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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.

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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  
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## New ATM In Stratford

Stratford has a new Drive Up ATM thanks to First State Bank of 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 (anytime).

## Open House Held At Pheasant Ridge Apartments Sunday

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

They are able to assist with subsidies for those with fixed incomes.

Let Pheasant Ridge become your new home! Call 806-244-3418.

## Stepping Stones

If your child made a stepping stone at The Imagination Station on June 16th, these stones may be picked up on July 3 from 1-2 p.m. at The Imagination Station. The extra stones they made will be for viewing at the July 4th celebration and viewing from 10-11 a.m. at the silent Auction on July 7th. Bidding will end at 11:00 a.m. on July 7th and winners of each stone will be notified. Any questions please call 366-2772.

## Dr. Bassett To Speak At SCOT

SCOT luncheon will be Thursday, June 26, with Dr. Perry Bassett providing the program. This will be a helpful and educational program, providing information on:

1. Lowering your prescription costs (with no paper work).
2. Improving overall health.
3. Health screening for senior citizens.

Also, Stratford EMS will be taking blood pressure and doing glucose screening before the luncheon. Anyone wanting these services should be at SCOT Hall by about 11:30 in order to be ready for lunch at 12:00.

## Pantry Board Meeting

Pantry Board Meeting will be Thursday, June 26, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at XIT Building.

## Spirit Camp Pictures Are In

Spirit Camp pictures can be picked up in the main office of the Stratford High School.

## Scot Musical Coming Soon

Coming Soon: Scot Musical- July 12, 2003. Free will offering. More in later editions.

## Main Street Art Program

Main Street Art Program at the Imagination Station Monday, June 16th. Program will be on making and creating "Stepping Stones". Cost will be \$5 for each child. Kindergarten thru 3rd grade will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. 4th grade and up will meet from 3:30 to 5 p.m. To register, please call Laurie Spurlock at 366-2772 or Mellonee York at 396-1043.

## Cowboy Church Every Wednesday

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



## 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.

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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  
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## 8th Annual Circle Of Friends Benefit Golf Tournament To Be Held

Sherman County Circle of Friends Eighth Annual Benefit Golf Tournament will be at Stratford Country Club on August 23-24, 2003.

Couples Scotch Scramble Tee-Time 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Dinner and Fund Raiser 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.

## Station Raisin'

August 13, 1996, members of the Stratford Fire Department decided it was time to build a new 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, combined with \$8,000.00 from the fire department budget and \$12,000 from the Area Foundation construction is now ready.

The fire department's dream of a new fire station was set in motion by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Payne with their donation of the property at 101 N. Pearl.

Some of you may have noticed that the foundation has been completed. Members of the fire department are asking members of the community to help in the construction of the building. A number of people have already volunteered their time and talents to help.

To "kick off" this project, the fire department will be hosting a free will donation hot dog cookout at the new foundation on June 28, 2003 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be hot dogs, chips, drinks and entertainment. Snow cones and games for the young at heart will be available for a small fee. A short program will be included to present the information to the community and "ask" for volunteers to help with the construction.

The fire department is very excited and we hope you are too! Please join us for an evening of food and fun.

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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  
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## Exemption Information Available From Appraisal Office

Sherman County Appraisal District offers property owners a pamphlet called "Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities". Published by the State Comptroller's Office in Austin, the "Remedies" pamphlet explains how the Texas property tax system works, and offers ways for possible tax savings. The pamphlet also describes exemptions available, such as those for disabled veterans, other disabled persons or senior citizens. The pamphlet and all exemption forms are available at the Appraisal District Office, 402 N. 3rd in Stratford or by calling (806) 366-5566.

Homeowners may file for various property tax exemptions offered by taxing units on residence homesteads. In Texas, a homestead is generally the house and yard used as the owner's principal residence. The pamphlet explains each exemption and how to apply for it. Homeowners do not need to reapply for the exemption this year if they received the exemption last year.

For example, all homeowners may file for a \$15,000 general exemption from their principal home's value for school taxes. In addition, certain disabled homeowners and those aged 65 or older may qualify for an additional \$10,000 exemption from the value of their homes.

Productivity appraisal is 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 rendition and exemptions. We urge all property owners in the Sherman County Appraisal District to read the pamphlet and learn about all possible property tax relief. Remember, taxpayers must file and exemption application with the Appraisal office.

## 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 present: Blake Confer, Joe Zak, George Harding, BA Donelson, and Bryan Mungia.

Also present were: Wayland Brown, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Secretary; Kathy Rendon, Records Clerk; David 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 (73) Stratford, Texas. Insurance coverage for volunteers was discussed and will be looked into 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 request permission from the council to plant a tree in the Mary Riffe Addition to the Stratford Cemetery. Consensus of the council was to allow the planting of the tree; however, Marty will have to meet with Wayland Brown to select an appropriate tree to plant.

### Council Business

LaRita Butler, Notary Public, administered the oath of office to the new alderpersons, Nancy Kimball and David Davis. Council then thanked Blake Confer and Joe Zak for their hard work and service to the City of Stratford.

Requests for funds for Sherman County Development Committee was tabled until an itemized statement could be received of the expenses.

George Harding motioned to accept the resignation of Municipal Judge Ellsworth; BA Donelson seconded, all in favor 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 policy was appointed. The committee consists of Wayland Brown, George Harding and Nancy Kimball.

Discussion took place regarding City council assignments. Nancy Kimball motioned to accept the assignments with additions; George Harding seconded, with

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 into executive session under Section 551.074 at 6:32 p.m. to evaluate the City Administrator position.

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 Kimball 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 Kimball seconded, and all in favor, motion carried. meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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 Brown, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Secretary; and Ray Lermon.

**Call to Order**  
Mayor Brown called the 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 position of Municipal Judge. No action taken.

Dwayne Dennis arrived at 5:11 p.m.

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 forms prior to baseball season was discussed. The City will get an attorney opinion regarding this issue.

Discussion for council 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 or 366-5831 to enroll.

## 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. A ten or twelve year old boy was waiting to be checked out and he reached in his pocket 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 continued to be a great day!

At 2 p.m. I went to SCOT Hall where Helen Taylor gave of her talent and time to teach us to paint rocks. After painting a flower on my rock I decided I wanted to paint the words "Be Kind". Lynn Wells, SCOT President, suggested I draw a "Bee" instead of the words, Helen drew me a Bee to paint. Then 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, Charlene Quin, and lots of others. Thanks goes out to B.A. & LeRayne Donelson, Rex & Bernice Christian, Jimmy and Ineta Chesher and Curtis and Mary Carter and Ann Johnson for showing their garden and yards to us.

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

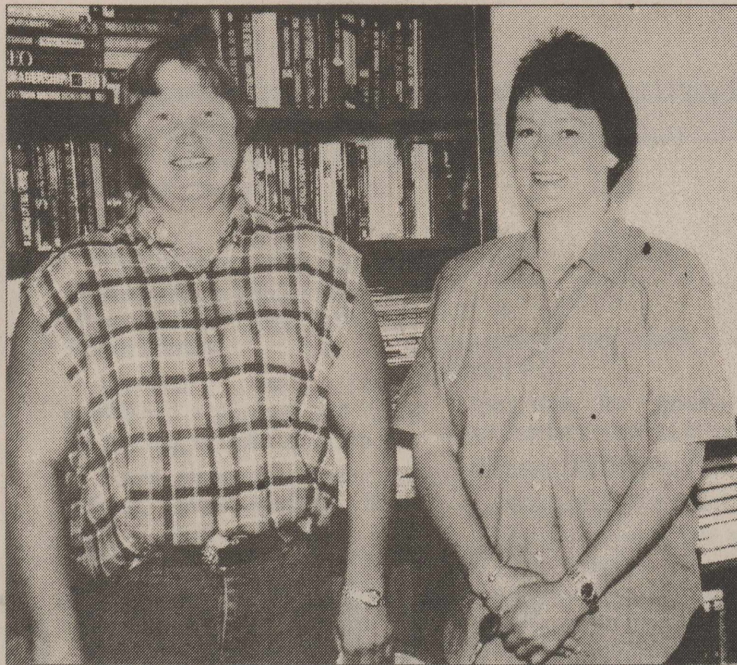
## Births

Adam & Mika Bell are proud to announce the birth of their son, Trevor 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 are 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.



## 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.cindystouchof.texas.com](http://www.cindystouchof.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 Canyon 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, 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 cilantro  
1 medium size, ripe mango, peeled and diced

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

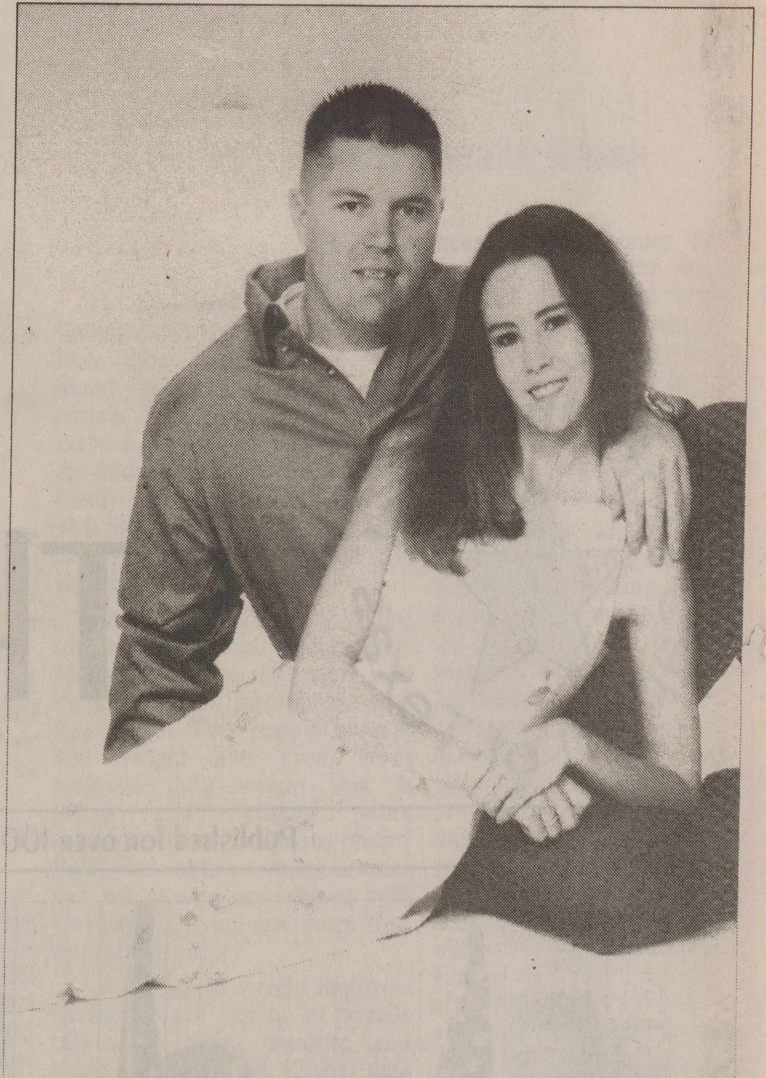
where I can purchase your articles, so with Annette's help she now has One. Annette Hampton is from Kerrick. She graduated from Stratford High School and is a member of First Baptist church of Stratford. She is single. A farmer, rancher, hog farmer and web designer, she has worked in the family business 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 she has designed at [cindystouchof.texas.com](http://cindystouchof.texas.com) or contact her at [Hampton@xit.net](mailto: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 Goya 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](http://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 & Sandra 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

By Gaynelle Riffe

\*\*\* note new listing

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|---------------------|--|
| June 6<br>Aug. 16   | "Texas"<br>Palo Duro State Park 806-655-2181   |
| June 10-<br>Aug. 26 | Starlight Theater Tuesday Concert Series 7:00 p.m.<br>Sam Houston Park on Western St. Amarillo   |
| June 11<br>Aug. 17  | "Lone Star Rising" Lake Meredith<br>Borger Chamber of Commerce 806-274-9050  |
| July 10-12          | "Les Mis'rables" Panhandle Students<br>Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-3096  |
| Aug 7,8,9           | "Dreadful Doin's at Cider Mill" Melodrama<br>Dalhart LaRita Community Theatre  |
| Aug. 21-31          | Buddy- The Buddy Holly Story<br>Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991<br><a href="http://www.amarillolittletheatre.org">www.amarillolittletheatre.org</a> |

## Obits

Jack Harris

It has been reported at presstime of the death of Jack Harris. No details were available at presstime. More in next weeks edition.

## Breast Cancer Screening Clinic To Be Held July 15th

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Stratford Family Medical Clinic, 1220 Purnell, in Stratford on July 15, 2003.

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

All exams are done by appointment only.

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

## Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Lawn lime—which neutralizes acid soil and adds calcium and magnesium—is a natural product that cannot burn a lawn. Popular lawn lime brand names include YardRight, Easy Spread and Correct. Lime is available in a fast-active pulverized form, convenient granular, and pelletized limestone which combines fast action with the convenience of application using a broadcast fertilizer spreader. For more information, visit [www.YardRight.com](http://www.YardRight.com).



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.

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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

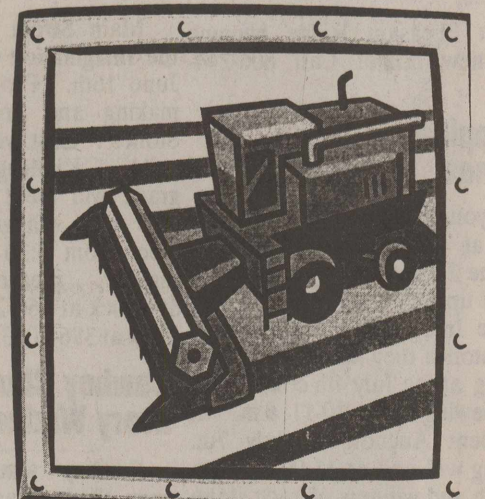
Bob Sweeten - 366-5848

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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.

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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.  
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—Norma Shidle

## 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.

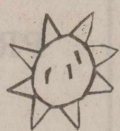
The Great Kingdom Caper is an exciting and intriguing escapade that is filled with twists, turns, and surprises. Sleuths, that's caper talk for kids, will be on special assignment to discover how to live with Christian character. Bible stories, music, crafts, recreation, and snacks are all combined to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

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It isn't necessary to be rich and famous to be happy. It's only necessary to be rich.  
—Alan Alda  
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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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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



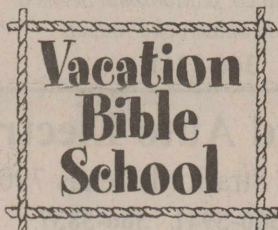
Lighthouse Kids  
Shining God's Light



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

First United Methodist Church  
Ages: 3 yrs. - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Come ashore and explore the world of lighthouses and experience all that light can do. We will be having crafts, bible stories, games, music and food.



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Ephesians 5:8b



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Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

### First Christian

Rev. Bob Sweeten

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

### First United Methodist

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

### St. Joseph Catholic

6th & Pearl  
Rectory - 366 - 5687  
Sunday morning: 8:30 a.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 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

### Calvary Baptist

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

### First Baptist

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

### La Mision Bautista

Mision Bautista  
401 S. Wall 396-5376  
Domingo-(Sunday)  
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)  
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am Estudio Biblico &  
Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm  
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm Se Cuidamos  
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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 God. 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 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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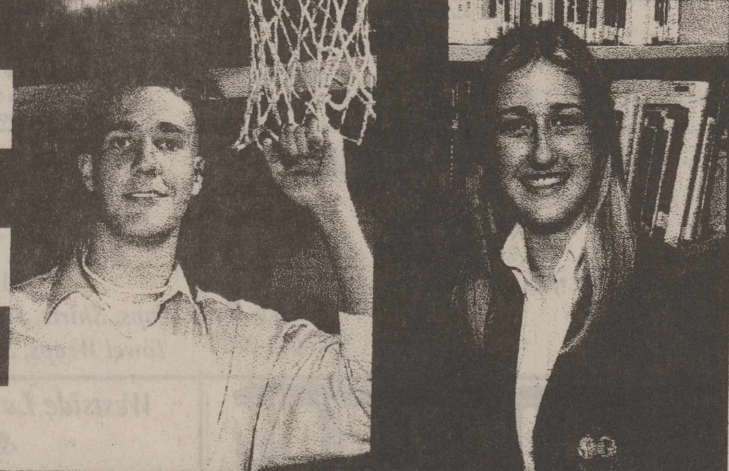
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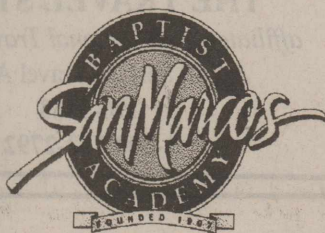
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Main Street Art creating stepping stones. Volunteers, Yvonne Pittman, Laurie Spurlock, Ann Johnson, Mellonee York helped approximately 26 students make one stepping stone for themselves and one stone to sell in a silent auction to conclude July 5 at 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 and Watermelon.



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.

### 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.

Summer is officially here! Kerrick had an ice cream supper Friday night. The crowd was small but the ice cream and goodies were great. Lynn Wells, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck were hosts.

Betty Fry of Texhoma, Autumn Witcher of Stratford, Cliff Abbott of Canyon, Buck Weaver of Boise City were guests.

Others present were Nita Taylor, Florencia Eslinger, Jennifer & MLynn Wells, Marylou McDaniel, Gary Hudgens, Marjorie Munden, Bill Boren, Roy Harris, Jo June McDaniel, Donna Gillenwaters and Bill, Dr. Gary Mathews, Virgie Mathews.

Barbara Schoonover is 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 Everrett, Candie Bell and Merilee McDaniel.

Bill Gillenwaters's dog 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 Park on Friday, July 4, 2003. Plans include food booths, game booths, entertainment, and fireworks. School classes, clubs, organizations, groups, individuals, or private businesses are invited to participate by providing a food or game booth for the public.

The local non-profit organizations are the target audience for booth spaces. Commercial booths will be permitted and all booths are subject to Chamber review to avoid duplication. A non-profit booth provider will retain 85% of the gross sales with the remaining 15% to be retained by the Chamber. Commercial booths will retain 75% of the gross sales and remaining 25% will be retained by the Chamber. All retained funds will be used to defray the cost of the fireworks.

All purchases will be made with tickets, which will be sold by the Chamber of Commerce at a centrally located booth. The tickets will be priced at \$.50 each, so the prices should be established in \$.50 increments (\$.50, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, etc.). Containers to collect the tickets will be provided by the Chamber for each booth.

Booth registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. The final date for participants to reserve a space will be JUNE 30. Send applications to: Stratford Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 570, fax to 366-3021, email stratford@xit.net or return to the Chamber office at City Hall.

If you need additional information or have questions, please call the Chamber at 366-2260. We look forward to you joining the Fourth of July Celebration in 2003!

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We have come from somewhere and are going somewhere. The great architect of the universe never built a stairway that leads to nowhere.  
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—Robert A. Millikan

### New Videotape Address Teens' Concerns About Stuttering

Stuttering is a frustrating and embarrassing problem for millions of people, but it can be especially tough on teenagers. Now some help is available at the Sherman County Public Library in Stratford in the form of a new videotape.

"It's meant to encourage teens, to tell them that there is hope out there," said Professor Peter Ramig of the University of Colorado at Boulder. Ramig is one of three nationally recognized experts appearing in the video produced by the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation of America.

David Wilkins, a high school student who stutters himself, narrates the video. It features students from junior high school through college talking about their experiences with stuttering and what they found to be helpful. They talk openly about the ridicule they faced from classmates and how their stuttering affects their lives.

"We really try to emphasize the embarrassment and frustration factor, and we think teens will relate to that," adds Ramig. He appears in the video along with speech-language pathologists Dr. Barry Guitler of the University of Vermont and Dr. Hugo Gregory of Northwestern University.

The three experts answers questions about stuttering, refute myths and misconceptions, and present examples of therapy sessions showing how stuttering can be reduced.

More than three million Americans stutter, yet stuttering remains misunderstood by most people," said Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation. "Myths such as believing people who stutter are less intelligent or suffer from psychological problems still persist despite research refuting these erroneous beliefs."

The 30-minute videotape, entitled Stuttering: Straight Talk for Teens, is being distributed free of charge to public libraries nationwide. For more information about how to obtain a copy of this tape, contact the Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111-0749, call toll-free 1-800-992-9392, or visit us at www.stutteringhelp.org and www.tartamudez.org.

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### Hart Presents Workshop

Elva Trevino Hart, author of "Barefoot Heart" presented a writing workshop to students and teachers at Summer School.

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