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Jackson Sworn In

Mayor David Brown shown above swearing in the new city Municipal Judge Cynthia Jackson. Cynthia, originally from Southern Illinois has lived in rural Stratford for 4 years and has been married to David Jackson for 3 years and has grown children. She works part-time at Moore County Hospital in Cardiopulmonary Rehab. Cynthia will be at City Hall Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindness, and small obligations given habitually, are what preserve the heart and secure comfort.

-William Davy

New ATM In Stratford

Stratford has a new Drive Up ATM thanks to First State Bank of taking blood pressure and doing Happy. It is located on the corner of 54 and 287. It will be operating on Wednesday, June 25, 2003. We welcome this new service to Stratford.

Students Pick Up Band Calendars

Students may pickup band calendars to be delivered at Randy Hunsaker June 24 thru June 27

Open House Held At Pheasant Ridge Apartments Sunday

Pheasant Ridge Apartments held an open house on Sunday, Stratford High School. June 22, 2003. The newly remodeled apartments at 1319 and 1320 N. Chestnut boast: 2 bedroom, central heat and air, very clean, secure, and wellmaintained by owners who are well respected and experienced in remodeled with new carpet, paint, wallpaper, appliances

They are able to assist with subsidies for those with fixed. Art Program

Let Pheasant Ridge become your new home! Call 806-244- the Imagination Station Monday,

Stepping Stones

please call 366-2772.



County and City Working Together

Shown above working together on the streets of Stratford are the County and the City. They are pictured on South Grace.

He who allows his day to pass by without practicing generosity and enjoying life's pleasure is like a blacksmith's bellows-he breathes but does not live.

-Sanskrit proverb

8th Annual Circle **Of Friends Benefit** SCOT luncheon will be Golf Tournament Thursday, June 26, with Dr. Perry Bassett providing the program. To Be Held

This will be s helpful and educational program, providing Friends Eighth Annual Benefit Golf Tournament will be at 1. Lowering your prescription Stratford Country Club on August costs (with no paper work).

23-24, 2003. 2. Improving overall health. Couples Scotch Scramble Tee-

3. Health screening for senior Time 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinner and Fund Raiser

Also, Stratford EMS will be Saturday 6:30 p.m.

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

Entry Fee is \$150.00 per team.

Pantry Board Meeting will be the Stratford Fire Department and all exemption forms are to select an appropriate tree to fire station. Various fund raising activities have been held and through the generosity of the community and organizations we now have the funds. A total of \$80,000 has been raised, Spirit Camp pictures can be combined with \$8,000.00 from the picked up in the main office of the fire department budget and Stratford High School \$12,000 Foundation construction is now

The fire department's dream of a new fire station was set in motion by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Payne Coming Soon: Scot Musical- with their donation of the property

department are asking members construction of the building. A number of people have already volunteered their time and talents of their homes.

Kindergarten thru 3rd at the new foundation on June 28, present the information to the community and "ask" volunteers to help with the construction.

> The fire department is very food and fun.

Life is made up of little things. It is very rarely that an occasion is offered for doing a great deal at once. True greatness consists in being great in little things.

-Charles Simmons

Exemption Intormation Available From Appraisal Office

Sherman County Appraisal District offers property owners a pamphlet called "Texas Property Taxpayers Rights, Taxes: Remedies and Responsibilities". Published the State Comptroller's Office in Austin, the tax savings. The pamphlet also Office, 402 N. 3rd in Stratford or by calling (806) 366-5566.

and yard used as the owner's service to the City of Stratford. principal residence. The reapply for the exemption this received of the expenses. year if they received the exemption last year.

For example, all homeowners Some of you may have noticed may file for a \$15,000 general that the foundation has been exemption from their principal completed. Members of the fire home's value for school taxes. In addition, certain disabled of the community to help in the homeowners and those aged 65 or older may qualify for an additional \$10,000 exemption from the value

Productivity appraisal To "kick off" this project, the another type of tax relief available to agricultural land owners. This year the Sherman County Appraisal District is requiring all agricultural landowners to reapply for productivity valuation.

Appraisal District staff can offer more information about special land appraisal, tax policy was appointed. the rendition and exemptions. We urge all property owners in the Sherman County Appraisal Nancy Kimball. District to read the pamphlet and learn about all possible property regarding tax relief. Remember, taxpayers assignments. Nancy Kimball must file and exemption motioned to application with the Appraisal assignments with additions;

City Council Minutes

May 12, 2003

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session Monday, May 12, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding the following council members following present: Blake Confer, Joe Zak, George Harding, BA Donelson, and Bryan Mungia.

Also present were: Wayland Administrator; City Brown, LaRita Butler, City Secretary; Kathy Rendon, Records Clerk; Davis, Nancy Kimball, Dwayne Dennis, Stratford Police Department; Clint Rutledge, Stephanie Rutledge and Ken Forthman.

Call to Order

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Wayland Brown spoke to the council about the resignation of a police officer. Dwayne Dennis introduced to the council a new applicant, Clint Rutledge. Consensus of the council was to allow Wayland to hire Clint if he was qualified.

Approve Minutes

BA Donelson motioned to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2003 Regular Meeting and April 15, 2003 special meeting, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Presentations To the Council

Eddie Williams with Stratford Fire Department was present to discuss the plans for the Fire Department Building to be located on the East Half of Lots 6,7,8,9, & 10, Block Seventy-three discussed and will be looked into P.m. further. Consensus of the council was to allow the usage of the new equipment funds in the current budget to help pay for this project. The amount will be up to \$8,000 with share from county.

Marty Bain was present to "Remedies" pamphlet explains how the Texas property tax system request permission from the works, and offers ways for possible council to plant a tree in the Mary Riffe Addition to the Stratford describes exemptions available Cemetery. Consensus of the such as those for disabled council was to allow the planting veterans, other disabled persons of the tree; however, Marty will August 13, 1996, members of or senior citizens. The pamphlet have to meet with Wayland Brown

Council Business

LaRita Butler, Notary Public, Homeowners may file for administered the oath of office to various property tax exemptions the new alderpersons, Nancy offered by taxing units on Kimball and David Davis. Council residence homesteads. In Texas, a then thanked Blake Confer and homestead is generally the house Joe Zak for their hard work and

Requests for funds for pamphlet explains each exemption Sherman County Development p.m. and how to apply for it. Committee was tabled until an Homeowners do not need to itemized statement could be

George Harding motioned to accept the resignation of Municipal Judge Ellsworth; BA motion carried.

Police Department uniforms were discussed. Discussion took

place regarding the concern of the officers not in uniform. Options for uniforms were discussed and information will be gathered from uniform companies.

Documentation of the City Council minutes was discussed. Consensus of the council was to change the recording of the minutes to delete specific detail.

Committee for City Personnel committee consists of Wayland Brown, George Harding and

Discussion took place City council accept the George Harding seconded, with or 366-5831 to enroll.

BA Donelson opposing, motion carried. See attachment for assignments.

Long range planning for the City of Stratford was discussed. Prioritizing the goals is the idea. Item will be placed on next month's agenda.

Council convened executive session under Section 551.074 at 6:32 p.m. to evaluate the City Administrator positron.

Council adjourned out of executive session at 7:28 p.m. with no action taken.

David Davis motion to approve Mungia Heating and Air Bill in the amount of \$1,250.00, BA Donelson seconded, all in favor, motion carried, with Bryan mungia abstaining.

George Harding motioned to approve all other bills, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

BA Donelson motioned to approve the financial statement, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

City Administrator's Report

Wayland stated he had no report at this time.

Items from the Council

Nancy Kimbal reported on the Small Cities Problem Solving Clinic that she attended last month in Amarillo. LaRita Butler reported on the Texas Municipal League meeting that she attended last month in Amarillo.

Bryan Mungia motioned to appoint George Harding as Mayor Pro-Tem, Nancy (73) Stratford, Texas. Insurance seconded, and all in favor, motion coverage for volunteers was carried meeting adjourned at 7:46

May 27, 2003

Stratford City Council met in Special Session Tuesday, May 27, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: George Harding, David Davis, and BA Donelson.

Also present were: Wayland City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Secretary; and Ray Lermon.

Call to Order

Mayor Brown called meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Council Business

Municipal judge applicants were discussed. It was determined to interview those applicants to determine the experience as related to the positon of Municipal Judge. No action taken.

Dwayne Dennis arrived at 5:11

A screen between the two existing baseball parks was discussed. It was the consensus of the council not to place a screen between the ball fields. A waiver to be placed on the registration Donelson seconded, all in favor forms prior to baseball season was discussed. The City will get an attorney opinion regarding this

> Discussion for members touring the City of Stratford and its facilities was set for next meeting.

> There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Main Street Art Program

The Imagination Station is a busy place this summer! For July's Main Street Art, Cindy Russell will be teaching the children "Water Coloring." All children can be involved in water coloring on Monday, July 7th, 2003. 1st-2 grade children 10:30 to 11:30, 3rd to 4th grade children 1:00 to 2:30 and 5th to 6th grade children 2:30 to 4:00. Fee \$5.00. Call 366-2772

the business. The apartments at July 12, 2003. Free will offering, at 101 N. Pearl. 1320 N. Chestnut are completely More in later editions. remodeled bathrooms.

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stone at The Imagination Station meet from 3:30 to 5 p.m. To entertainment. Snow cones and on June 16th, these stones may be register, please call Laurie games for the young at heart will picked up on July 3 from 1-2 p.m. Spurlock at 366-2772 or Mellonee be available for a small fee. A at The Imagination Station. The York at 396-1043. extra stones they made will be for viewing at the July 4th celebration Cowboy Church and viewing from 10-11 a.m. at Every Wednesday the silent Auction on July 7th. Bidding will end at 11:00 a.m. on Cowboy Church will meet July 7th and winners of each stone every Wednesday at the County excited and we hope you are too!! will be notified. Any questions Barn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is Please join us for an evening of welcomed.

services should be at SCOT Hall by about 11:30 in order to be ready for lunch at 12:00.

Board Meeting

Pantry

Dr. Bassett To

Speak At SCOT

Thursday, June 26, 2003 at 7:00 decided it was time to build a new available at the Appraisal District plant. p.m. at XIT Building.

glucose screening before the

luncheon. Anyone wanting these

Spirit Camp Pictures Are In

Scot Musical Coming Soon

Main Street

Main Street Art Program at to help. June 16th. Program will be on making and creating "Stepping fire department will be hosting a Stones". Cost will be \$5 for each free will donation hot dog cookout If your child made a stepping 2:30 p.m. 4th grade and up will will be hot dogs, chips, drinks and one at The Imagination Station most from 2.20

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Obits

Jack Harris

It has been reported at

Breast Cancer Screening Glinic To Be Held. July 15th

The Don and Sybil Harrington Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at rocks. After painting a flower on Stratford Family Medical Clinic, my rock I decided I wanted to

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

All exams are done by appointment only.

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U.S. Marines may be heroes in Baghdad, but they're being shabbily treated by eco-activists who are pushing the EPA to shut down nearly 60 percent of the Marines' training facilities at Camp Pendleton, Calif., say experts in the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. Such environmental encroachments on military training and preparedness at military training facilities are occurring nationwide. Now, the Pentagon is seeking relief from unwarranted constraints.

Letter To The Editor

He made my Day!! Dear Editor:

Last Tuesday morning, I chose two cards at Duckwalls and when I went to the counter to pay with my \$5 bill-Betty Henry told me I needed 5 cents more. I looked in my change purse and it was empty. presstime of the death of Jack A ten or twelve year old boy was Harris. No details were available waiting o be checked out and he at presstime. More in next weeks edition. reached in his picket and brought out a nickle and offered me. What a kind and caring boy! (I searched my handbag and found money to pay). We hear of all the bad things our youth do, like trashing parks with beer cans, etc.-but I wanted to tell about the kindness of a Stratford youth. Judos to him and his parents!

Tuesday dontinued to be a great day!

At 2 p.m. I went to SCOT Hall Cancer Center Comprehensive where Helen Taylor gave of her Breast Center will conduct a talent and time to teach us to paint 1220 Purnell, in Stratford on July paint the words "Be Kind". Lynn 15, 2003.

Wells, SCOT President, suggested I draw a "Bee" instead of the wordsi, Helen drew me a Bee to paint. Ann Johnson's granddaughter drew the letters for "kind" for me to paint. You should see my "Masterpiece".

What a lovely day, and God blessed us with rain!

Oline Caraway

Scot News By Jack Gore

Last Sunday's Garden Tour was a great success. We planned on 30 people and had 64. Lots of work was done by President Lynn Wells, also Vicki Gore, Pat Boren, lawn. Popular lawn lime brand Charlene Oquin, and lots of others. Thanks goes out to B.A. & Spread and Correct. Lime is LeRayne Donelson, Rex & available in a fast-active pulver- Bernice Christian, Jimmy and ized form, convenient granular, Ineta Chesher and Curtis and and pelletized limestone which Mary Carter and Ann Johnson for combines fast action with the con- showing their garden and yards to

> This week's activities include Meeting, Tuesday, Luncheon Thursday and Dance Sat. 8-11 p.m. "Classic Country Sounds of Dumas"

Births

Adam & Mika Bell are proud to announce the birth of their son, Trever Cade. The young man weighed 7 lbs 12 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long. He was born June 2nd at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Proud grandparents are Lori Willborn of Fritch, Barney and Sherry Willborn of Stratford, and Billy and Jeanne Bell, also of Stratford.

Maternal great-grandparents are Bobby and Nancy Flick of Kress and James and Carlene Willborn of Idalou. Maternal great-great-grandparents Erma Russell of Haskell, Lorraine Flick of Paris, and Nelson Willborn of Plainview.

Paternal great-grandparents are Alvin Paul Engelbrecht and Doreen Hambrick, both of Amarillo, and Geneva Bell of Stratford.

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Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board To Report Suspected Child

Abuse, Call Kathie Altman - 366-5611 David Cross - 396-2396 Ken Forthman - 366-2586 Patsy Harland - 827-7568 Michael Meyer - 827-7453 Jesse Resendes - 769-4454

Bob Sweeten - 366-5848 **Austin Hotline** 1-800-252-5400 **ALL CALLS** CONFIDENTIAL



New Faces-New Places

Annette Hampton and Cindy Russell shown above joined forces to create a new Web site for Cindys Business on the Internet at www.cindystouch of texas.com. Cindy sells her pottery, weavings and soaps on the site. Cindy is married to Lem and they have two children Rustin age 14 and Sunny age 10. Cindy attended school at Spearman 1-12 and West Texas State Canvon College. She is a member of First Baptist church of Stratford and Weavers Guild of Amarillo. She taught PE 3 years in Dumas . married Lem in 1986 and moved to Stratford in 1985. She enjoys teaching, working with kids in church and 4-H. a family farm-tractor driving. combining, cattle care and horses. She said people were always asking "Do you have a web site Black Bean and Mango Salad

1/4 cup Goya Olive Oil

1/4 cup water 2 tsp. Goya Adobo All-Purpose Seasoning with Pepper

2 cans (15.5 oz. each) Goya Black Beans, drained and rinsed

2 Tbsp. Goya Pimientos, diced 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh

1 medium size, ripe mango, peeled and diced

1. In a small microwaveable bowl, combine oil, water and

where I can purchase your articles, so with Annette's help she now has One. Annette Hampton is from Kerrick. She graduated from Stratford High School and is a member of First Baptist church of Stratford. She is single. A farmer, rancher, hog farmer and web designer, she has worked in the family business all her life. She enjoys the children and babies of the family. While Annette was recovering from major spine surgery it gave her the chance to attend night classes at the school where she took PhotoShop 7.0 and web design and learned the basics. Annette wanted to learn this for the future expansion of the farm. Her web design is called Sandy Trail Web Design. You can visit the website has designed cindystouchoftexas.com contact her at Hampton@xit.net

Adobo. Cover and microwave on High for 1 minute.

2. In a bowl, combine the beans, pimientos, cilantro and mango. Pour warmed oil mixture over beans and toss.

Variations: Substitute other Gova

beans for black beans. Replace mango with 2 cups diced peaches or pineapple.

For additional information and recipe ideas, visit the Web site at www.goya.com.

Engagement Announced

Jim & Belinda Roberts, of Conlen announce the engagement of their daughter Megan Melissa to Jason Wanye Keys of Amarillo. Jason is the son of Thom & Sanda Brown of Dalhart & Lance Keys of Iowa Point, Kansas. The couple plan a July 12th wedding at the First United Methodist Church in Childress, TX. Megan is a graduate of Stratford High School and is enrolled in AC Nursing program and employed by Palo Duro Nursing Center. Keys is a graduate of Childress High School and attended WTAMU. He is employed by TDCJ Clements Unit.

Arts in the Area

*** note new listing

June 6 "Texas" Aug. 16

June 11

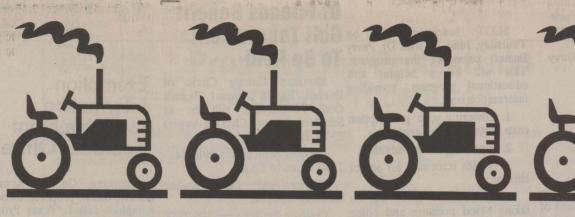
Palo Duro State Park 806-655-2181 June 10-Starlight Theater Tuesday Concert Series 7:00 p.m. Aug.26

Sam Houston Park on Western St. Amarillo "Lone Star Rising" Lake Meredith

Aug. 17 Borger Chamber of Commerce 806-274-9050 July 10-12

"Les Mis'erables" Panhandle Students Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-3096 Aug 7,8,9 "Dreadful Doin's at Cider Mill" Melodrama **Dalhart LaRita Community Theatre**

Aug. 21-31 **Buddy- The Buddy Holly Story** Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 www.amarillolittletheatre.org

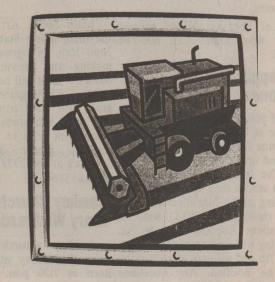


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"Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil, and you're a thousand miles from the corn field." -Dwight D. Eisenhower





Baby Shower Given For Lavakes

Ashley Lavake and baby girl to be Ashton Marie were honored with a baby shower in the home of Susie Spurlock on Saturday, June 21, 2003. Shown seated from left, Leah Taylor, Karen Taylor, Ashley Lavake, and Nina Lavake. Standing from left, Janee Ingram, Brandie MacKenzie holding Allie James, Donna Putnam, Bellanie Kennedy, Susan Wheeler, Cara James holding Carter MacKenzie, Rolene Arkon holding Benjamin James and Toni Wright.

First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

Travel the vibrant streets of London on an intriguing mission to crack the elusive Character Code as sleuths (children) and inspectors seek to solve the Great Kingdom Caper at First Baptist church Vacation Bible School.

First Baptist Church invites all children ages 4 yrs through 6th grade to join us for our annual Vacation Bible School July 13-17 from 5-8 p.m.

The Great Kingdom Caper is an exciting and intriguing escapade that is filled with twists, turns, and surprises. Sleuths, that's caper talk for kids, will be on special assignment to discover how to live with Christian character. stories, music, crafts, recreation, and snacks are all combined to provide kids with an adventure-filled week designed especially for them.

This week of fun, food and intrigue is free of charge and open to everyone. Call the church at 396-5554 for more information. Rides will be available to those who need to be picked up.

It isn't necessary to be rich and famous to be happy. It's only necessary to be rich.

-Alan Alda

Whether our efforts are, or not, favored by life, let us be able to say, when we come to the great goal, I have done what I could. -Louis Pasteur

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Sunday, June 29 - Tuesday, July 1 5:30 - 8:30 PM

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A group becomes a team when each member is sure enough of himself and his contribution to praise the skills of others.

-Norma Shidle



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5th & Main Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 10:45 am No Sunday Evening Worship Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger 520 N. Main Sunday School 9:40 am Morning Worship 10:50 am Junior High UMY 5:30 pm Senior High UMY 6:00 pm 5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7:00 St. Joseph Catholic

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. 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 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist James Washburn

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

Brent Farney

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: Miercoles (Wednesday) Serviclo De Adoration 11:00 am Servicio De Oraction 6:00 pm Servicio De Adoration 6:00 pm : Susninos Durante El Servicio.

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The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

By My Spirit

We are all looking for strength, strength to live in a competitive, challenging, fast paced world. We are told that to find real power for living, we should look within. We are told that we have all the resources we need within us. if we can only muster that inner strength, we will make it across the hurdles of life. Well, I don't know about you, but I have come to the end of my rope more than once. I'm no pansy nor push over, but when the inner reserves are gone, they are gone. I've been to the place of mental fatigue, physical exhaustion, and emotion collapse. At such times, if someone said to me, look within for the strength you need, my response would have been, I did, and it is all gone. No, at such times, my strength did not come from within, it came from without. Strength came from the Spirit of God. The Bible makes it clear, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit,' says the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6). You see, our problems is that we don't look to God for the strength to live day by day. We are so self-sufficient and independent; we think it is a show of weakness to pray or to depend upon Bod. But if there is one thing we need to learn in this life, it is that we are mortal. We are limited in strength. We don't have all the inner power we are led to believe we have. When many people discover this, they give up on life. Many young people, for example, take their own lives. It is all so needless. Why? There is an unlimited source of power for living. It is not found within. Rather, it is found without. It is found within the living God, Creator of all things. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the lord of hosts

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



Main Street Art creating stepping stones. Volunteers, Yvonne Pittman, Laurie Spurlock, Ann Johnson, Mellonee York helped approximately 26 students make one stepping stone for themselves and one stone to sell in a silent auction to conclude July 5 at the Imagination Station. Stones will be on display during the 4th of July Celebration at the Imagination Stations Booth - "Strange Things That Meet the Eye", Coffee



Laurie Spurlock's Camp ABC held at the Imagination Station June and July. L/R, Tyler Gilliland, Jeanie Spurlock (helpers), Laurie Spurlock, Gage Brooks, Allie James, Brady Cross, Aaron Evans, Russell Spurlock, Laynee Burr, RaeLeigh Willborn, Jaycie Wheeler, Colten Lanning, Kade McBryde, Carlee Metcalf. Not pictured is Stacy Hays - also a helper.

New Videotape Address

Stuttering is a frustrating and

"It's meant to encourage teens,

the nonprofit Stuttering

David Wilkins, a high school

narrates the video. It features

through college talking about their

experiences with stuttering and

what they found to be helpful.

"We really try to emphasize the

The three experts answers

More than three million

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About Stuttering

Kerrick News By Marylou McDaniel

Patti Vincent and son Conner were present when baseball history took place! They were at Wrigley Field when Sammy Sosa's bat broke and cork was found. She is convinced that he was innocent because of the way he acted. He could have hidden the broken bat by picking it up himself. Anyway, the two had a great visit in the Windy City, even if they nearly froze!

Mike McDaniel is to have a defibrillator installed Thursday, June 26 at BSA in Amarillo. Saturday he, mother Marylou and Cliff Abbott went to Liberal, KS. to see the West Texas Comets play in a tournament. They also saw the Air Museum.

but the ice cream and goodies were great. Lynn Wells, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck were hosts.

Betty Fry of Texhoma, Autumn City were guests.

M'Lynn Wells, Hudgens, Gary McDaniel, Marjorie Munden, Bill Boren, Roy Harris, Jo June McDaniel, Donna Gillenwaters and Bill, Dr. Gary Mathews, Virgie Mathews.

Barbara Schoonover recovering from knee surgery. Sunday she and Terry went to Guymon to visit with relatives.

West Texas Comets lost their first two games in Liberal, then won their next three games Sunday. Local girls playing on the team are Shadley Audrain, Rhiannon Everett, Candie Bell and Merilee McDaniel.

Gillenwaters's wandered away Friday and took several hours to find her. Piper Bennett managed to get her, saw her tag and called the Boise City vet who told Piper that Bill was probably the owner. Bill was late getting to ice cream supper because of looking for her. But all turned out okay.

Bill Gillenwaters and his cooker helped out at the Marella Church Fund-Raiser Saturday, June 21st.

Countdown To July 4th

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is planning the Fourth of July Celebration in Pendleton embarrassing problem for millions Park on Friday, July 4, 2003. of people, but it can be especially Plans include food booths, game tough on teenagers. Now some booths, entertainment, and help is available at the Sherman fireworks. School classes, clubs, County Public Library in organizations, groups, individuals, Stratford in the form of a new or private businesses are invited to videotape. participate by providing a food or game booth for the public.

non-profit there," said Professor Peter Ramig local The organizations are the target of the University of Colorado at audience for booth spaces. Boulder. Ramig is one of three Commercial booths will be nationally recognized experts permitted and all booths are appearing in the video produced subject to Chamber review to by avoid duplication. A non-profit Foundation of America. booth provider will retain 85% of the gross sales with the remaining student who stutters himself, 15% to be retained by the Chamber. Commercial booths will retain 75% of the gross sales Summer is officially here! and remaining 25% will be Kerrick had an ice cream supper retained by the Chamber. All Friday night. The crowd was small retained funds will be used to They talk openly about the defray the cost of the fireworks.

All purchases will be made classmates and how with tickets, which will be sold by stuttering affects their lives. the Chamber of Commerce at a Witcher of Stratford, Cliff Abbott centrally located booth. The embarrassment and frustration of Canyon, Buck Weaver of Boise tickets will be priced at \$.50 each, factor, and we think teens will so the prices should be established relate to that," adds Ramig. He Others present were Nita in \$.50 increments (\$.50, \$1.00, appears in the video along with Taylor, Florecia Eslinger, Jennifer \$1.50, \$2.00, etc.). Containers to speech-language pathologists Dr. Marylou collect the tickets will be provided Barry Guitar of the University of by the Chamber for each booth. Vermont and Dr. Hugo Gregory

Booth registration will be on a of Northwestern University. first come, first serve basis. The final date for participants to questions about stuttering, refute reserve a space will be JUNE 30. myths and misconceptions, and Send applications to: Stratford present examples of therapy Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box sessions showing how stuttering 570, fax to 366-3021, email can be reduced. stratford@xit.net or return to the Chamber office at City Hall. Americans stutter, yet stuttering

If you need additional remains misunderstood by most information or have questions, people," said Jane Fraser, please call the Chamber at 366- president of the Stuttering 2260. We look forward to you Foundation. "Myths such as joining the Fourth of July believing people who stutter are Celebration in 2003!

We have come from somewhere and are going somewhere. The great architect of the universe never built a stairway that leads

-Robert A. Millikan

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Kim Crippen Sherman County Judge

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> Cards of **Thanks**

A big SCOT THANK YOU to everyone for making our garden tour such a huge success, with special thanks to the Donelsons, the Rex Christians, Jimmy Cheshers, Curtis Carters and Ann Johnson for being gracious enough to welcome us to their yards and hard work making beautiful for us. Thanks also go to lack. beautiful for us. The bus Jack Gore for the bus transportation and "MC ing", to Gore for her coming through in a pinch compiling and printing the programs, to Amie Witcher for the ticket design and Charlene Oquin for her anything needed help.

A very special thank you to the SHS Desktop Publishing Class and their instructor, Linda Young, for the help they gave in building a data-base for the Stratford Cemetery Directory. Students included: Katie York, Miranda Jurado, Marcus McAlister, Josh Williams, Erin Ashley, Jason Ashley, J.R. Tobias and Ashley Glock. Others who provided assistance were Nancy Kimball and Debbi Vandiver.

Thanks from the Cemetery Board and volunteers Marillyn and George Harkins

Lost and Found

Stone has lost his dog "Cutter" again, looks like a white mop, please call-reward-. Call 806-396-5810 office or 806-366-2393 home.

A talent can be cultivated in tranquility; a character only in the rushing stream of life. -Johann Wolfgang von

Seed Plots Planted For High Plains Ag Expo

As part of the High Plains Ag Expo, farmers and ranchers will get the unique opportunity to see side-by-side comparisons in live seed plots that will grow from now until the show kicks off on August 6. The show runs from the 5th through the 7th.

The seed plots were planted in early May and will be at a mature stage of growth to demonstrate a side by side comparison in product, process, or equipment used. Various vendors have participated to be able to show the benefits of their offerings on a variety of crops such as corn, sorghum, and cotton.

"The seed plots are an excellent way for exhibitors to show, in real-world conditions, the effectiveness of their product," says Jeff Bistodeau, president of Premier Events, the company organizing the Expo. "The crops will have been growing for 3 and a half months at the time of the show, which will be an ideal opportunity to see the effects of the treatment, equipment, or seed itself that is being compared."

"One of the comparisons that will be shown is a conventional planter vs. air drill," explains Bistodeau. Half of the seed plot was planted using a conventional planter while the other half was planted using a new air-dispersal method. By August the plants will be mature and the vendor will be able to show the difference in the two methods."

Cotton will also be growing at the show. Cotton is not a crop that is traditional grown in the Dumas area but one company (AFD Seed) will be growing cotton at the show and are excited about the prospects of introducing a new seed variety to this region.

The crops will be grown in 24 rows measuring 120 ft. x 60 ft.

The High plains Ag Expo will be the first-ever event of its kind to be held in Dumas, TX. The Expo will attract farmers and ranchers from 56 counties in 5 states, including growers of corn, sorghum, wheat, cotton, and soybeans and livestock producers. Dumas is in the center of the High Plains region, with over 9,000 farms that have 1000+ acres.

Lone Star Rising Opens For Third Season

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Wednesday, June 11th at the Country Fritch Fortress Amphitheater Concert. north of Amarillo.

spirited Texas style spectacle the opening night ceremonies.

John Broadfoot from the the audience and paid tribute to Neil Hess director of Lone Star Benefit Rising. Mr. Broadfoot said the realized will be Meadows foundation was proud equipment needed at to be part of the Lake Meredith office. operation and stated that he felt God had much more for Neil Hess amphitheater.

National Park Service encouraged the audience to use the lake for entertainment and recreation and greeted theatergoers on behalf of Lake Meredith National She has thrilled the hearts of many Recreation Area.

the opening night crowd that hear her strong and sincere Fritch was enthusiastic and excited testimony. Added attraction, for about Lone Star Rising and that his 2nd year, Songwriter & radio the show was having a positive recording artist. Cary Gilham, impact on the community.

city of Borger and reflected on the "Delainard" as Lone Star Rising in proximity. laughing all night long.

the arts in the Panhandle.

of Pampa and Amarillo.

by the Dixie Belles a dance troupe Center for Texas Culture.

Neil Hess addressed audience and expressed his own Charles Black known as "The good will, and interest in the other special guests. Fritch Fortress Amphitheater.

are 8:15 p.m.

The cast of the show will present "Stars Over Texas" on Monday nights at the Ambassador Hotel on I-40 West in Amarillo. The rung of a ladder was never This variety show features comedy, song and dance, and is preceded by a buffet style dinner catered by the hotel.

On Tuesday nights, the Center for Texas Culture will present Lakefest Jamboree, a show featuring talent from throughout the Panhandle.

For information about any of these events call 806-331-2510 or

7th Annual Benefit **Concert June 28th**

Delainard is coming back to Lone Star Rising, the Lake Delainard is coming back to Meredith western musical drams, Dumas!!! For the Moore County opened for its third season on Sheriff's Office 7th Annual and Gospel Music

Don't dare miss this high-Jason Haugen, General energy country, gospel, & Comedy Manager for the Center for Texas variety show, which will be held on Culture, producers of the high- Saturday June 28th at 6:00 p.m. at Dumas High introduced the guests for the Auditorium. Sponsored by the opening night ceremonies.

Auditorium. Sponsored by the Moore County Sheriff's Office, this good clean family Meadows foundation welcomed Texas Music Jubilee" will be returning for the 7th annual Concert. going for

The concert will feature an to accomplish and that he also had appearance by "One Day At A great plans for the Lake Meredith Time" TV, Radio, Recording Star, Jeanette Lunsford, who is often Rhonda Terry, from the called "The Queen of Gospel Music" Jeanette has toured the as her love for Jesus flows through Debra Wells from Fritch told words and music touching all that who will bless you with his latest Lynn Hopkins represented the recordings. Also, his cousin

pride the city had to have a Comedian, who is back by popular culturally enriching attraction such demand and is sure to keep you Phil Price, the playwright for Also appearing in concert will the show, and his wife Victoria be the "sensational" "Relations were in attendance for the 2003 Quartet" outstanding gospel, TV, opening. The Prices presented a Radio and Recording artists. This

basket of flowers to Neil Hess and group has appeared at the paid tribute to his contribution to National Quartet convention in Nashville, Tenn. They have shared The evening began for the the stage with such groups as the theatergoers with a Chuckwagon supper catered by Dyers Barbecue Echos, Gold City, the Inspirations, The Kingsmen, The Florida Boys, onstage ceremonies and many more. Also, Recording artists, The Weavers, who will keep started with a production number toes tapping with that Good Ole' under the sponsorship of the performed many conventions, churches and concerts.

Other performs include Dumas appreciation for their generosity, Singing Deputy" along with many Tickets will be available at the

Mr. Hess paid tribute to the Sheriff's office, Lowes Market performers in Lone Star Rising Place, K-Bob's Steak House, and called them some of the most LaPlacita Restaurant, Express talented young people in the state. Lane (All Locations), Etter Lone Star Rising will run Grocery & Market, Albert's through August 17. Show times Manor House Restaurant and at

> meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher.

-Thomas H. Huxley

Every year of my life I grow more convinced that it is wisest and best to fix our attention on the beautiful and the good, and dwell as little as possible on the evil and the false.

-Richard Cecil

Agri Partner Report Week of June 20, 2003

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Southwestern and European corn borer moths continue to lay eggs in corn. Larvae that hatch from these eggs are first generation corn borers that feed on leaves and in the whorl. First generation corn borer infestations seldom reach economic levels; however, moths that develop from the current larvae can produce a very heavy second generation that quite often requires an insecticide application.

Western corn rootworm infestations are lower than in recent past years. Beetles that are active now will lay the eggs that produces next year's rootworms. Rotation from corn to some other crop next year is a proven practice for reducing future rootworm problems; otherwise, insecticide applications may be required to control rootworm infestations.

Very light and scattered spider mite infestations have been reported in infesting the underside of lower leaves of corn plants in fields that are adjacent to wheat. Monitor these early infestations, for they may continue to increase and spread throughout a field to the point of requiring a miticide application to control them.

Recent conditions have been less than favorable for cotton production. Low temperatures, hail, seedling disease and thrips have cotton off to a shaky start. Hot, dry conditions are what this crop needs at this time.



Queen For A Day

Carolyn Tarver who turned the BIG "50" on June 15th is shown above wearing a black mum that was sent to her, a tiara and (dammit) doll that was given to her by Diane Coaly and Patty Melton. HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT BIRTHDAY!

F.Y.I. By Sheriff Jack Haile

The history of the Sheriff's Office is as long as the history of Texas. The Constitution of Texas established the Office of Sheriff. All 254 counties in Texas have one sheriff, who is elected to serve every four years. This was not always the case: from 1846-until 1956 the offices were separated and four year terms for all county elected offices began. I am the 25th person since 1889 to hold the office of Sheriff in Sherman

Texas sheriffs and their deputies are in charge of the jail, transporting prisoners, serving warrants, civil process, working traffic, investigating crimes, maintaining communications with other agencies and providing security for courts.

I have a staff of two deputies, a chief jailer and five dispatchers/jailers. There is at least one person on duty 24 hours a day everyday. The dispatcher/jailers dispatch for the Sheriff's Office, Stratford Police, Texhoma police, Highway Patrol, and maintain contact with surrounding agencies. They also answer 911 calls and dispatch the appropriate agency, which includes those mentioned earlier and Stratford, Texhoma, Sunray, Gruver and Dalhart E.M.S. and Fire Departments. They also maintain radio contact with Sherman Co. Road and Bridge and Stratford City Utilities. The dispatcher/jailers are also required to make jail checks every 45 minutes.

Tickets Now On Sale For The 9th Harley Party

Panhandle folks can have a great time and do good at the clinics came from an occupant same time at the 9th annual safety grant the agency received Harley Party to benefit Family through the Texas Department of Support Services of Amarillo. Transportation. Tickets for the party are now on sale! The party will be July 19th, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Polk Street between 10th and 12th and most of those were booster streets in the beautiful downtown seats that need little or no area. Tickets may be purchased at installation. Family Support Services, 1001 S. Polk, Amarillo, Texas, 79101, or may be ordered by mail. Phone orders, using Visa or Master Card are accepted by Rita Bryant, 806-372-3202, ext. 3041. A chance to win a 100th Anniversary Harley Davidson FXDWG Dyna Glide motorcycle with the Gold Key Package is \$75 and admits two people to the best Block Party of the summer. Only 1200 tickets will be sold. Party goers may eat and drink all they wish, listen to live entertainment, view a spectacular they are in a vehicle." display of Harley's, swap Harley stories with avid Harley Fans, and be included in the drawing for Driver License Services, who are great door prizes. Everyone is trained and certified in child encouraged to purchase their tickets now before they are sold seats for safety and education out (as they always do). It is parents and caregivers on the expected that there will be no tickets available at the door.

The annual Harley Party is Family Support Services' main fundraising event, and helps provide critical services to families in crisis. FSS is a private nonprofit, comprehensive service delivery agency providing services to strengthen today's families. Services include sexual assault and Childress, Snyder, Levelland and family violence crisis services, a 24- Pleasanton. hour Crisis Hotline, family violence shelter, parenting and family programs, education and Warren, at (512) 424-5639. prevention programs, counseling and a child care. Board members, staff and volunteers are committed to a vision of "Healthy Communities Built on Strong Individuals and Families in the Panhandle Region"

For more information about the Harley Party or about services offered at Family Support Services, phone Rita Bryant, 806-372-3202, ext. 3042.

Child Safety Seat Clinics A Success

The Texas Department of Public Safety conducted 12 child safety seat clinics across rural Texas this year. Funding for the

Troopers checked 547 children and car seats-but only 20 car seats were installed or used correctly-

"This year we assisted nearly 100 more children than last year, Warren, Beth coordinator of occupant safety programs. "We distributed 377 new car seats and 201 unsafe seats were destroyed. At most of the clinics we work, the misuse rate of safety seats is around 96 to 100 percent. Therefore, it is important that parents learn how to properly use safety seats so our children ride as safe as possible every time

DPS troopers from Safety Education, Highway Patrol and passenger safety, inspected care proper use of the seats. Seats that were deemed in poor condition, on a recall list or not suitable for other reasons were replaced at no cost to the participants during the clinics.

Clinics were held in Fort Stockton, Aransas Pass, Rockdale, Hempstead, Navasota, Copperas Cove, Jefferson, Carthage,

For more information on a specific clinic, please contact Beth

The only freedom which deserves the name is that of pursuing our own good, in our own way, so long as we do not attempt to deprive others of theirs, or impede their efforts to obtain it.

-John Stuart Mill

SISD Board Minutes

The Stratford ISD Board of School Library.

President Reinart Joe established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Brent Spurlock, Ricky Reed, Patti Vincent, Taliaferro, Superintendent. Board Ted Allen and Gared McBryde.

Guests present were: Jennifer fuel. Motion carried 4-0. DeAnda and Norma Martinez.

invocation.

Norma Martinez. She is a BiNational teacher from Mexico. custodial supplies. Motion carried Mrs. Martinez talked with the 4-0. board about her duties here.

district's monthly recognition. It Agency and Jerry Jacobs worth the trouble? was as follows:

1. The following members of the TSSEC contest in San Marcos on May 24-26.

Sax Quartet-Robin Daniels, Kayla Willard, RoAnn Lopez, Brandi Chaffee.

McDaniel, Heather Seiler, Briah received for teaching supplies and McClellan, Adam Witcher, Carlos band supplies. Motion carried 4-0. Jacquez.

Denton Crabtree, also a member carried 4-0. Mr. Taliaferro also Hawaii. Congratulations to these year. young men.

3. The high school art class was p.m. complimented on the work on the Sherman County Brand Book.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the superintendents report. The cost with 5 preliminary budget option of transportation for the month for the 2003-2004 school year. The was .26 cents per mile. Monthly bank depository was discussed an expenditures are at 75.10% and will be bid out. revenue collected at 89.94%. Tax collections are at 97.25%. District business, the meeting enrollment for the end of the year was 613. He then gave a report on adjourned at 9:38 p.m. maintenance work being done this

note from Mike and Reyna dream, not only plan, but also Everett concerning graduation believe. pictures and appreciation for their children's' education.

Ricky Reed made the motion Trustees met in regular session on and Brent Spurlock seconded to Monday, June 16, 2003 in the High approve the consent agenda. Discussion was held. Motion carried 4-0.

Proposals for gasoline and diesel received were as follows:

Keener Oil .06 over cost Consumers .08 over cost.

Ricky Reed made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to members absent: Steve Johnson, accept the bid from Keener Oil for in the amount of .06 over cost for

Brent Spurlock made the Taliaferro led the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to accept all proposals for athletic Jennifer DeAnda introduced equipment and maintenance and

Insurance Agency. ATTACHMENT. Joe Reinart the Big Blue Band participated in made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to accept the proposal from Jerry Jacobs in the amount of \$11,290.17. Motion carried 4-0.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded Brass Sextet-Bill Walker, Ryan to accept all catalog proposals

Ricky Reed made the motion 2. Dylan Everett and Clint and Patti Vincent seconded to hire Adams members of the Stratford Carla Griffin as a teacher subject Elk football team will play in the to assignment. Her assignment will Down Under Bowl in Australia. be high school math. Motion will play in an All Star Game in changes for the 2003-2004 school

Discussion was held the 2003- hours of operation. 2004 Ag science objectives. Mr. Taliaferro presented the board mix-

There being no furth ple.

To accomplish great things, we site at Joe Reinart read a thank you must not only act, but also

-Anatole France

Walk Across Texas Health Break

finding-overweight family history of heart disease, diabetes-related death. high blood pressure, diabetes, and cancer all seem to add to the risks permanently associated with obesity.

The health risks of being overweight are well documented. Does one's ability to burn calories

Losing excess weight improves health. Even a loss of 10 pounds can lower blood pressure and blood sugar levels. A 12 year long of 43,457 women determined that women with obesity related diseases such as

Imagination Station Technology Center Open For Summer

Technology Center is open. Please of the Stratford Elk football team briefed the board on other staffing come by and make use of the facilities available. Microsoft bus barn located at 2827 Mays in Office is loaded on the computers Amarillo. (Look for the pink Gared McBryde arrived at 8:20 and broadband Internet access is flamingos!) This will be an alcohol available. Check the schedule for and smoke free environment for

> June 25 2-5 & 7-9 raio Duis Starlight ' Aug.26 June 11 Goya Aug. 17 July 10-12 w2 cups Aug 7,8,9 ion and 21-31 Buddy- Th Aug. 21-31

> > to fall back into. —J.L. Boggus

Long term studies of thousands heart disease, diabetes, high blood of men and women since 1949 pressure and cancer had a 20% have produced a consistent reduced death rate when they Americans intentionally lost weight. This have more heart disease, high reduction in death rate was mostly blood pressure, diabetes, and due to a 40 to 50% decrease in certain types of cancer. Being obesity-related cancers such as inactive, having too much fat in those of breast, uterus, and cervix, the abdominal area, and having a as well as a 30-40% decrease in

Repeated attempts do not change metabolism, making weight loss harder each time. Metabolism is the amount of energy your body Many people are told every year uses to maintain its functions. by their health professionals to Metabolism does go down with lose weight. Few people actually age, so a person who is 50 years lose weight and even fewer old needs less calories than a 20 maintain their weight loss. Is years old. In addition to lowering losing and gaining more the number of calories eaten each dangerous than just staying obese? day, another way to maintain weight is to increase your amount Student Insurance proposals just get slower and slower with of muscle with increased physical Mr. Taliaferro went over the were received from the Baker each try? Is trying one more time activities like walking and and weight training. Muscles use more energy than fat. Engaging in an activity like brisk walking for 30 to 45 minutes also boots metabolism.

> So, is trying one more time to lose weight worth the trouble? The answer is clearly yes. If you are not ready yet, at least try not to gain any more weight.

Midsummer Tropical Night-

Paramount Terrace Christian

Church is sponsoring this event to

reach out to singles all over the

panhandle regardless of religious affiliation. The fellowship will

include a cook-out dinner and

games beginning at 7:00. A dance

and games will begin at 9:00 a.m.

to 11:00 p.m. We will have a

Hawaiian shirt contest, beach ball

volleyball, and door prizes. The

Midsummer Tropical Night Area Singles Fellowship

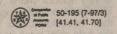
together.

The Imagination Station Area Singles Fellowship event will be on July 25, 2003 at the P.T.C.C. all area singles to fellowship

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> Tickets must be bought through the P.T.C.C. church office by July 21st. Office phone is 353-

cost is \$8.00 per person.



Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- · the market or special appraised value placed on your
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll · any exemptions that may apply to you
- · the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal · the taxable status of your property
- · the local governments which should be taxing your property
- · the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal · any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

Informal Review

If you have any questions concerning the value of your property contact Sherman County Appraisal District 402 N 3rd in Stratford (806) 366-5566

Review by the Appraisal Review Board If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold

evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at P.O. Box 239 or 402 N 3rd

Stratford, Texas 79084
Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's

Tax Payment

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at 402 N 3rd or telephone (806) 366-5566 You can also get a pamphlet describing

how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB'

Usual Deadline On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later). Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed

(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was