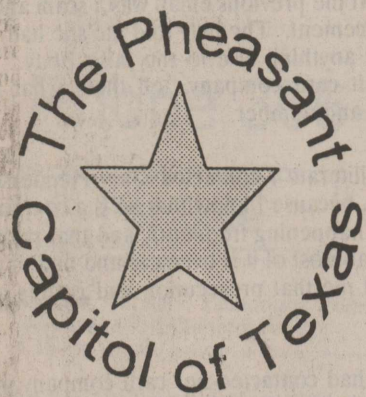


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Pantry Meeting March 27th

Pantry meeting will be held on March 27, 2003 at 7 p.m. at XIT Building.

Imagination Station Making Plans For Week of the Young Child

The Imagination Station is beginning to make plans for the Week of the Young Child, April 22 and April 24, 2003. The committee of Laurie Spurlock, Yvonne Pittman, Ann Johnson, and Mellonee York sent out fliers and are preparing for a successful program called "First Night". Pre-K and Kindergarten children will be invited to attend learning sessions consisting of stories, make and take activities, and games.

Airport Update

Recently the runway at the Stratford Airport was resurfaced and a few renovations have been made.

Attention All Ex-Students

There will be a combined meeting of the Ex-students and the Stratford Jamboree on Friday, March 28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Courthouse Courtroom. The dates for both events will be discussed.

Cowboy Church Meets Wednesdays

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

Tiffany Knight Scholarship Fund

A Tiffany Knight Scholarship Fund has been set up at The First State Bank of Stratford for the graduating Class of 2005. If you are wish to contribute please inquire at First State Bank.

April-Keep Stratford Beautiful Month

April is Keep Stratford Beautiful month. It is time to see Main Street curbs and gutters. Meet Saturday, April 5th at 7:00 a.m. and bring broom and a scoop.

Blood Glucose Screening April 9th

The Stratford Hospital District is pleased to announce a free Blood Glucose Screening on Wednesday, April 9th. The screening will be held at the Stratford EMS building on Beaver Road from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact contact Spurlock, Sherman County Jimmy Lanning or Larry Norris at 396-2844.

WANTED-Blood Donors March 31st

WANTED BLOOD DONORS - STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL. Monday, March 31st, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Old Gym. Every Donor will receive a T-Shirt. Coffee Memorial Blood Center, 1915 Coulter Dr., Amarillo, TX 79106, 806-358-4563.

Stratford Chamber Banquet

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce would like to invite the entire community to our annual banquet scheduled for Monday, April 14. The banquet will be held in the County Exhibit building. The Silent Auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the dinner and program to begin at 7:00 p.m. the meal will be catered by Bar-H of Dalhart and feature rib-eye steaks!

The theme for this year's banquet is "Salute To Stratford Independent School System, An Exemplary School". Our entertainment will be students of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. These young men will perform original Cowboy Poetry. The *Citizen Of The Year* award will crown our evening's events.

Tickets for the Banquet may be obtained from any Chamber or Women's Division member; or the Chamber Office. The cost of the tickets is: Single - \$14.00, and couple - \$25.00. The deadline for early ticket sales is April 3, 2003.

Make plans now to attend this community function. The silent auction will be filled with unique and exciting items. See who wins the coveted *CITIZEN OF THE YEAR* award and honor the wonderful school system of Stratford. For more information, contact the Chamber office (366-2260).

Painless Ways To Save

Are you saving and investing enough for your future? One-half of Generation Xers, people between the ages of 21 and 34, answer that question with a resounding "no". That is not surprising, considering that more than 40% of this group also describe themselves as living from paycheck to paycheck.

Investments Just for You will be offered to all persons interested in learning more about trends in saving, tools for saving, and tips for saving. The free seminar will be held Thursday, April 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of First State Bank of Stratford.

Sponsored by First State Bank of Stratford and the Sherman County Family Living Committee, the seminar is designed to assist individuals in understanding the building blocks for financial success and basic investment principles. Tips for finding money to save will also be shared.

Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aid or accommodations are asked to contact the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122 in advance so that adequate arrangements can be made. Educational programs of Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of sex, race, socioeconomic level, color, religion, disability, or national origin.

For more information, contact Sherry Phelps at First State Bank of Stratford 396-5521 or Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent at 366-2122.

City Saves \$31,000!!!!

The City has recently replaced several fire hydrants around town, using city equipment and workers, instead of hiring a contractor. By doing this the city saved over \$31,000...Wow.

If anyone has relatives or knows of someone locally who is related to persons who are serving our country in the war against Iraq, please contact the Star office-366-5885. Thank you.

April-Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month

"Give the Light of hope to a Child"

April is Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month

Please join us for Stratford's 4th Annual Light Vigil to honor the abused and neglected children in our area on Thursday, April 3, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at Sherman County Courthouse.

Sponsored by CASA 69, Inc. (Court Appointed Special Advocates). Come Join us as we support our children!

Refreshments will be provided courtesy of Express Lane and Thriftway.

Smith Announces Candidacy

Wayne L. Smith has announced his candidacy for the Stratford Hospital District Board in the May 3, 2003 election. Smith was born in Borger and raised on his family's farm southeast of Stratford until moving to Stratford with his family in 1959. Her attended Stratford schools graduating in 1968. He attended West Texas State University and Wichita State University. He served in the United States Air Force and the United States Navy for 20 years; retiring in the 1995. Smith returned to Stratford with his family at that time and became a partner with his brother, Miles Smith and sister, Sharon Perkins in the Smith Agency.

Smith stated, "There are many issues facing the Hospital District at this point in time. Obviously, the main issue is a financial one. How do we maintain quality of care for the patients in Coldwater Manor and quality medical service for the residents of this community?"

In my view there are three main priorities. The number one priority is and always should be the quality of care for the residents of Stratford Hospital District.

The next priority is to maintain the highest level/standard of care and service as possible for every dollar we spend. Give the taxpayer the "most bang for the buck". We must always keep in mind that the taxpayers are paying the bills. Accountability and responsibility should be foremost in our minds in providing service to the patient.

Finally, set and maintain the highest standards for our facilities and our employees within our means. We must try to attract and keep the best possible providers of care as possible; our Doctor, Nursing Home Administrator and staff, and EMT/Ambulance service must be the best possible. When we hire them, we must let them do their jobs.

I think that everyone must understand that there is no one, be it employee, administration, medical staff, or board members that are not above scrutiny when it comes to operation of the medical clinic, nursing home, and ambulance service. Everyone must work as a team. We must always remember that the first priority is always the patient and his or her family.

I hope that the voters in the community will consider these issues when they go to the polls. I would be honored to serve the community as member of the board and to have your support.

Paid Political Ad. Paid for by Wayne Smith, Box 1214, Stratford, Texas 79084.

**Stratford Track
Meet
Friday & Saturday
March 28 & 29**

Texas Independent Bankers Join Governor's Amber Alert Network

First Sate Bank of Stratford, Dumas & Dalhart is participating in the Governor's Amber Alert Network as part of a grassroots effort by members of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT).

The organization of community bankers joined the statewide network at the request of Governor Rick Perry, making available the services of the banks' electronic message systems and lobby and drive-through facilities to alert the public of missing children.

Governor Perry created the Network through executive order as a cooperative program involving the Governors Office, Texas Department of public Safety, Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Association of Broadcasters.

"Every minute counts when a child is abducted," Governor Perry said. "There is no more urgent cause than that of finding an innocent, abducted child and returning that child to their loved ones."

The governor emphasized the statewide network will work in coordination with local systems already in place in some Texas cities.

"That's where we can help," Chris Williston, President/CEO of IBAT, said. "Our members can put information on the missing children on their electronic message boards by the roadside. They can put pictures of the missing by the teller's windows and at their drive-through locations."

Williston said that there are 1,500 independent banks and branches that can be available to participate in the Governor's program.

"We surveyed our membership and received an overwhelming response to help in this important effort."

The Amber Alert concept originated in Texas after nine-year-old Amber Hagerman was kidnapped from her Arlington home in 1996 and murdered. A neighbor was able to provide details of a car believed to be involved in the abduction, but there was not a system in place to get that information to the public quickly.

After Amber's death, local residents worked with area radio stations to develop the Amber Alert. The network has been credited with helping safely recover more than 20 children across the nation.

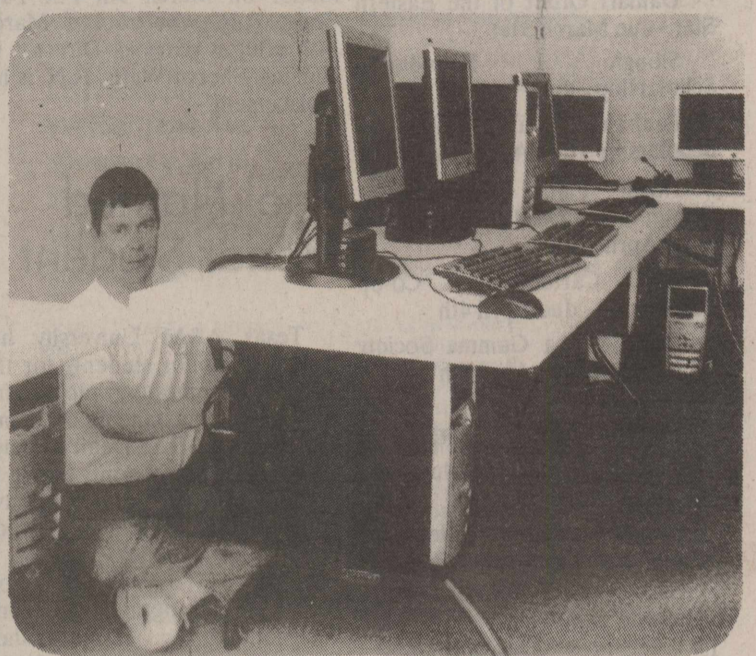
Citizens of Stratford:

I would like to express my concern regarding various properties within the City which need specific attention. City of Stratford Ordinance numbers 181, 184 and 248 prohibit allowing any accumulations of rubbish, debris, trash or any other objectionable, unsightly, or unsanitary material to accumulate on any property within the corporate city limits of the city. Also, City of Stratford Ordinance numbers 164 and 248 require that all weeds and grass be kept mowed to prevent becoming unsightly and/or creating a fire hazard. This is especially important as we come into the Spring and Summer seasons. These ordinances also prohibit any other types of debris from being located on any real estate within the City of Stratford.

I would like to give all citizens the opportunity to take care of these matters on their own. However, effective May 1, 2003, should there be any properties which do not meet City codes, the property owner(s) will be notified per a certified letter. This letter will give the property owner(s) a deadline to bring the property up to code before further action is pursued, including recovery of any incurred costs.

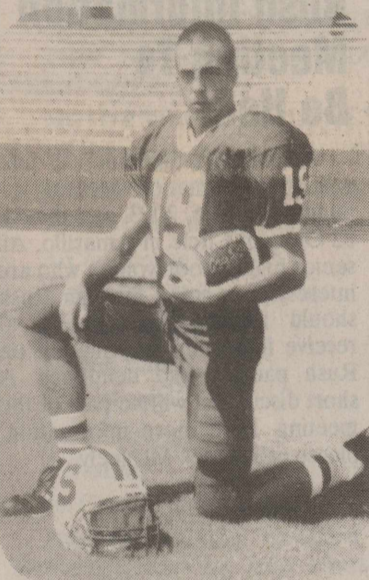
I would like to encourage all citizens to help make Stratford a clean place to live and a tourist attraction for travelers passing through. If you have any questions regarding the disposal of any items, please feel free to stop by my office or call City Hall at 366-5581. I appreciate your immediate attention concerning these matters.

Sincerely,
Wayland Brown
City Administrator



Open House To Be Held Sunday

Chris Riffe installing the computer lab at The Imagination Station. Open House for Phase I will be Sunday, March 30 from 2:00 to 4:00. Plans to have the computer lab open to the public in April.

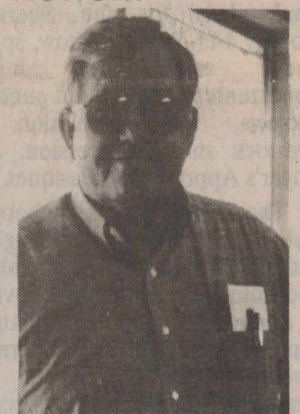


Denton Crabtree

Fundraising BBQ Dinner Sunday, March 30th For Denton Crabtree

Denton Crabtree has been invited to participate in the Maui "No Ka Oi" pigskin classic in Lahaeno, Hawaii, June 24-July 1, 2003 sponsored by Elite Sports International. In order to raise funds to make the trip Denton will be having a fund raising BBQ Dinner and Bake Sale Sunday, March 30th-11:30-2:00 at the County Barn. Everyone is invited to attend. Free will donation.

Stratford Education Foundation News!!!



B.A. Donelson states-Why an education foundation? Because our school and our kids are our most important product. They represent what has been and will continue to be the stability behind this community. The opportunity to expand what the school is doing by having a foundation will just enhance what is already an exemplary school.

How? By providing teachers and children with opportunities to reach outside the classroom and the normal curriculum for events that will further stimulate their education process.

It can be a real stimulus for teachers in the system as well as for the students. It will provide that little extra that keeps us at the front of education. It will attract and keep young couples in our community. Not only will that help the school but it will help the community as well. Join us with your contribution and watch good things happen!

Possible Manufactured Home Park

The city is looking once more into the possibility of developing a Manufactured Home Park somewhere in the community. There must be a special place for manufactured homes to go before any zoning regulations can be implemented. In the past, plans for a manufactured home park were developed that included a park, trees and standards for upkeep. This is a project all taxing entities could support.

IMAGINATION STATION
Phase I - Open House
March 30, 2003
2:00 - 4:00

Scholarship Opportunities

For the seniors at Stratford High School, there are many scholarship applications that will be due during the months of April and May. The following is a list of those scholarships and their due dates. If you have any questions regarding the requirements for these scholarships, come by the scholarship board outside Mrs. McBryde's office at the Junior High School or call Mrs. McBryde at 366-3322.

- Local Scholarships:**
- Prospectus Study Club, V.O. Lasley Memorial, Stratford Chamber of Commerce, Stratford Fire Department and Nu Beta Sorority Scholarships - due April 1st
 - Dalhart Order of the Eastern Star - due March 31st
 - Slough Foundation Scholarship - due April 1st
 - Panhandle State Foundation Scholarship - due April 1st
 - North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Scholarship - due April 1st
 - E.W. Carter/Sunray Co-op Scholarship - due April 4th
 - Delta Kappa Gamma Society Scholarship - due April 7th
 - Dalhart Elks Lodge Scholarship - due April 15th
 - Dalhart Knights of Columbus - due April 15th
 - Burke Bell Memorial Scholarship - due April 25th
 - Earl and Conrad Riffe Memorial Scholarship - due May 1st

4-H Parents & Leaders Meeting March 31st

The quarterly business meeting of the Sherman County 4-H Parent/Leaders Association will be Monday, March 31, 2003. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the education room of the Sherman County Extension Office in Stratford.

Business items will include final plans for the Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show, spring and summer camping opportunities, spring and summer projects, and evaluation of livestock show, concession, and Buyer's Appreciation Banquet.

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.

The chains of habit are too weak to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.

Changes For Hospital District

Stratford Hospital District is making a few changes at Coldwater Manor and the Thrift Store. The Manor is currently remodeling a "family room" to make it into a resident room. There is consistently a waiting list to get into Coldwater Manor, and this will add one more bed, changing the capacity from 39 to 40 beds.

The Thrift Store is taking on a new look. Lots of clean up on the inside! There are lots of repairs that need to be done when the weather warms up a bit. George Harding has agreed to help. Please speak up if you would like to join the crews.

There was a community retirement party at Coldwater Manor on March 9th. For Paul Craig, R.N. who retired March 14th after 9 years as Director of Nursing. Sheryn Watts, R.N. is his replacement.

Pool Named Honor Student

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 2002 fall semester, recognizing students for outstanding academic performance. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period. A second designation, "Distinguished Student," recognizes students who earned a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 15 hours.

Among those recognized were: McLain Jordan Pool of Stratford, TX, Distinguished Student, Bachelor of Science - Animal Science. Pool is the son of Gary and Mary Pool of Stratford, TX.

Rush Information Meeting To Be Held

Amarillo Panhellenic will host a Rush Information Meeting on Sunday, April 6, 2003, at 2 p.m. at 32 Oldham Circle in Amarillo. All senior high school women who are interested in going through Rush should attend this meeting to receive important information on Rush packets and deadlines. A short discussion will be part of the meeting. For more information, please call Renee McNeely.

—Samuel Johnson

PUBLIC NOTICE

A recent Federal Communications Commission (FCC) order changed the way telephone companies can recover their federal universal service fund contributions. Because of this change, coupled with an increase in the FCC's prescribed universal service contribution factor, you will see an increase in the Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) amount on your XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and XIT Communications bill, effective April 1, 2003. The new FUSC amount is calculated by multiplying the FCC's universal service contribution factor times your interstate service charges. The new contribution factor is 9.1%. The federal universal service fund program is designed to help keep local telephone service rates affordable for all customers, in all areas of the United States. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 27, 2003

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Amarillo District of the Texas Department of Transportation has received a request to study the feasibility of a relief route for the City of Stratford. A public meeting has been scheduled to solicit comments from all interested parties regarding the proposal. The meeting will be held in the auditorium. The meeting will be Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. It will be located at the Stratford High School, 503 North 8th Street, Stratford, Texas. The meeting will be held in the auditorium. If anyone has a concern before the meeting in regard to the project, they may contact the Area Engineer, Kenneth Corse, P.E., at 806-934-1122. All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. If anyone interested in attending the meeting has special accommodation needs, please contact Cheryl Luther, the District Environmental Coordinator at 806-356-3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs. You may submit verbal or written comments regarding this project at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may also be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (PO Box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than ten (10) days after the meeting. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 27, 2003 and Thursday, April 17, 2003.

Sherman County 4-H Members Attend Houston Livestock Show

Seven Sherman County 4-H Members exhibited their livestock projects at the Houston Livestock Show held March 6-14, 2003. Chance Walker, Kaleb Horsford and Kyle Horsford all placed their barrows in the Jr. Auction. Kaleb placed eighth with his Spot, Kyle placed 13th with his Berkshire, and Chance placed 23rd with his Hampshire. Case Crabtree and Jordan Johnson each exhibited a Maine Anjou steer. Clayton Johnson exhibited his Chiania and Kristen Crabtree exhibited her Simmental steer. Congratulations to all these 4-H exhibitors on a job well done.

New Water Lines For Main Street

As part of the Main Street Enhancement Project, the city will need to replace the old water main that runs along the center of Main Street. The city met with officials from the Texas Department of Transportation to discuss the need for replacing water lines and possible locations of new lines. The city workers will be doing all the work, once again saving the city dollars.

We do not deal much in facts when we are contemplating ourselves.
—Mark Twain

City Street Repairs

The city is now beginning to look at street repairs for the upcoming summer months. There are lots of street repairs, and they will do the best they can to get them all repaired. Right now the city is looking for gravel and other materials that will be needed to get the city streets back into good shape.

Truth is always exciting. Speak it, then. Life is dull without it.
—Pearl S. Buck

F.Y.I. by Sheriff Jack Haile

I had a case brought to me last week that was different than anything I had worked in the past. A lady brought me an email she had received from Ebay. The email stated that her credit card number and other personal information had been purged and that she needed to re-enter her card number and information. There were several of these. Then an email from Ebay telling her that the previous email was a scam and to turn it over to her local law enforcement. The lady told me she had not given her credit card number or anything else to the false Ebay. My advice was to contact your credit card company, tell them what has happened and request a new card and number.

Since I am almost computer illiterate I contacted Gary Henderson, Texas Ranger stationed in Pampa, because I know that he is a computer guy. Gary said that this has been happening frequently and that people have been losing lots of money, that most of it is overseas and one of the main places is Nigeria. Gary told me that prosecution and getting any money back is almost impossible.

I contacted the lady back, she had contacted her card company and there were not any unauthorized charges. She is both smart and lucky. Smart because she did not give them any information and lucky that they didn't manage to hack into her account information.

Please remember to not give anyone information unless you have contacted them. People call me at my house all the time trying to sell something and all they need is my credit card number. Just tell them if you want anything you will call them.



The three events in a men's triathlon are swimming, bicycling and distance running. For women, the event consists of a 100-meter dash, high jump and shot put.

VOTE FOR

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Stratford Hospital Board
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Your Vote & Support will be appreciated!
Pol. Ad. Pd. for by Betty J. Brown, P.O. BX 7, Stratford, TX 79084

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Su voto y apollo será muy agradecido.
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Stratford - THE General Store 806 366-5308 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Texline - OX Feed & Ranch Supply 806 362-4351 12-1 p.m.
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Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

Several community members attended funeral services for former resident Frances Brewster on March 19. Also her former neighbors came from Logan, N.M., Ina James, Delton & Mary Catharine Judd, Lewis Frank James. From Kerrick were Ted Irlbeck, Terry Schoonover, Nita Taylor, Bill Boren, Ralph & Minnie Hampton, Marylou McDaniel,

Attending Rita Blanca Electric annual meeting were Mike & Marylou McDaniel with Jon Hart. Also seated at the table were Leo & Elaine Horne of Conlen. Mike won a motion light.

Roy & Ciccy Harris were in Higgins, Texas, March 8 & 9 to attend funerals for his step-father, Kenneth Stone and an uncle, Leroy Boughan.

Sunday Kerrick Community church had a guest speaker, Don Polling of Vega.

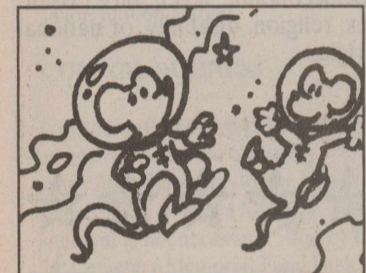
Some of the Hampton family will be assisting Sunday at the dinner for Denton Crabtree. Denton is raising money to participate in the football game in Hawaii this summer.

Creed Callaway spent a few days last week with the Hamptons. He is the young son of Bethany & Wade of Clarendon.

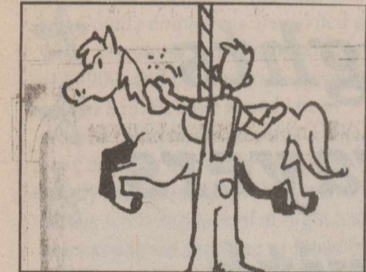
Donna & Bill Gillenwaters took grandchildren, Jacy, Dasan & Tala home to Moreland, OK over the weekend.

Jo June McDaniel is slowly recovering from pneumonia.

The next Sunday dinner at the Community Center will be Easter Sunday.



The first living creatures that the U.S. ever sent into space were two mice named Benji and Laska in 1958.



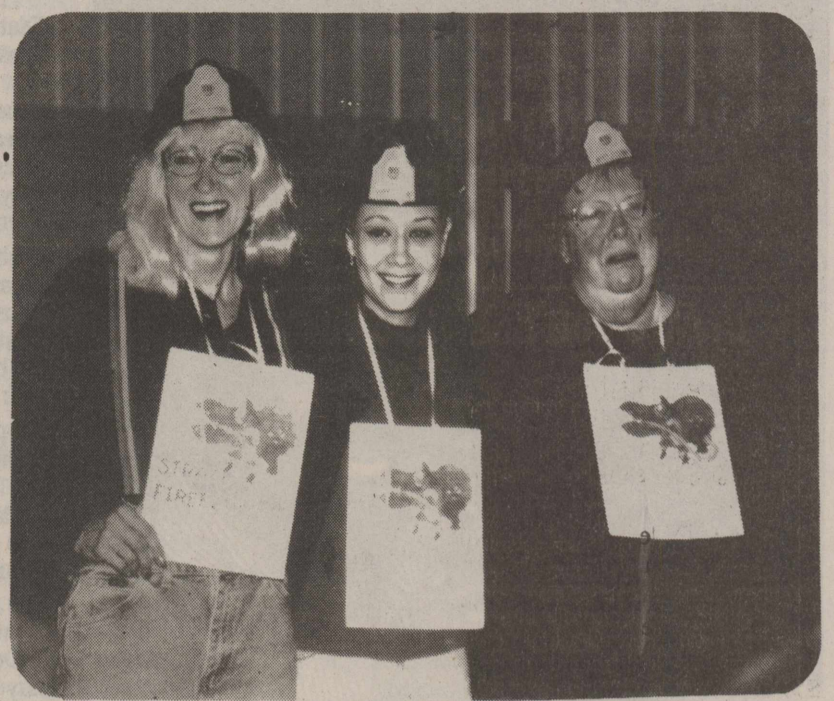
Former president Dwight D. Eisenhower is said to have once worked sanding carousel horses at a factory located near his home in Abilene, Kansas.

Stratford Fire Department

Annual Awards Banquet



Shown above is Assistant Fire Chief Jack Gore presenting Danny Davis and Chris Hernandez with Firefighters of the Year Awards for their hard work in 2002. Watching on is Vickie Gore.



Sheriffs Department Dispatchers entertained the crowd-shown above are Penny Gilbert (love the hair) Sarah Ortega and Bobbie Strong (Everyones favorite lady).

Stratford Fire Department held their annual award banquet March 18, 2003. Special guests of the Fire Department were Sheriff Jack Haile and wife Barbara, Bobbie Strong, Sarah Ortega, Penny Gilbert and Jim and DeeDee Dewees, Stratford Police

Department represented by Ann Dillon, City of Stratford represented by Mayor David Brown and Janice Brown, Wayland and Betty Brown, B.A. and LeRayne Donelson, Baskin and Betty Brown, Stratford EMS represented by Larry and Verlie

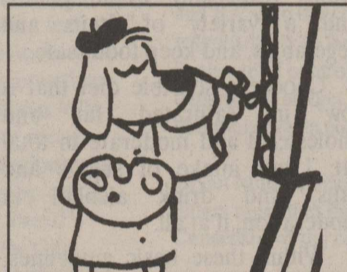
Norris, Laurie Cisneros, Jimmy and Sheila Lanning, Duane and Marty Robertson, Lindsey White, Jessie Hernandez, Kristine Olsen, Bobbie Strong, Penny Gilbert and Donnie and Diane Coaly, Lynda Sarah Ortega.

Dinner of ribs and trimmings was followed with a short entertainment by the "Backups" Firefighters of the Year awards were given to Chris Hernandez and Danny Davis for their hard work in 2002.

Members of the Stratford Fire Department are Eddie Williams, Chief, Jack Gore, Asst. Chief, Sandy Williams, Asst. Chief, Ronda Mathews, Donita Robertson, Chris Hernandez, Danny Davis, Brian White, Mark Sullivan, Jesse Mariscal, Dean Hauser.

In those days he was wiser than he is now—he frequently used to take my advice.

—Winston Churchill



The Dog Museum in St. Louis, Missouri, founded by The Kennel Club, features paintings, sculptures, and other works of art with dogs in them.

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Candidate for
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CustomCornea technology at www.ladarvision.com.
Information on new heart disease and stroke medications at www.phrma.org.
Healthcare Scholarship applications and guidelines at www.tylenol.com.
The Barbara K Toolkit at www.barbarak.com.
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
No Sunday Evening Worship
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

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

St. Joseph Catholic

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

Church of Christ

Larry Evans
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

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

First Baptist

Brent Farney
702 N. 3rd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

La Mision Bautista

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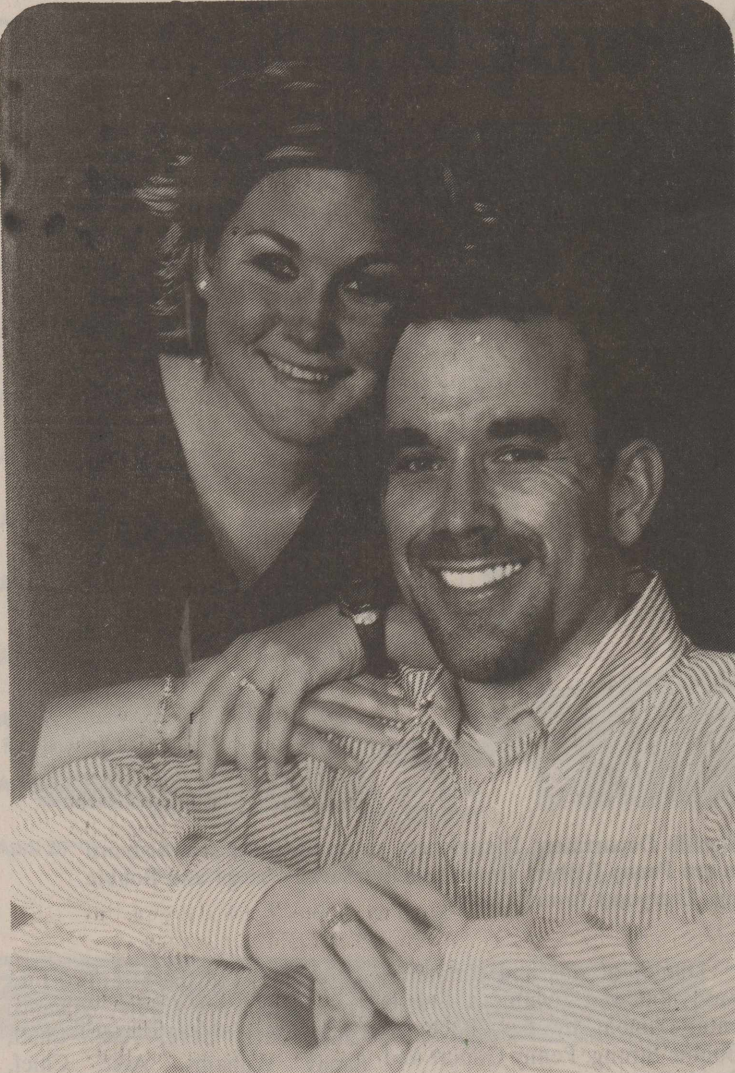
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Cards of Thanks

Words can't express just how we feel about all the prayers, cards, food and all the other things that all our kind friends have been there for since my surgery. Thank all of you.

Nelda & Wendell Stacy

We wish to express our appreciation to each one who attended our Spaghetti Dinner and for your generous donations so that our Depot Museum will continue to be free to the public. We acknowledge and thank the following businesses and individuals for your support of our Depot Museum: First State Bank, Happy Bank, Stratford grain, Stratford Feedyard, Everett Farms, Dettle Feedyard, A&I Parts, Thriftway, Duckwall's, Express Lane, Allsup's, Imagination Station. All our wonderful Museum Volunteers.

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Special thanks to Mrs. Huereca, Mrs. Abeyta, Dora, and to everyone who came to wish me good luck in my new beginnings. God Bless and love to each of you.

Josie Rendon

THANK YOU STRATFORD!
We would like to take this time to thank some very special people who have had a hand in our success this year with our show cattle. We need to back up 4 years and thank Kris Lasley, Trew James, and Jeff Kautz for your help and encouragement in getting started in this adventure. Thanks to Dr. Jack Swain and all those who have served on the Sherman Co. Livestock Board. Thanks to Stratford I.S.D. for your support and flexibility! Gilbert Gutierrez, Sr. and Tres Hess, you have been so much help! David Brawne, thanks for covering for Logan! To the Dook Crabtree, Lance Horsford, and Jeff Kautz Families, Thank You, Thank You, and Thank You Again! Thank you to Jackie Burkhalter, the Steve Haynes and Max Christian Families for being there to cheer for us! Logan and Leslie Neve, Thank You! Leslie, we are so glad that you are our County Agent. Your knowledge and support are so important to us. Logan, thank you for bringing Leslie, Mom, and Jordan to San Antonio! You have been a great support! Finally, but most important, THANK YOU DAD AND MOM! We really could not have done it without you. If we forgot to mention you by name, forgive us. We know that we have a great support system from Stratford. THANK YOU!

Clayton and Jordan Johnson

Managing Diabetes Through Nutrition

Diabetes is a fact of life for millions. According to figures from the American Diabetes Association, more than 17 million Americans are living with diabetes, and 16 million of them have type 2 (formerly known as adult onset diabetes).

Diabetes can cause health problems throughout the body, but those who have type 2 can do a lot about improving their own health by keeping a careful watch on their nutrition.

People with diabetes can live long, healthy lives if they take good care of themselves—particularly by controlling blood glucose levels through good nutrition.

The first step in making good food choices is understanding the U.S. Department of Agriculture Dietary Guidelines, which were developed by nutrition experts. The goal of establishing these guidelines is to help people understand how their eating habits can affect their health.

These simple "ABC" guidelines can help everyone improve their health, whether or not they have diabetes:

*Aim for fitness by reaching a healthy weight and being physically active each day.

*Build a healthy base by following the Pyramid guide food choices. Each day eat a variety of grains (especially whole grains) and a variety of fruits and vegetables, and keep foods safe.

Choose a sensible diet that is low in saturated fat and cholesterol and moderate in total fat. Limit intake of sugars and salts, and drink alcohol in moderation, if at all.

Within these basic guidelines, the keys to controlling diabetes are: making wise food choices, exercising and taking prescribed medication as recommended by a health professional.

People with diabetes also must monitor their blood glucose levels regularly and make adjustments when needed. Blood glucose levels can be controlled by: reducing intake of starches and sugars, controlling portion sizes, increasing exercise and monitoring blood glucose levels.

Monitoring blood glucose levels can help people with diabetes reduce their complications affecting eyes, nerves and kidneys.

Planning meals may look like an impossible task, but it's really not that difficult. Information from the American Diabetes Association and the American Diabetic Association is available by calling (800) 342-2382 or (800) 366-1655, or by visiting the Web at <http://www.diabetes.org/> or <http://www.eatright.org>.

People with diabetes don't have to follow complicated meal plans or eat special foods. All they need to do is eat healthfully, the same foods as everyone else in the family. The key is making better food choices.

First, add up the amount of fiber you eat every day—fiber is found in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and beans.

Then, carefully monitor intake of sugar, fat and salt—eat less each day.

And be sure to choose foods from a wide selection each day.

These mealtime choices are good for everyone, whether they have diabetes or not. Healthy eating is a goal for everyone in the family.

Here are some tips to help make meal management easier:

-Eat meals and snacks at about the same times everyday. People with diabetes especially need to do this, in order help their bodies utilize carbohydrates.

-Eat about the same amount of food everyday. Follow the meal plan and protein sizes ordered by your health professionals.

-For more interesting and appetizing meals, experiment with new foods and be willing to try new ones.

-Don't skip meals. That can lead to an overeating at the next one.

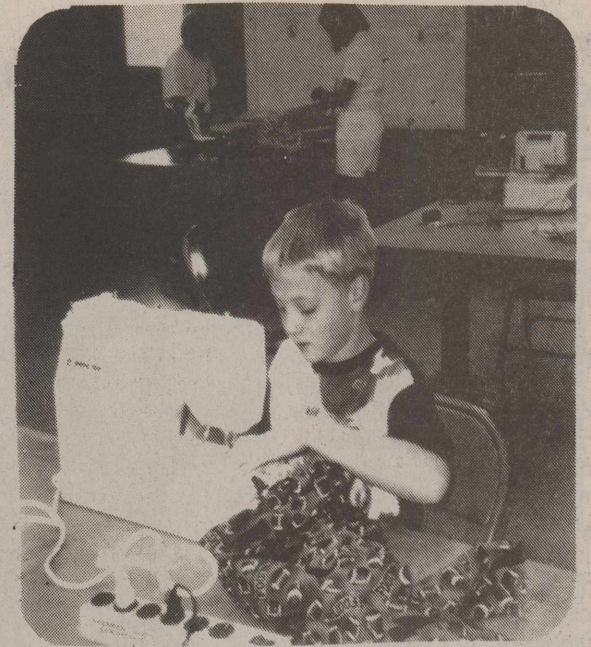
-Use portion control; keep serving sizes monitored. And plan for eating out.

If you adopt good eating habits and eat nutritionally balanced diabetes meals, you will be making a great start. Add to that all the other healthy habits—such as exercising regularly—and you will be on the road to saying healthy, whether you have diabetes or not.

For more information on living with diabetes, plan to attend the Do Well, Be Well With Diabetes program. The program will be conducted April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Stratford EMT Building. Registration fee will be \$10.00 per individual or couple. Early registration is encouraged so that class reference books may be ordered.

Programs of the Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of sex, race, socioeconomic level, color, religion, disability, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid or accommodations are asked to contact the Extension Office at 366-2122 in advance so that adequate arrangements can be made.

Do Well, Be Well is a collaborative educational effort of Texas Cooperative Extension Sherman County, Stratford Hospital District and Kline Smith Beecham Pharmaceutical Company. For more information contact Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent at 366-2122.



4-H Fashion Show April 5th

Eric Burton is busy using his sewing skills to make a pair of lounge pants in preparation for the upcoming Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show. The Fashion Show will be held Saturday, April 5th at the First Christian Church in Texhoma. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. The Public Fashion Show and Awards program will be held at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The Sherman County 4-H Entry Forms are due in the Fashion Show will be held County Extension Office on Saturday, April 5th. The achievement event will be at the First Christian Church in Texhoma.

Judging of contestants will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Fashion Show and Awards program at 1:30 p.m. Sixteen 4-Hers plan to participate in the event. Twenty-one members from the Stratford and Texhoma communities have completed project work and gained skills in the areas of clothing construction, clothing care, grooming and modeling, textile art, knowledge of fibers and fabrics and participated in educational tours.

4-Hers and families are reminded that Fashion Show Educational programs sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve all people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

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Our Thoughts and Prayers are with those who are serving in our Armed Forces

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Mexican Shrimp Pilaf

- 1 package (6.8 oz.) Spanish rice and vermicelli mix
- 2 tablespoons margarine, melted
- 2 cups water
- 1 can (14 oz.) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 3/4 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 cup zucchini, chopped
- 1/2 cup frozen whole kernel corn, thawed
- 2 tablespoons ripe olives, sliced
- 2 tablespoons tortilla chips, crushed
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese, grated
- 2 tablespoons green onion, chopped
- 1 jar picante sauce

Saute rice in margarine in a large skillet until golden, stirring frequently. Slowly add water, seasoning packet from rice, and tomatoes; bring to a boil. Cover; reduce heat to low and simmer 10 minutes. Stir in shrimp, zucchini, corn and olives; cover and simmer 5 to 10 minutes or until shrimp are pink and rice is tender. Transfer to serving bowl. Sprinkle with chips, cheese and onion. Serve with picante sauce. Makes 4 servings.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Animal shelters are a great place to find purebred animals. Many shelters have puppies and kittens. According to the Humane Society of the United States, dogs and cats are not the only animals shelters help. People can call shelters if they are looking for a rabbit, hamster, bird or some other type of pet. For more information, visit www.hsus.org.

Research shows that today's consumers care about the products they use, and how they are made. To help consumers understand the great care taken in making household products, the Consumer Specialty Products Association (CSPA) developed a program called Product Care. Almost 60 companies representing leading brands of household products are participating in Product Care and the number is growing. To view a current list of participants, visit www.cspa.org.

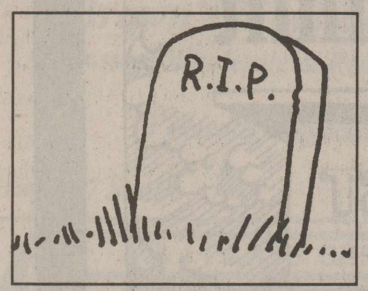
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COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2003

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Thursday, February 13, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following councilmembers present: George Harding, B.A. Donelson, Joe Zak, Blake Confer, and Bryan Mungia.

Also present were: Wayland Brown, City Administrator; Jon King, City Attorney; Kathy Rendon, Records Clerk; Mike Batchelor, Chief of Police; Wayne Smith, George and Marilyn Harkins, all representing the Cemetery Board; Andrea McClintock, Allied Waste; Gary Ellsworth, Municipal Judge; Chad Brazell, Rural Waste Management; Ann Dillon, Security Officer; Ken Forthman, Public Utility Works Director; Kristine Olsen, SCDC; and Dilip Patel, Stratford Inn.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

B.A. questioned if there had been any revisions yet to the Sick Leave Policy and also asked if the job description for the Chief of Police had been completed. Wayland stated neither has been completed yet. George Harding motioned to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2003 Regular Meeting, B.A. Donelson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Joe Zak motioned to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2003 Special Meeting, B.A. Donelson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Wayne Smith was present to give an update regarding the Cemetery. Wayne states funds have previously been approved for Wallace Monument, so approval is not necessary. Wayne states the Cemetery Memorial Fund bank balance to date is \$19,877.17. Groundbreaking for the Memorial will be Saturday, March 1, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. The Mayor and Councilmembers will receive special invitations. All City and County employees are invited as well. The stone work (approximate cost of \$4900) and brick work (approximate cost of \$1330) have already been ordered. Wayne advises that a copy of the Cemetery ordinance be given to family members also. The cemetery gate is not being locked at night and then unlocked in the morning as it had been in the past. Wayland stated he would take care of that beginning tomorrow morning, Friday. Wayne also states the sign on the gate is incorrect – the phone number is wrong.

Marilyn Harkins was also present to give updated information regarding the Cemetery. She states that all of the plots have been verified – names and locations match. However, the maps do not match City records. There needs to be a corrected map. The idea for identifying the plots will be to number the rows, A1, A2, A3, etc. The charge would be \$50 per hour for engineers to make a new cemetery map. It shouldn't take more than 4 hours to complete. As the County does not have any overall cemetery records, the corrected, new map should be filed with the County. B.A. Donelson motioned to approve up to \$200 to re-plate the Cemetery map, George Harding, seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Also, there needs to be electrical power at the cemetery. The Cemetery Board and City are still waiting on a proposal from Sammy Ellison regarding the property they wish to purchase.

Discussion took place regarding the letter from Serena Kelp Roark regarding a flagpole at the Baseball Park. Mayor Brown stated that the City is the owner of the baseball park. Consensus of the Council is to proceed with the flagpole and the City will provide the plaque.

B.A. Donelson motioned to approved requested funds by Chamber of Commerce of \$350 from the Hotel/Motel fund, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Kristine Olsen was present to discuss the Sewer Project for Barry Smith. They are still looking for funds. They are looking at the Texas Capital Fund; the minimum award is \$50,000. The owner's portion is \$5,000. He must create one (1) job per \$25,000 awarded. BA questioned whether the City has already declined funds for this project. Kristine asks if the Council would consider this particular project. The approximate deadline for submission is March 30th. There would be no cost to the City, only that the City must make the submission. There will be a representative at the next Regular council meeting to give more information on this grant. Kristine received approval from the Council to proceed with this project, as it entails no cost to the City.

Paula Nusz arrived at 7:35 p.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Wayland Brown stated that he called both BFI and Rural Waste Management to notify them that the City would waive the bond requirement. Both candidates submitted new bids. BA questions whether service can be terminated if the City is unsatisfied. Either party can terminate the contract within 30 days. The bids were as follows:

BFI - \$11,600	per month
Rural Waste Management - \$12,119.10	per month

Chad from RWM states he based his bid on performance level. BA asks for Wayland's recommendation. Wayland recommends RWM, due to past and current service by BFI. Andrea states she is unaware of any problems other than 12 containers which need some service repair. Paula Nusz questions whether "dirty" containers are changed out. Joe Zak motioned to award bid to Rural Waste Management. George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Chad states that Rural Waste Management containers will be set beside BFI containers as the change-out occurs.

Gary Ellsworth was present to discuss his Municipal Judge contract. He states that his contract was actually up for renewal in December. He states he finally got all the "back log" caught up. Gary says he has been here every week to stay caught up, with the exception of two (2) times when he was gone for training/teaching. Gary states he not only works on the days he comes to this office, he also uses the laptop computer to work when he is away from this office. Gary emphasizes the amount of work involved with only one (1) officer currently writing citations. He has entered over 50 citations in the computer since February 1 and picked up 7 more citations today, February 13th. He ran a deposit of approximately \$2500 from the old docket books which will not reflect on his monthly report and deposited approximately another \$2500 from current fines. Gary states to BA that he will give two reports per month; one is a monthly report, the other is a current to fiscal year report. Gary proposes a salary of \$7800 per year without any increase in his mileage pay. Gary also states he is required to have 12 hours of training per year. A new judge would require more hours than this and the City

would more than likely have to pay for his/her training. As present, the City of Stratford does not have to pay for any of his training expenses. BA states he would like a report of fines collected to date. Gary states he will get that report to the Council when he is in the office on Tuesday. Council would like to postpone decision of salary increase to next Regular council meeting.

Joe Zak motioned to reclassify \$40,000 loan from the Utility Fund to the General Fund as an Operating Transfer, BA Donelson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Teresa Edmond of the Sherman County Appraisal District was present to discuss property taxes – more specific, house evaluations are low and the tax rate is high – can they be reversed? The answer is no because appraisals are mass appraisals and must be near market value. Jon King states there is an error on the tax abatement contract. There needs to be a corrected page regarding the dates. Teresa states to please call her if there are any questions.

The council adjourned into executive Session under section 551.071 at 8:35 p.m.

The council reconvened out of executive Session at 9:15 p.m. with no action taken.

Discussion took place regarding hiring a third Police Officer. Wayland states that in order to hire a third officer, the current police officers will have to cut out the overtime. BA questions if we hire a third police officer, will we have to get a third car as the pick-up from the police department was given to the Utility department. Wayland states that he does not think so. Mike Batchelor states that a new academy will be graduating March 31st. Joe Zak states the last time the City was looking to hire police officers, there was a problem in

getting any applications. He also states that he agrees with Wayland that in order to hire a third officer, the police department will have to do something about the overtime to cut back on the expenses in the police department. BA states that is not the big issue. He states to Wayland that the total cost so far for the Police Department, even with the overtime, the City is about 1/3 of the way through the year and the police department has spent about 1/3 of its salary expenses, whether it's overtime or not. BA feels the police department is over-budget in all the other spending. BA states the overall percent of the

budget spent in the police department is 50%. BA questions Mike on what to do to get it under control as vehicle repair/maintenance is at almost 500%. Mike starts to discuss overtime, BA states that is not the issue. The rest of the police department budget is under question. Mike states there was a lot of equipment that needed to be replaced or was in need of repair back when he was hired. Mike states the Dumas Police Department is willing to give the City of Stratford a police car, as they have to rotate out their cars. Mike states they would give us a car that has all the equipment on it. It would cost \$750 to repaint it with new logos. Total approximate cost would be \$1000. The camera would not be included with the car. The camera from the truck that was just given to the Utility department can be put in the car. Wayland states that the current vehicle maintenance/repair is in the red -\$7,168.00. Mike states that with the police package the maintenance cost of the vehicle should decrease as it is a police package car – they are heavier duty than a regular car. Mike states repair has been necessary on all three police vehicles. On Ann's car – oil change, the shocks went out; the truck and the Dodge were in for siren and electrical problems. The Mayor redirects the Council back to original discussion regarding hiring a third officer. BA questions whether the third

officer will be a fully qualified, ticket-giving officer. Mike states that "the officer will make money for us". The officer will be certified by TCLEOSE and after a short training period will be out on his own writing tickets. He will then be able to do at least what Mike is doing now, if not more. Mike feels this will also raise his productivity because he will have fewer cases to investigate by himself. Wayland questions Mike whether this will help the overtime. Mike states it will. BA questions why we have to have somebody on-call all the time? Mike states the Sheriff's Office can only cover for the City officers on Wednesdays and Thursdays. These are the days the Sheriff's Office is fully staffed and have enough personnel to cover all calls. Blake questions the schedule for the third officer. Blake also questions whether hiring a third officer will guarantee there won't be any overtime. Mike states he can't guarantee that at all because of the call-load and type of cases. Some cases require back up. BA asks Mike if he understands where "we" are with the police budget. Mike states he does. BA asks Mike if he is willing to help fix it? Mike states he is. Wayland asks Mike if the Police Department followed/escorted the ambulance to Dumas. Mike states did on a Code 3. They were already almost to Dumas and Lifestar decided to land at the Dumas Airport instead of their previous location. Mike states they have to block the highway and set up a secure zone. Council agrees to hire a third officer if the overtime is cut out. BA questions who will hire the officer? Wayland states he feels the Council should hire the officer – Mike can make a recommendation. BA states he does not intend to offend Ann; however, Mike hired Ann and she does not qualify for a police officer. Did Mike check first? Mike states he called TCLEOSE and they stated Ann was qualified to challenge the test. When he put the application in, they said "no". BA states we can't afford another mistake like that.

Mike states the next time he will get all his information documented.

Mayor Brown asks if Mike would go ahead and give his report. Council has reports of citations/violations in their packets. Mike states again consideration of the Dumas Police Department car. The paint/logo cost would be around \$750 to obtain the car, \$200 to put the logo on. The car has approximately 59,000 miles on it. He states again that the Dumas Police cars have a police package. Mike states the purchase price of these cars would be \$750. This would allow for rotation of vehicles in the police department and keep maintenance cost down. Mike discussed mutual aid agreement with Dumas. This would allow their police department to back up our police department when necessary. It would also allow their reserve officers to come to Stratford and work a shift at \$10 per hour. There would not be any extra charge to our City. They also have a SWAT team for support if necessary. Mike states this should help reduce spending in the Police Department. George Harding states the Fire Department and Ambulance both have mutual aid agreements with other town(s). Consensus is to draw up a Mutual Aid Agreement and discuss at next council meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the City to fund the academy for Ann Dillon in October 2003. It is the earliest available academy. Mike states there are funds available in the training expense line item. Ann would be willing to re-pay the City for the cost of the Academy. She would be able to return to Stratford and work on the weekends. Blake Confer questions the current status of Ann as a Security Officer. Mike states she is licensed as a Security

whether or not an officer generates revenue. Mike states a police officer does. Blake states Ann is currently filling a position with the salary of a Police Officer and does not generate revenue. Wayland is again concerned with all the overtime in the Police Department; he feels the City cannot afford it. Again, Mike feels he was justified in escorting the ambulance to Dumas, Wayland feels he was not. BA agrees with Blake. BA feels the City thought they hired an officer that would be generating revenue. BA feels a year would too long to continue paying Police Officer wages.

Ann Dillon states years ago when she was an officer, TCLEOSE was non-existent. TCLEOSE states you cannot challenge the test unless you have been previously TCLEOSE certified. Ann understands that at this point she is not generating revenue, but once she is certified then she will. Discussion took place regarding on-call for 9-1-1 calls. George Harding comments that most of the revenue-making times are during the day. If the City hired one more certified officer, the officer and Mike could work the day shift and Ann could still work nights as a Security Officer. Jon King feels a rule could be imposed as "no overtime in the Police Department except for 9-1-1 or emergency calls". BA suggests the City should try to work out a Mutual Aid agreement with Dumas to help cut down on overtime. BA is not in favor of funding the Academy for Ann. He feels that a year is too long to wait for Ann to be certified. BA states that if Mike wants to keep Ann, he needs to get his budget under control. Blake and BA state they do feel a responsibility to Ann. Wayland is to be in charge of controlling the police department budget. Blake states he definitely wants coverage of the City.

Bryan Mungia discusses complaint letters regarding the Police Department. Consensus of the council is for Wayland

to handle all complaints regarding the Police Department.

Discussion took place. Wayland states the City saved approximately \$28,000 on Fire Hydrant repair. George Harding motioned to approve the bills, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Joe Zak motioned to approve the Financial Statements, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Wayland states the City has completed Fire Hydrant Repair. Clark did an excellent job. Discussion took place regarding properties needing clean up.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

BA states that on February 21st, a meeting of the taxing units will be held at the Nursing Home. The City needs representation. It will be at 7:00 a.m.

BA would also like to see some encouraging news in the paper regarding City business – some positive things the City has accomplished and would like to let the citizens know.

BA also questioned who was responsible for the tree line on the highway.

BA states that zoning on mobile homes needs to be addressed. He feels a mobile home park would be a positive move for the City. He feels it could generate some revenue. Ken Forthman says new law states that all mobile homes must be inspected. BA would like for this issue to be considered at the next regular council meeting.

Kathy Rendon states that three (3) places for council members will be on the May ballot. Sign up starts Tuesday, February 18th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2003

Stratford City Council met in Special Session, Friday, February 21, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following councilmembers present: Joe Zak, Blake Confer, Bryan Mungia, BA Donelson, and George Harding.

Also present were: Wayland Brown, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Secretary; Jon King, City Attorney; Kathy Rendon, Records Clerk; Mike Batchelor, Chief of Police; David Davis, Bob Sweeten, Betty McMillion, C.W. McMillion, Harry Oquin, Howard Naugle, Valerie Naugle, Keely Chumley, Rhea Chumley, Ken Forthman, Kennetha Seawright, Jack Haile, Slim Garrison, Ardith Rolan, and Betty Brown.

CALL TO ORDER

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mayor Brown asked for any comments from the council and the citizens present. There was no comment.

Paula Nusz arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Mike Batchelor, Chief of Police, asked the council to explain the allegations as stated in the resolution. Mayor Brown then asked the council if anyone wanted to comment on the parking citations issued. George Harding then asked Mike if that is what he was referring to, Mike stated there was a list of things on the resolution and he wanted to be clear on what was in front of him. Mike stated he did issue 76 seventy-six parking

citations. George Harding then asked him why? Mike stated he was told to balance the budget, which includes cutting spending as well as creating revenue. Mike then stated that Ann is being dismissed because she cannot raise revenue, so Mike went around the City of Stratford and found 76 violations such as parking, motor vehicle inspections, expired registration, and miscellaneous violations, and if all convicted in court this would bring in approximately \$5000 revenue. George then asked Mike if Mike felt that was a little on the ridiculous side? Mike said he made a sweep of the whole town as to not exclude anyone, area, class, or group. Mike stated this is a problem, he has received approximately 8 complaints on in the past few months on various parking complaints within the city and he felt it has gotten out of hand as he wrote 76 violations for such. Bryan Mungia then asked Mike if he wrote every car in town that was parked in the wrong direction, including the car parked next door to Mike's house. Mike and George both stated yes. Joe Zak then clarified with Mike that Mike understands

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NEW SEASON BUSINESS HOURS!!

LANDFILL BUSINESS HOURS APRIL THRU SEPTEMBER

Monday	1:00 p.m.	to	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	to	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	to	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	to	6:00 p.m.
Friday	1:00 p.m.	to	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	1:00 p.m.	to	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	closed	to	closed

If closed during regular
business hours call: 366-5581

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- March 27-30 "Peter Pan"
Guymon Community Theatre 580-338-0019
- March 29 Amarillo Symphony Sharon Robinson, cello
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3094
- April 2-3 Broadway Series "The Music Man"
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- April 3-6 "Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde"
18,19 ALT Adventure Space 806-355-9991
- April 4 WTA&MU SHOWCASE OF MUSIC
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-651-2840
- April 4-5 "Sons of the San Joaquin"
Dalhart LaRita Theatre 224-5646
- April 12 Amarillo Symphony- Amarillo Civic Chorus WTAMU Chorus
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-8782
(Following Golden Nail Awards)
- April 18 TheFab Four
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-8782
- April 25-27 "Little Shop of Horrors" musical Fri.Sat.7:30 Sun.3:00
May 1-3 Amarillo College Experimental Theatre 806-371-5359or5987
- April 23-27 "A Different Moon" 7:30 [27-3:00]
Branding Iron Theatre 806-651-2881
- April 26**** Lone Star Ballet "From Gaiway to Broadway"
Amarillo Civic Auditorium (806-378-3096 or 372-2463

Check Out These Web Sites:

LG Electronics' Digital Home Appliance Division at www.LGappliances.com.
DYMO at www.dymo.com.
National MS Society at www.nationalmssociety.org.
The Consumer Specialty Products Association at www.cspa.org.
Bank One at www.bankone.com.
Ford Motor Company at www.ford.com.
Shriners International Headquarters at www.shrinershq.org.

Make the least ado about your greatest gifts. Be content to act, and leave the talking to others.

—Baltasar Gracian

2002 Citizen Of Year Award Nominations

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is now accepting Nominations for the 2002 Citizen of the Year award. The Award will be presented at the annual Chamber Banquet Scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2003.

A few 'rules' to keep in mind as you contemplate your nomination:
Only signed nomination forms will be accepted.

No verbal nominations will be accepted.

The winner will be chosen based on merit, not the number of letters received.

Guidelines for awarding this honor include:

- Consistent Community support (length of service)
- Number of people served and projects completed

Continued personal growth
Progressive ideas

A positive community attitude.

A nomination form may be obtained at the local Chamber office located in the City Hall Building, or use the form accompanying this article. The deadline is Monday, April 7. The selection committee will choose the winner on Tuesday, April 8. For further information, please contact the office (366-2260).

NOMINATION FORM
STRATFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2002 AWARDS

CITIZEN

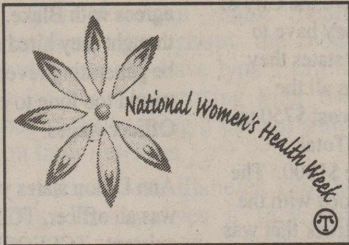
Nominee: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Family Information: _____

Women's Health

2003 National Women's Health Week

(NAPS)—By setting aside a few days to focus on your health, you might find ways to add a few years to your life. A great time to start is during National Women's Health Week, held this year from May 11-17.



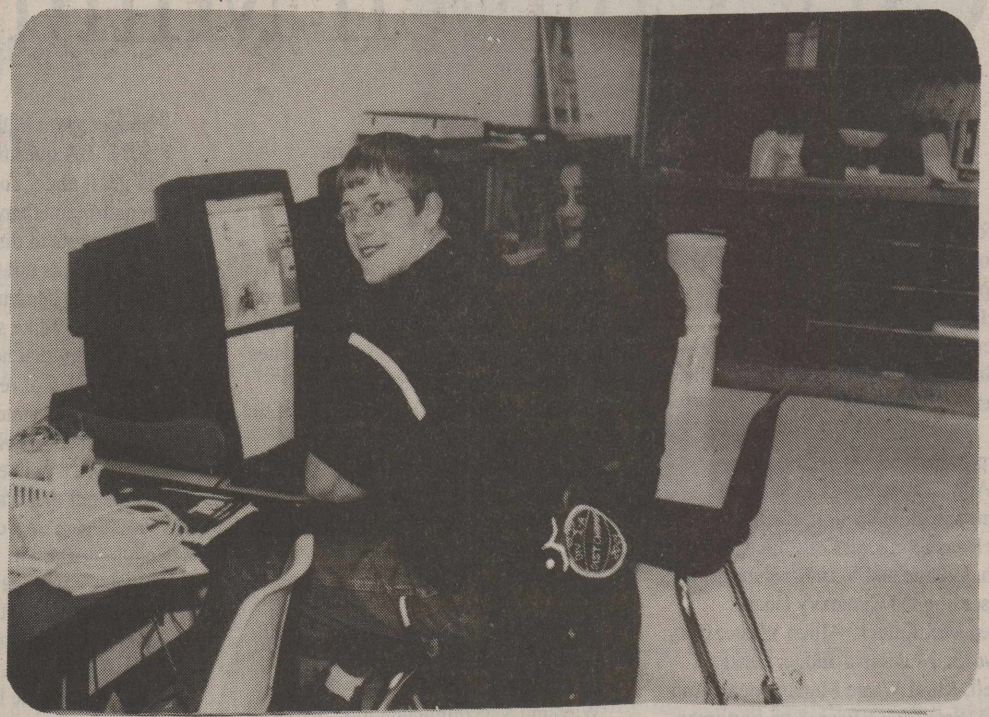
Health fairs and forums will help celebrate National Women's Health Week.

One of the most important steps you can take for better health is to get regular check-ups and ask your doctor or health clinic about screenings for heart disease, diabetes, cancer and sexually transmitted diseases. Your doctor can tell you which screenings are appropriate for your age and lifestyle.

On May 12, community health centers, hospitals and other health providers across America will recognize National Women's Check-Up Day by offering screenings (some free) and other services.

Throughout the week, health fairs and forums are scheduled around the country to encourage women to adopt healthier lifestyles.

To find out about National Women's Health Week events, or to receive free publications on more than 800 women's health topics, call 1-800-994-WOMAN or visit www.4woman.gov, a project of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health.



Dalton Sladek and Veronica Ortega, two of Cindy Russell's students who helped with the Stratford ISD Education Foundation brochure.

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.
—Henry David Thoreau

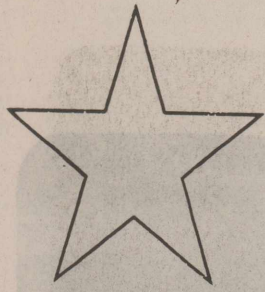
The nearer you come in relation with a person, the more necessary do tact and courtesy become.
—Oliver Wendell Holmes

<h3 style="text-align: center;">Business Directory</h3>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">COLDWATER MANOR</h3> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"LOVE SPOKEN HERE"</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1111 BEAVER RD., STRATFORD, TX (806)396-5568</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WALTER LASLEY & SONS INC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>THE Feedyard</i> Since 1953 753-4411</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STEVENSON & SONS PEST CONTROL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Termite & Pest Control • Rat Control • Bird Control • Yard & Tree Spraying</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Residential • Commercial • Farms • Ranches</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Professionals in Pest Control Technology"</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Licensed & Insured 249-4202 Jim Stevenson Dalhart • Stratford • Hartley</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">CONSUMERS 208 Texas</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>We Sell Seed & Fuel</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Farmland, Acco, & Moorman Seeds & Diamond Shamrock Products 366-2261</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Blue Stuff of Stratford Texas</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Betty Chamberlain 802 N. Pearl St. Stratford, TX 79084 (806)366-2843 E-Mail: rjb@xit.net</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Stratford Auto Electric 119 S. Wall, Stratford, Texas 79084 Phone 366-5941 366-5857 <i>Alternator, Starter, Magneto Repair</i> Since 1964</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allen-Tarver Insurance Agency Carolyn A. Tarver Auto • Home • Life • Commercial Bus: (806)396-5810 • Res: (806)396-2393</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Betty Brown's Medical Claim Service 605 S. Main P.O. Box 7 Stratford, TX 79084 806-396-2623</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Joe Flores Farm Bureau Insurance 396-5538 office 396-5389 home</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Brown's Meat Locker <i>Custom Wholesale & Retail Meat</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Federally Inspected</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hwy 287 South 396-2513</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jesse's Gun Shop Gun Repairs • Sales • Cleaning Hours: Mon. - Fri. - 1730 - 2000 Sat. - 0800-1600</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jesse Resendes (806) 769-4454 111 S. Maple (806) 366-3134 Shop Stratford, TX 79084</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">A & I PARTS CENTER AUTOMOTIVE AND INDUSTRIAL PARTS — THE CAR CARE PEOPLE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jerry Ewers Manager</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.O. Box 1146 (806) 366-5561 201 N. 2nd - Stratford, TX 79084 Fax: (806) 366-2583</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Your HomeTown Pharmacy..</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> ELK PHARMACY 317 N. Main P.O. Box 360 Stratford, TX 79084 806-396-6505</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Major Prescription Plans Accepted</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gayland Vandiver, R.Ph. Debbi Vandiver Owners</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Carlton Cards...Millionaire Candy Gifts • Cookie and Balloon Bouquets</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Lehr Air/Lehr Fertilizer P.O. Box 585 Stratford, TX 79084 Off. 806-396-2284 Fax 806-396-5454</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Randy Home Randy Cell 580-543-6488 806-683-2830</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tommy's Embroidery 580-423-7718 Texhoma, OK 210 Hwy 54 West <i>Caps, Shirts, Jackets, Baby Blankets, Towels, Towel Wraps, School Logos, & Much More!</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">THRIFTWAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Big Town Selection • Small Town Friendliness</i> Wide Selection Frozen Food Quality Foods Fresh Produce</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hwy 54 East 396-5586</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Westside Laundry/Stratford Laundry & Dry Cleaners 410 N. 4th - Stratford, Texas 396-2841 Owners - Jerry & Janie Smith Operators - Bob & Keri Harris</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">This Space Available Call 366-5885</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joe Taylor, Photography PO Box 27 1305 N Chestnut Stratford, TX 79084 806-366-2459 Weddings, Portraits, Etc.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Joan Bell THE TRAVEL STORE <i>iated with National Travel Systems</i> A Full Service Travel Agency 396-5958 1-800-753-2792</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rockin' C Cross Appraisals <i>Farm, Ranch & Residential Appraisals</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">711 Purnell P.O. Box 1172 Jn 3:16 Stratford, TX 79084 Bus: (806) 366-7525 Fax: (806) 366-7515</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DAVID J. CROSS General Certified Real Estate Appraiser Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma</p>

name and phone number of nominator:
Signature _____

Type or print brief explanations. Additional information may be submitted as an attachment.

Deadline - April 7, 2003



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For Sale

Propane Bottle Exchanges now available at THE General Store. 4-18-11fn-----

We have Holland Barbecue Grills and Commercial Front Deck Lawn Mower. Call for more information. 727-4671. 5-2-11fn-----

It's Prom Time!! Tuxedos available at Hair Creations. Call 396-2809. 2-27-11fn-----

Time for Halls treatment for your early prevention of weeds and crabgrass. THE General Store. 2-13-11fn-----

For Sale: Regular Angus bulls, 1-2 yr. old. R&A Angus. Boise City, (580)426-2474 or (806)339-3596. 1-30-8xc-----

Rentals available at THE General Store. Appliance dolly, sheetrock jack, cement mixer, and rotallier, airless paint sprayer, and rotary hammer drill. 8-1-11fn-----

Need Sprinkler Insurance? Call Allen-Tarver Insurance 205 N. Main Stratford, TX
Competitive Rates with Mechanical/Electrical Coverage 806-396-5810 or 5513
3-27-c-----

For Sale: 2001 Ford Explore Sport - 2 door, automatic, A/C, all power. Call 396-2047 or 679-0692. 3-13-11fn-----

The Trees are coming...The Trees are coming to THE General Store soon. 3-20-11fn-----

Watch what's happening in the parking lot at THE General Store. 3-20-11fn-----

Digital Big Screen TV, Take on small payments, good credit required. 1-800-398-3970. 3-20-2xc-----

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Services

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I like to give my energy to activities that affirm the oneness of humankind.
—Claire Randall

For Rent

Casa de Rentla - 2 Recamaras Cocina y Sala 366-2494, 753-7761. 3-20-2xc-----

For Rent: Available April 1, 2003, 3 bedroom. Call 355-6396 or 676-6509. 3-13-11fn-----

For Rent: Small 2 bdrm house with fenced backyard. New storm windows & carpeting. 619 N. Wall. 396-2364 9-12-11fn-----

For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished apt, 6th & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime, 396-5692 at nights. 1-28-11fn-----

For Rent: Nice 2 bedroom house, central heat & air. Good Location. Call 806-333-7418. 10-17-11fn-----

House for Rent: 2 bdrm, living room, kitchen. Call 366-2493 or 753-7761. 3-20-2xc-----

Help Wanted

Retail/Clerical position at Elk Pharmacy. Duties include heavy phone usage, filing, deliveries, cash register usage, merchandising, customer relations, and general retail duties. Applications forms available at 317 N. Main, Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. 3-20-2xc-----

Cimarron Feeders seeking mature, conscientious processor. Newly remodelled processing facilities and benefits, team atmosphere with respect for refined skills and quality performance. Contact Dustin Thurman at (580)543-6383. 3-13-4xc-----

D & C Greenhouse is seeking a temporary full/part time dependable salesperson to operate the store in Stratford. Duties: assisting customers, maintaining plants, and operating cash register. Starting pay is \$6.00/hour. Send resume to D & C Greenhouse, 36 Nelson Drive, Spearman, TX 79081. Call (806)659-5171 for more information. 4-17-c-----

Secretarial Position available at Farm Bureau Insurance. Skills needed-phone, typing and computer. Please come by our office and pick up an application or bring resume. 806/396-5538. 4-3-c-----

OCEAN OF WATER - 2,400 acres sprinkler irr., large wells (approx. 3' of depletion since 1983), suitable for peanuts, potatoes, corn, milo, wheat, cotton, seed production and permanent pasture, fully fenced (barbed wire-steel & wood post) and fully equipped for livestock production, 2580' elevation, 22.5' rainfall, adjoins major hwy. **MARCH 31st DEADLINE TO TRANSFER PEANUT BASE TO THIS PROPERTY!** **SHERMAN CO., TEXAS - 640 acres** of good land with 1/2 mile nozzled at 3000 GPM, pavement. **ETTER, TEXAS - 937 and 640 acres** across the highway from each other - choice irrigated land - well improved - buy one or both! **MOORE - HUTCHINSON CO. - 640 acres** on pavement in good water area with two irrigation wells and U.G. pipe. Priced for further irr. development! **MOORE CO., TEXAS - 1388 acres** with two - 1/2 miles, new barbed wire & steel post fencing, 3 mi. hwy frontage. **EAST OF DUMAS - 1 1/2 section** irrigated farm with history of seed maize production, on pavement near large feedyard. **WE NEED listings** on irrigated, dry, C.R.P. or native grassland anywhere in the northern Panhandle or Oklahoma Panhandle. www.scottlandcompany.com Shawn Gillespie 806/922-5532 Ben G. Scott - Broker 800/933-9698 day/eve.

Houses for Sale

House for Sale: Great Location, beautiful corner lot, 2 large bedrooms, 1 large bath, garage, central heat/AC. 806-659-2345. 8-2-11fn-----

For Sale: Beautiful home on 1 acre - 519 S. Spruce. 2100 Sq. ft. 4 yr. old, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, double car garage. Open floor plan large kitchen. Call 1-559-947-3272. 3-6-4xc-----

3,600 sq. ft. 3,000 living, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living areas w/double fireplaces, covered/lighted patio, 2 car garage, corner lot, near both schools, 1220 N. Chestnut. For more info. call 1-903-732-5402 or 396-2498. 1-3-11fn-----

For Sale: 3 Bdrm, 2 bath brick home, double car garage, fenced in backyard, across from City Park, 702 N. 7th. Call 396-2425, 396-2845, 396-5841, or 396-1050 for more information. 1-16-11fn-----

For Sale by Owner: Owner financing, possible on 2 story, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1760 Sq. ft, rock fireplace, beautiful backyard with big tree, deck across back of house and rock fountain. 816 N. Maple. \$55,000. 727-4664 or 753-6677. 1-9-11fn-----

For Sale: 2800 sq. ft. country home with 3 acres located three miles west on hwy. 54, 1/2 mile south on FM 2014. 4 Bedroom, 2 bath, nice office, large living area, dining room with built in china cabinet and bay windows, 2 car attached garage; 45x82 Quonset Barn with hydraulic lift in floor; corral, granary, well house, AND 1000 sq. ft. rent house with 3 bedroom, 1 bath. For more information call Brett Cummings: 727-4664 or 753-6677. 3-20-11fn-----

House for Sale: 2 bdrm, large backyard, 414 N. Fulton, \$25,000. Call 727-4646. 3-20-2xc-----

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that from the previous council meeting. February 13, 2002, that the council intended Mike to go out and increase revenue. Joe then stated that he didn't feel that was the intent of the last council meeting. Joe and Mike had discussed this further previously. Mike then stated he had written a letter concerning the citations issued, and offered to make them all warning citations; Joe then stated the council couldn't legally ask Mike to make the citations, warning citations. Mike said he understood that, that is why he offered at his own will due to the amount of complaints. Joe said his interpretation of the previous meeting was for Mike to cut the spending for the police department. Mike

thought Ann Dillon, Security Guard, for the City was being "let go" because she could not bring in revenue; however, the council made it clear that Ann was not being "let go". The council had stated to Mike in the previous meeting that if Mike wanted to keep Ann, Mike had to get his budget in order. Mayor asked Mike if the reasoning behind writing all the tickets was to raise revenue? Mike then stated yes because there had been a parking problem for several months and he has received complaints, which are documented. BA Donelson then asked if the Police Department had written any in the past for parking? Mike stated yes, also one of the citations issued turned out to be felony arrest for a warrant. BA questioned the amount written previously. Mike stated probably 3 or 4, but verbal warnings he can't count those. BA stated from his point what Mike did was more of a vendetta than a desire for increased safety. BA felt that Mike left the previous meeting very unhappy, because the council was concerned because 50% of the police budget was spent and only 1/4 of the year has gone by and it appears Mike just went out on a vendetta to stir up something and if the City really wanted the parking changed, why didn't the Police Department make that a notice to the public and then start enforcing the issue. Mike said he wasn't angry, but he didn't feel real positive after the meeting. Mike said it wasn't a vendetta. Mike feels since he's been here he's cared quite a bit about this town due to the hours he works and doing what he does. BA stated the overtime was an issue and it wasn't being able to be controlled. Mike stated the only thing that was said to him about the overtime was that he needed to cut back; however, this has been a three man department in the past and Mike was trying to get all work and paper work done, as required by the Chief of Police as well as patrol, revenue income, and everything.

House For Sale or Lease: Recently remodelled 2500 sq. ft house. 3 bdrm, 2 baths. Call for more information. 244-2155 or 333-7120. 8-8-11fn-----

REDUCED for Sale: 604 S. Fulton, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1716 living, brick/steel siding, central heat/air, a/c new vinyl windows, fireplace, large fenced backyard, new ceramic cook-top, built-in oven and microwave, dishwasher, pantry, ice maker hook-up, utility room, carpet, new vinyl flooring, attic storage w/stairs, covered patio, 2 storage sheds, 2 car garage, electric door openers, Phone 254-772-7927. 1-10-11fn-----

Ad Rem Land Co.
MLS Office
801 S. Bliss #107, Dumas
806-935-7364
Fax 806-935-7687 or call
Arnita Lane 366-5853

New Listing: - Nice 3 B/R brick home with central heat & air - heat pump. New carpet, paint inside & out. Very nice storage/shop. \$35,000.

New Listing: CLOSE TO SCHOOLS! Very nice 3 br, 1 3/4 baths, single garage, large living area, covered patio. \$68,000.

New Listing: Wonderful Nice Large Home! 2 story home with 2 or 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with living, dining, den/living, gameroom, fireplace. \$79,500.

Corner Lot! 2 story, 4 bedroom, 2 baths, basement, detached 2 car garage, metal roof. Comes with 1 year home warranty. \$89,900.

Nice Brick Home! 3 br, 2 bath, single garage. Nice kitchen cabinets. Ready at \$54,000.

Fireplace! 3 br, 1 3/4 baths, living room, dining room and gameroom all for \$38,500.

Huge Closets! 3 br, 1 3/4 baths, single garage. Central heat and air. Nice yard and storage building. \$52,000.

Mike made the comment the City couldn't get qualified applicants for the pay the City was offering. Mike stated that as soon as he could get someone qualified, the situation would change. Mike stated he didn't know where he was with the budget because it was "taken away", the purchases coming in now were purchases made before Wayland got here. The previous Administrator had given Mike the approval for the purchases.

Keely Chumley made the comment about why wasn't the town notified as they were with the seatbelts violations. No comment was made.

David Davis was concerned if it was legal for the police car to be parked in the same direction as an illegally parked vehicle and issue the citation? Jon King stated that it would be improper to answer that question at this time.

C.W. McMillion questioned whether a uniformed police officer in the police vehicle is allowed to exceed speed? C.W. stated he had written that up and sent the councilmembers a letter regarding the situation. Jon King asked C.W. if the question was, is that legal? Mike then asked the basic rules from the police academy were 5-10 miles over the posted speed limit as to not cause a traffic jam. Jon King asked Mike if it was also true that it is police manual that there are particular provisions regarding such, police officer is to use good judgement while driving and driving in a manner that does not reflect poorly on the department, Mike stated yes.

Ken Forthman asked if it was a state or federal law that the city have a certain amount of officers and that the city must be covered a certain amount of hours? The council does not know of one. Ken wanted to know if it is legal for the city council to

ask an officer to work a certain amount of hours? Jon King stated he didn't see any reason why that would be illegal or improper to restrict the amount of hours a police officer works. Jon asked Ken if he had a problem with this and Ken said no, he said it should be legal and proper for the city council to request the officer work only a certain number of hours. George Harding stated there would be a lot of "What ifs" for any emergency requiring an officer. Ken stated there are state and county officers which you could call on 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. LaRita Butler stated the county couldn't enforce city ordinances. Discussion took place regarding the

Legal Notice

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE NOTICE OF SALE

In compliance with Vernon Civil Statutes Article 4477-9A, Section 5.03, Litter Abatement Act, I will proceed to sell at Public Auction to the Highest Bidder, for Cash, on the 1st of April, 2003.

All of the following listed abandoned motor vehicles.

Location of the sale will be:

C&D Body Shop
814 East Texas Ave.
Sherman Co. Barn
501 South Maple
10:00 a.m. at C&D Body Shop

SALE WILL BEGIN AT:

10:00 am at C & D BODY SHOP

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VEHICLE IDENT NUMBER	TAG STATE
1985	PONTIAC	VOLK	2G2AF19X8F1239922	09PZ59 KS
1984	VOLK	VOLK	WVWF0326E015775	PNZ517 KS
1978	FORD	PK	8C1H18S2147	HJ1166 KS
1988	CHEV	LESABRE	1G1H18W1L1145655	KAM593 KS
1987	BUICK	LESABRE	G4H154C3H1404551	
1988	PONTIAC	LMA	K12T2163J1R36128	586TAC OK
1985	BUICK	PARK AVE	1G1CW693N1F1401145	HW6241 KS
1992	CHRY	LBA	3C3XA4635N1278928	CM101B TX
1989	MERC		2MEPN36X1K1635222	TKP211 KS
1983	BUICK	LLM	1G4AP37Y6DX450242	DC636V TX
1980	PLY	TK	BB2J1FAX106369	
1979	BUICK		4P69Y9X147270	560H1N TX
1993	FORD	PROBE	1ZVC120A5P5193975	705GJM AR
1993	FORD	ARO	1FMCA11U0P7C46386	RL6001 TN
1988	HONDA	LXI	JHMCA5647C027079	026HHP AZ

You must be a Texas resident to bid at this sale

Jack Haile
Sheriff Jack Haile
Sherman County, Texas

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SALE DATE: APRIL 1, 2003

SHERMAN COUNTY MISCELLANEOUS SALE

THIS SALE WILL FOLLOW THE SHERMAN COUNTY ABANDONED

MOTOR VEHICLE SALE AT THE SHERMAN COUNTY BARN

A LIST OF SOME OF THE ITEMS FOLLOWS;

1. Lincoln Arc Welder (Burned)
2. 1987 Chev pickup (Burned)
3. Courthouse windows
4. Surplus office equipment
5. 1" wood blinds
6. Mini blinds
7. Brief case
8. File Drawer
9. Scanner
10. Curtain Rods

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LEGAL NOTICE

coverage from the county of the City. Mike explained to the council the reason behind his overtime. Mike was trying to do the patrolling as well as the paperwork, which has been done by three officers in the past. BA Donelson asked Mike once Mike was asked to curtail some of his overtime hours; did he adjust as told? Mike stated yes. BA stated it didn't appear that way by the amount of the overtime paid out. BA felt that the restriction the council put on Mike's overtime was disregarded. Mayor questioned the proper procedure for escorting an ambulance; discussion took place regarding Ann Dillon and Mike Batchelor escorting the ambulance out of city limits. Complaint letters concerning Mike and his duties as Chief of Police were discussed. Mayor Brown asked if anyone wanted to comment on the failure to use judgement regarding the operation of a motor vehicle? No comment was made.

Mayor Brown then asked if anyone would like to say or add to the previous comments? Question was asked how many moving violations the officer issued prior to the issuing of the parking citations, Mike stated approximately 255 have been entered in the computer since his employment.

David Davis asked if the City police were going to be out creating revenue, why aren't the school zones worked. Highway 287 and Highway 54, and also the intersection of highway 54 & highway 287. Mayor Brown stated he hates the use the term creating revenue, enforcing the law would be a more

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appropriate term. LaRita Butler stated that we have two school zones and only patrol officer. David wanted to know if the school zones were being worked. Mike stated yes. LaRita stated she has received calls from people wanting the fine amount for speeding in a school zone; therefore, the school zones are being patrolled. The timing on the school zones lights was discussed. It was stated that a ticket had been given when the school zone was flashing, but school had been let out early that day. George Harding commented that the sign does say school zone when flashing. The lights are controlled out of Amarillo and not Stratford, so unless the school notifies Amarillo of

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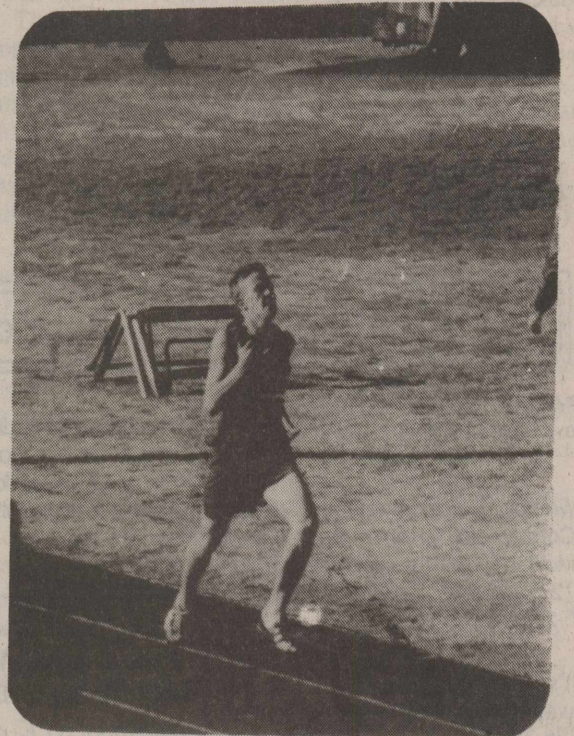
Cynthia Ruedas



Case Crabtree (left)



Brittany Hudson (left)



Chance Lowrey



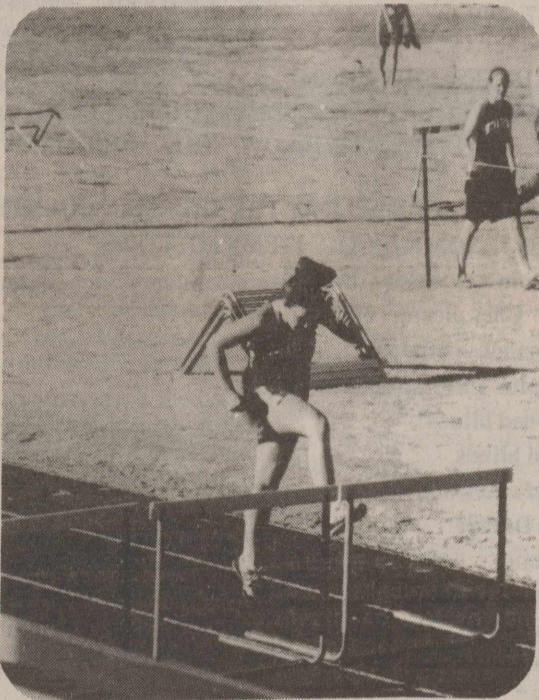
From left, Rafael Rueda and Ryan McDaniel



Far left, Carson Buckles and far right, Jason Ashley.



Alisha Sladek



Lindsay Stein

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early releases the lights will come on at the regular school schedule. BA Donelson made the comment that he does hope the City officers enforce the law for many violations, such as parking the wrong way and seatbelts. BA felt there could have been a more common sense way to approach this. BA is in favor for enforcing the law. Mike stated to the council, if what he did was an error on his part, he apologizes to the council and the city for any inconvenience or anyone upset, he believed he was just doing what he was told to do.

Joe Zak stated as far as the Police Officer side of Mike, he had no complaints on that side of it, Joe felt that maybe the Chief position was a little more than what Mike could handle. Joe felt that maybe the city needed to back one step and demote Mike back to patrol officer.

Bryan Mungia motioned to approve the resolution to terminate Mike as Chief of Police and his employment with the City of Stratford, BA Donelson seconded, George Harding in favor with Joe Zak and Blake Confer opposing.

Mayor Brown asked for any other comments, there were none.

Motion did not pass, as resolution states there must be at least 2/3 votes in favor, and three out of five is not at least 2/3 vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

COUNCIL MINUTES FEBRUARY 27, 2003

Stratford City Council met in Special Session, Thursday, February 27, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following councilmembers present: Joe Zak, George Harding, Blake Confer, BA Donelson, and Bryan Mungia.

Also present were: Wayland Brown, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Secretary; Jon King, City Attorney; Kathy Rendon, Records Clerk; Mike Batchelor, Chief of Police; Mike Allen,

Betty Brown, Ken Forthman, Keely Chumley, Howard Naugle, and Valerie Naugle.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Mayor Brown asked for any comment from Mike Batchelor, Mike had none.

Bryan Mungia motioned to approve the resolution to terminate Mike's position as Chief of Police and termination of his employment with the City of Stratford, BA Donelson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Language is what makes people human, and it is the primary way we have of knowing who other people are.
—Janet Malcolm



America's earliest known carousel dates back to 1799 in Salem, Massachusetts. It was advertised as a wooden horse "circus ride."

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 17, 2003 in the High School library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Ricky Reed, Jared McBryde, Ronna Riffe, Max Christian 7:09 p.m., Jim Taliaferro, Superintendent. Board members absent: Steve Johnson, Ted Allen.

Guest present were: Dinah Horsford, Mary Pat Williams, Steve Haynes, and Mike Fitzwater.

Mr. Fitzwater led the invocation.

Mr. Taliaferro went over the district's monthly recognition. It was followed by Brandon Davis, a freshman at Stratford High School is to be commended on the work and designing of the SISD Education Foundation logo. He is a member of Cindy Russell's digital graphics class.

2. Randy Hunsaker was elected to Phi Beta Mu music fraternity by his colleagues. This is a great honor in the band world.

3. The Lady Elks finished their season as Bi-District champs. They were defeated by Whiteface in the area game. The Elks finished their season as district champs. They were defeated in the Bi-District game by Memphis.

4. All-District Academic Honors are as follows: Alicia Adams, Erin Ashley, Allison Baskin, Tiffany Duke, Amber Larence, Yadira Ortega, Alisha Sladek, Lindsay Stein, Amie Witcher, Dylan Everett, Tyler Haynes, Josh King, Matthew Taliaferro.

5. All-District Basketball Honors are as follows: Boys: Co-MVP - Jason Ashley, 1st Team - Chris Ortega, 2nd Team - Josh King, Tyler Haynes, Honorable Mention - Matthew Taliaferro. Girls: 1st Team - Alisha Sladek and Yadira Ortega. Honorable Mention - Amie Witcher, Amber Larence, Erin Ashley. Boys Coach of the Year - Lance Horsford.

6. The stock show season for the year is over and the following students are to be commended on their accomplishments: Sherman County Stock Show - Lambs: Grand Champion - Chelsea Christian; Goats: Grand

Champion - Dalton Sladek, Res. Grand Champion - Alisha Sladek; Heifers: Grand Champion - Kyle Horsford, Res. Grand Champion - Jordan Johnson; Steers: Grand Champion - Case Crabtree, Res. Grand Champion - Jordan Johnson.

Fort Worth Stock Show - Pigs: 10th place Chester - Kaleb Horsford; Steers: 8th place Shorthorn - Kaleb Horsford, 10th place Shorthorn - Jordan Johnson.

San Antonio Stock Show - Steers: Breed Champion - Clayton Johnson.

San Angelo Stock Show - Pigs: 1st place Cross - Jacob Edmond.

Houston Stock Show - Pigs: 2nd place Cross - Tyler Haynes, 6th place Hamp - Staci Hays, 8th place Spot - Kaleb Horsford, 13th place Berkshire - Kyle Horsford, 23rd place Cross - Chance Walker. Steers: 13th place - Clayton Johnson.

Mrs. Williams gave the Elementary report. She passed out the weekly bulletin. The elementary is having an early literacy parent training tonight. There will be a Gifted and Talented identification meeting on Thursday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Allen Library. The 3rd grade reading results from the TAKS tests have been received with 29 students passing the test out of 30.

Max Christian arrived at 7:09 p.m.

Mr. Fitzwater gave the Middle School report. He passed out the weekly bulletin. Cheerleader tryouts will be on March 26th. The RPTE tests will be given on March 26th. The Globe News spelling bee will be Tuesday, March 25th at 9:00 a.m. at the Methodist Church.

Mr. Haynes gave the High School report. The TAKS tests have been given to the 9th-11th graders. The students seemed to be well prepared for the tests. The high school hosted an Open House/Technology night on Tuesday, March 4th. About 35 people attended. The One Act Play will perform their play for the district contest on Thursday, March 20th. The high school UIL Academic meet will be on March 26-27 at Amarillo College in Amarillo. The Stratford Invitational track meet will be on March 28 & 29.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the superintendents report. The cost of transportation for the month was .34 cents per mile. Monthly Expenditures are at 50.98% and revenue collected at 82.90%. Tax collections are at 96.36%. District enrollment is currently at 619 compared to 620 last month. The ESL DEC visit will be March 26-28.

Ricky Reed made the motion and Ronna Riffe seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held on the proposed calendar for the 2003-2004 school year. Mr. Taliaferro presented the rationale for the calendar. Ronna Riffe made the motion to adopt the proposed 2003-2004 school calendar and Max Christian seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Gared McBryde made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to accept the textbook adoption list as presented for the 2003-2004 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held on the elementary teacher certifications. Ricky Reed made the motion and Ronna Riffe seconded to renew all Mary Allen Elementary teacher contracts as submitted, submitted, subject to assignment for the 2003-2004 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held on the Middle School teacher certification. Ronna Riffe made the motion and Max Christian seconded to renew all Middle School teacher contracts as submitted, subject to assignment for the 2003-2004 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Gared McBryde made the motion and Ronna Riffe seconded to renew all High School teacher contracts as submitted, subject to assignment for the 2003-2004 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held on the status of the track. The layers have been completed and the track will be painted next week. Discussion was held the convention recently attended by the Board of Trustees. They agreed that the February date and smaller convention was more suitable for their needs. Mr. Taliaferro gave the board a legislative update.

At 8:00 p.m., the board adjourned into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074. The board reconvened into open session at 9:50 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Quick Quiz

Test Your Knowledge

(NAPS)—If you have purchased a home, chances are you have heard about title insurance. Take this quiz to see how much you know—or think you know!

True or False? Look below for answers.

1. I don't need title insurance for myself because if there were a title problem they would have found it by now.
2. I bought lender's title insurance. That should protect me.
3. I've never heard of anyone collecting a claim, so I don't need title insurance.
4. In my state, it's the law that you must have title insurance.
5. Title insurance is expensive.

Answers

1. False. Many things can cloud a title, including failure to pay child support, alimony, taxes, parking tickets, and even the subcontractors for that home improvement.
 2. False. Only owner's title insurance protects your interests in the property. If there is a problem with the title, only owner's title insurance will pay your legal fees to resolve it.
 3. False. The title industry paid \$460 million in claims in 2002. Title companies find problems with the title in 25 percent of all transactions, and work to clear them up before issuing title insurance, thus reducing claims.
 4. False. While most lenders require that you purchase lender's title insurance to protect their investment, there is no requirement by the state to do so.
 5. False. You pay for owner's title insurance once at closing and it protects you for as long as you have an interest in the property. By contrast, you pay homeowner's insurance annually.
- For more information on why you need title insurance, visit www.alta.org.