bryan Mungia arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Further purchases were discussed.

Agenda items for the August 12, 2004 regular meeting were discussed.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

## Stratford Hospital District minutes Board of Directors Meeting-July 8th

Stratford Hospital District Board of Directors met for the regular monthly meeting, July 8, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. These officers were present: Shannon Taliaferro, President, Ronnie Brooks, Vice-President, Betty Brown, Secretary, Wayne Smith, Director and Larry Drake, Director.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 Administrator for the Stratford Hospital District, and Kandie Galla secretary for Stratford Hospital District.

The floor was open for any community comments there were none.

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

Judy Griffith presented the financial report for Stratford Family Medical Clinic. Judy Griffith discussed the idea of working 10 hours days Monday through Thursday and being closed on Fridays. Wayne Smith made a motion to pay Stratford Family Medical Clinics payables as presented. Betty Brown seconded the motion, the motion carried 5/0.

Jimmy Lanning presented the financial report for Stratford Emergency Medical Service. Jimmy Lanning reported 17 runs for the month of June, around the same as last year. Wayne Smith made a motion to pay Stratford Emergency Medical Services payables as presented. Betty Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0. Jimmy Lanning presented a proposal

on paying EMT's for weekend on call and after hour runs.

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

Shannon Taliaferro presented the contracts for Chassidy Town as D.O.N. and Ed Dudley as Administrator for the Stratford Hospital District. Betty Brown made a motion to accept the contracts for Chassidy Town as presented. Larry Drake seconded the motion. The Motion carried 5/0.

Wayne Smith made a motion to accept Ed Dudley's contract as presented. Ronnie Brooks seconded the motion, the motion carried 5/0.

Executive session opened at 8:40 p.m. Consider Jimmy Lanning's proposal for Stratford Emergency Medical Service.

Executive session closed at 9:10.

Shannon Taliaferro stated that they were going to table the Stratford Emergency Medical Service's Proposal in regards to the staffing problem in lieu of more information.

Reviewed changes made in Stratford Hospital District handbook. Tabling decision until Ed Dudley gives recommendations on what needs to be changed.

Discussed Les Dodson at the next monthly board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

## Good Luck Cross Country

## Good Luck Elks

## Beat West Texas

## Dalhart High School All School Reunion To Be Held

Plans have been finalized for Dalhart High School all-school reunion to be held September 17 and 18, 2004. We hope to make this event a very special time for those who attend. Mark your calendar and send in your dues and your reservations for the weekend events.

Registration will be held in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall located at 602 Denver Avenue. Registration times will be: Friday, September 17-9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Saturday, September 18-8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Friday's activities include Pep Rally at the high school and pregame supper. Homecoming football game against Stratford. Mixer for all-ex-students at Dalhart Elementary school from 8:00 p.m. until? (Coffee, tea, cookies and visiting).

Saturday activities include Individual class coffees at local ex's homes from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Check at registration for places).

Saturday evening activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Rita Blanca Coliseum and will consist of Dinner (Pork Tenderloin) and Dancing and, of course, more visiting! Reunion events will end at 1:00 a.m. (This activity is B.Y.O.B. - Set up will be provided).

The cost for the weekend events will be \$25.00 per person. Dues for Ex-Students are \$20.00 (Dues help to fund the scholarship program. Each year the Ex-Student Association presents two \$800 scholarships to a student who has at least one ex-student as a parent.

Please send dues and registrations to P.O. Box 38, Dalhart, Texas 79022 and please be sure to include your graduation year. Hope to see you in September.

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