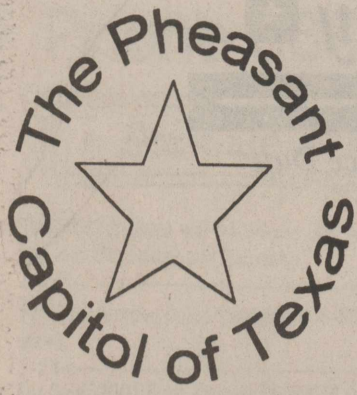


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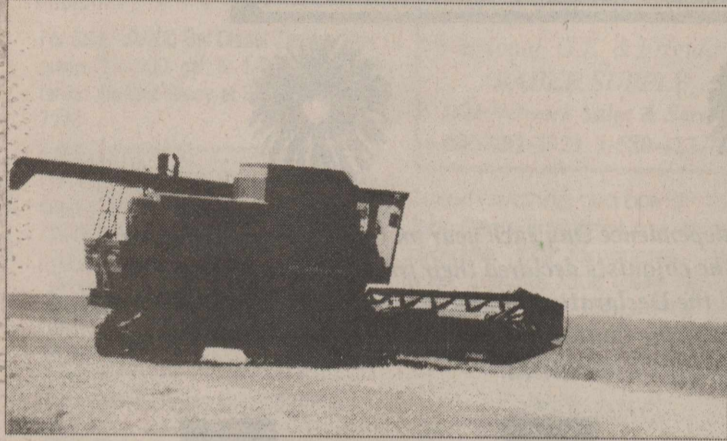


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Wheat Harvest Is Rolling

Shown above is Lane Robertson cutting for John Ewers Farm. Stratford Grain reports that approximately harvest is 60% completed.



New ATM In Stratford

The First State Bank of Happy-new ATM is up and running at the corner of Highway 54 and 287. The community thanks you for bringing this new service to Stratford.

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by severe storms and tornadoes are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Dalhart, TX, Hunter M. Latham said today.

Sherman County is one of 5 in Texas recently named by President Bush eligible for loans to cover part of physical and actual production losses resulting from the severe storms and tornadoes.

Mr. Latham said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Mr. Latham said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until January 22, 2004, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Mr. Latham said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Dalhart is open from 8-4:30 Monday through Friday.

Tax Deferral Available For Elderly Homeowners

Texas aged 65 or older can postpone paying delinquent and current taxes on their homes. They can take advantage of a tax option called "over-65 deferral" by signing an affidavit at the Sherman County Appraisal District office.

The form and more information is available at the Appraisal District office, 402 N. 3rd street in Stratford or call (806) 366-5566.

If the affidavit is on file, an older homeowner cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes. Once a homeowner files an over-65 tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit for delinquent taxes as long as that person owns and lives in that home. The tax deferral only postpones paying delinquent taxes on the home; it does not cancel them.

Happy 4th of July



Attention TAXPAYERS

At a time when people are concerned about the tax increases, everyone should make an effort to be better informed about the Texas property tax system and how it functions.

Main divisions of the property tax system are:

1. APPRAISAL DISTRICT which sets the value of property based on procedures established by state laws. These values are checked each year by the Property Tax Division of the State Comptroller's Office for accuracy. An Agricultural Advisory Committee of three local farmers reviews farm and ranch land values. The Chief Appraiser operates the Appraisal District office and is employed by an eight member board. This board is elected by the taxing units.

2. APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD is a board of seven local citizens who settle any disagreements between the taxpayer and the Appraisal District concerning value.

3. LOCAL TAXING UNITS (County, city, school, hospital, other governments) decide how much revenue will be needed to operate for the coming year. They then set the tax rate which determines how much tax liability each taxpayer will have. Each taxing unit has an elected governing body.

Through the checks and balances of the system, no one person has total responsibility for your tax bill. The State Comptroller's Office annually issues "A Taxpayers Guide to Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities". Free copies are available at the Appraisal District office.

The work of locating and placing value on property is completed for the 2003 tax roll. On May 23, taxpayers were mailed a notice of proposed value on their property. Now is your opportunity to respond if you have questions or difference of opinion in regard to this value. After the Appraisal Review Board meets and approves the records, the Appraisal District has no more authority over the value. The values then go to the taxing units in the form of an appraisal roll. At that time, the taxing units are preparing budgets and setting rates.

Most taxing units have contracted with the Appraisal District to do collection of taxes. The County Tax Assessor/Collector collects the County's taxes.

If you have any questions about the property tax system, please contact the Appraisal District Office at 402 N. Third, Stratford, or call (806) 366-5566.

New Exhibit At Depot Museum To On Display

Your Museum is getting ready to hang a Martha Harrison Retrospective Art Exhibit for the month of July and part of August. Do you have any Martha Harrison paintings that you would let us show? Please bring them to the museum.

This exhibit will be up for the School Reunion August 1 and 2, and the Jamboree, and please bring your guests to see the Depot Museum.

Thanks to our illustrious leader, Ann Wells, The Museum is on line now with a web page. Log on to www.stratfordnet.net & click on nonprofit organizations.

When you come by the Museum, 17 N. Main, You will see the new display care giver in memory of Elsie Pearle Spurlock Freeman, by her children.

Stratford Cemetery Directory & Veterans Memorial To Be Dedicated

The Stratford Cemetery Board and City Council is pleased to announce that a dedication ceremony for the new directory and veterans memorial will be held on July 4, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. at the Stratford Cemetery. Everyone in the community is invited, a special invitation is extended to all veterans. Please bring lawn chairs.

The Stratford Cemetery Board has been working on this project for almost two years. The Board has been working under the direction of the City Council. The cemetery board consists of Linda Spurlock, Becky Asher, Ann Johnson, the late Jim Johnson, George Harding, Joe Zak, acting city council liaison, and Wayne L. Smith, Board President. Wayland Brown in his capacity as City Manager has provided outstanding support from the city.

A very special thank you goes to Mary Riffe. Without her most generous donation of the land for the memorial and cemetery, this project would not have been possible.

Many individuals have donated their time, talents, labor, and materials in the completion of this project. Joe Zak has acted as construction coordinator. Corey Rendon, Rueben Rendon, Terry Davis, George Harding, and Wayne Smith provided construction labor. Joe Mungia provided the brick work. David Davis and Brandon Davis did the concrete work, Scott Buckles donated and painted the flag poles and Jerry Lasley through J & L Maintenance provided the crane in setting of the poles and set the support beams for the directory building. Texas Electric (Charles Harbor) provided the electrical work. Eddie Williams provided the equipment and dug all the ditches for the electrical line and donated his time and effort. Wallace Monument Company of Clarendon, Texas cut and set the veterans stone and built and set the concrete benches at the memorial. WD Architects, Inc. of Amarillo, Texas were the architects on the project.

George and Marilyn Harkins' contribution to the directory has been invaluable. They have traveled many miles throughout the tri-state area to obtain information and ideas for the directory project. Marilyn in association with the Stratford ISD Desk Top Publishing Class with Linda Young worked diligently in preparing the directory cards. They also worked on the directory map and developed the numbering and location system.

The board would like to especially thank the Stratford Area Foundation for their support for this project. They would also like to thank the many individuals who made personal donations to this project.

It is the board's hope that the veterans memorial will provide a place of reflection for the sacrifice of all those who have served our country in the armed forces and will serve as a focal point for future observances to honor our service men and women. It is also hoped that the directory will provide a valuable service to not only members of this community, but the families and friends who visit our cemetery from outside of Sherman County.

Future plans call for landscaping in the late summer and fall. The board will also be working with the local historical board in an effort to obtain a "Texas Historical Cemetery" designation.



Stratford Ranch Rodeo Scheduled For August 1 & 2, 2003

The Stratford Ranch Rodeo has been scheduled for August 1 & 2, 2003 in conjunction with the Stratford Jamboree. The Calcutta will take place on Friday night (Aug. 1) at 7:30 and the rodeo will begin both nights at 8:00 p.m. The ticket prices are adults-\$3.00, Children-\$2.00 and infants are free.

A new announcer has been contacted. Troy Snook of Hooker has announced numerous high schools & college rodeos as well as barrel races and teaming ropings. Troy describes himself "as a poor team roper who likes to talk!" The crowd can expect great entertainment from this man.

Entries for teams are now being accepted. A team may be either 4-5 persons, and the entry fee is \$500.00. We encourage anyone (not just working ranches) to participate. The deadline for entry is July 21, so enter early. The Rodeo Committee would like to have 20 teams, and this year is awarding "added money" for each event. Contact the Chamber office or Jimmy Gillenwaters for more information.

Sponsors for the rodeo are now being contacted. Sponsorships for the following are

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Musical At Scot Hall

Musical At Scot Hall-Saturday, July 12, 2003 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Our Stars to entertain us for the evening are: Courtenay Shields, Boise City, OK daughter of Alan & Jan Shields. Courtenay has won Cimarron County Miss American Rose Talent Contest, also the last two years she won Cimarron County 4-H Talent Contest.

Boyd Spurlock, a local man loves to sing. He sings in the choir at the Methodist Church.

Larry & Jodi Daniels, Dumas, TX. Larry plays the guitar and sings. He plays at the Big Texan in Amarillo and comes highly recommended.

This is a free will offering. The money received will be used to make some needed improvements on Scot Hall.

The community is invited for an evening of entertainment.

Cowboy Church Every Wednesday

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

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.

Main Street Art Program

The Imagination Station is featuring Cindy Russell with one day of Water Coloring, Monday, July 7th, 2003. All children are invited to attend. Please call 366-5831 or go by The Imagination Station to sign up. Fee \$5.00 Times: 1st-2nd grade 10:30 to 11:30 3rd-4th grade 1:00 to 2:30 5th-6th grade 2:30 to 4:00.

North Fork School Reunion

There will be a North Fork school reunion Saturday, July 12th at the Four Corner Cafe at 12 noon.

All ex-students, teachers and friends are invited.

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.

Obits

Jack Harris

Plainview-Jack Harris, 70 died Sunday, June 22, 2003, in Lubbock.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, 2003 in Ninth and Columbia Church of Christ with Colquitt Nash of the church officiating. Burial was in Plainview Memorial Park by Lemons Funeral Home.

Mr. Harris was born Feb. 17, 2003 in Petersburg. He married Jan Self on April 16, 1957, in Plainview. Jack Harris was former resident of Stratford.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Lisa Rae Harris of Plano; two sons, Don Alan Harris of Clovis, NM and Kurt Harris of Whitesboro; a sister, Patsy Lou Middleton of Austin; and three grandsons.

The family suggests memorials be to American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231; or Eastern European Mission in care of Ninth and Columbia Church of Christ, 808 N. Columbia St. Plainview, TX 79072.

Elbert D. Williams

Elbert D. Williams, 77 died Wednesday, June 25, 2003 in Stratford, Texas.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 28, 2003 in First Christian Church with the Rev. Bob Sweeten, pastor, officiating. Burial was at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Williams was born June 4, 1926, in LaPlata, MO. He was a Stratford resident for 56 years. He was a member of First Christian Church of Stratford. He married Mary Faye Shipp on Nov. 19, 1945, in LaPlata, MO. He served in the Navy. He owned and operated Stratford Body Shop until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, a daughter, three brothers and a sister.

Survivors include his wife: two sons, Randy Williams and wife, Mary Pat, of Stratford and Steye

Williams and wife, LaVon, of Midlothian, VA; a sister, Joy Burnam of Bloomfield, Iowa; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to Coldwater Manor Activity Fund, 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX 79084.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I have sat upon this article for two weeks-I wake up in the night with this on my mind, or travel to Amarillo and it's there.

Now: Parents, grandparents, guardians do you know where your kids are? And do you care? On June 7th a Sat. evening I was returning home from a wedding shower. I passed by the 'Roxy' Park next to Elk Pharmacy. I was appalled as to what I saw-Boys and girls--all ages, and they were not drinking peps!! I came back after dark to see if our City Police had come and seen what was going on and there were even more kids, more drinks.

I fully realize there is not a great lot for our youth to do, but utterly destroying city and private property isn't cool, spitting on door windows, breaking tile, pulling flowers up and in general destroying.

The park is the City's property, they pay for watering, and the grass, the trees, the flowers are a Labor of love by the Vandivers. They are also the ones that cleaned up after the weekend.

I grew up in this town, event sent an article to the Amarillo News Globe about "My Town" and the good kids we have??

The kids are not going to read this parents its up to you. Destroying city, private property isn't cool and someone is going to get hurt!

Now another matter that happened this past Sunday. An elderly gentleman had walked on 54, spent the night there. Had not eaten and came down main-dehydrated and bone tired. He stopped at the only "Live" place in town on a Sunday. Calls were made to the Sheriff's office, no help. An interim minister in our

mist told who the treasurer was to the Ministerial alliance, no help there. A gracious and caring lady took the gentleman to the DQ. She had finally got a hold of one of our newer ministers and he came to her rescue fed and he was going to put the gentleman up in a motel for the nigh. Now my question, the ministerial alliance has not been active in a long while. Why? We have a interim, 2 new ministers, not a priest yet nor a fulltime FCC Minister. Again I bragged in my article "My Town" Guess I did so too quickly.

Ne'er we ever get that loving and taking care of others; as well as ourselves-is required of each of us.

Signed:

A concerned Citizen-J.A. Lasley

Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

Lester Irlbeck had a work-related accident last week. He injured both thumbs. Fortunately the injuries were not as serious as first thought, but serious enough. Lester, who lives in Dallas, is the son of Ted & Joyce.

Kenna & Heath Collums have visitors from Houka, MS. They are Heath's dad, Billy; grandmother Maxine Denton; Aunt Judy Collums; sister Elizabeth Collums and cousin Heather Park.

James Furman, Midland, visited with his cousin, Jo June McDaniel June 27-28. Friday night they met Penny & Linda Whitson, Keith & Bonnie Borth in Boise City for supper.

Sunday Jo June went to Dumas for a family gathering to say so long to her grandson Ty McDaniel. He left Monday for San Antonio where he will have basic training in the Air Force.

Mike McDaniel is doing well after having a defibrillator and another stent installed.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover went to their Folsom home for the weekend.

Florencia Eslinger's visitors Sunday were daughter Becky & Keegan Howell of Amarillo and Monty Lily of Sunray.

Talked to Ralph Hampton and he continues to improve each day.



Well-known sporting goods manufacturer Nike paid a design student \$35 in 1972 for the symbol that now appears on its products. Student Carolyn Davidson came up with its boomerang symbol.

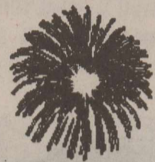
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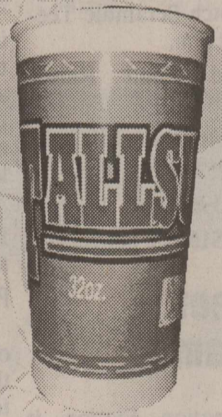
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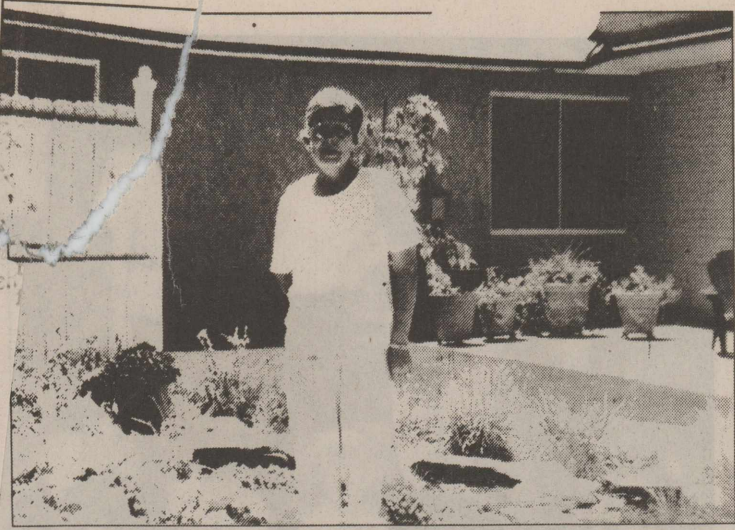
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Scot Holds Garden Tour

Shown above is Ann Johnson and below LeRayne Donelson, who so graciously opened up their beautiful yards and let Scot have a fundraiser with A Garden Tour. Also participating were Jimmy and Ineta Chesher, Curtis and Mary Carter and Rex and Bernice Christain. If you missed the Garden Tour, you missed some beautiful yards.



Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

SCOT Hall has had good attendance recently! The luncheon last Thursday hosted a full house. Dr. Bassett gave the program, with some very interesting information for "Seniors".

The dance on Saturday night also had a large group. It was really a fun occasion, with good music, good food, and good fellowship.

July dates to remember are bingo on Thursday, July 3, at 7 p.m. Then Friday the 11th at 7 p.m. is game night. Again on the 17th will be bingo, and board meeting on the 22nd at 10 a.m.

We have two special events coming up that we won't want to miss. On Saturday, July 12, we will have the SCOT musical at 7 p.m., thanks to Mary Brannon's efforts.

Then on July 24 at 5 p.m. we will have our hamburger supper. This will be a fund-raiser, at \$5 per person, with the public invited, so everyone come on down. The eating will be good!

The rock-painting is continuing also. It is truly amazing what a rock can be! Last session was to be on June 30. Maybe this will become a regular event.

Keep these things in mind, and we'll see you around.

Sladek Named To Honor Roll

Amarillo College named 344 students to the spring 2003 honor roll at AC. Students on the list must have been enrolled in 12 or more hours in academic courses and have earned a grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

On the honor roll from Stratford is Sherri L. Sladek.

It seems to me we can never give up longing and wishing while we are thoroughly alive. There are certain things we feel to be beautiful and good, and we must hunger after them.
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Quarterly Transportation Meeting June 24, 2003

By Gaynelle Riffe

Stratford/Sherman County Quarterly Transportation Meeting was held Tuesday, June 24 at noon at the Headquarters Restaurant with fourteen in attendance.

TxDOT District Engineer Mark Tomlinson reported on state legislation passed to help fund transportation. HB 2458 will move the point of collection of gasoline taxes from the retail pump to the wholesale rack. HB 3855 makes several positive changes in Texas transportation policy that will benefit all modes of transportation. Mr. Tomlinson also reported the Texas Transportation Commission has been increased from 3 to 5 members with one member to represent the border. Robert

Nichols has been reappointed to the commission for a 6 year term. (Mr. Nichols has been a friend of the Panhandle Area).

TxDOT Area Engineer, Kenny Course gave an update on county and area construction. U.S. 287 South in Moore County from Etter to the rail crossing, north and south should be completed by Christmas this year. The remainder to Dumas will be completed in 2004.

U.S. 287 North to Oklahoma has been earmarked as a 4 lane divided priority for federal funding as has U.S. 287 in Oklahoma. TxDOT has finished the schematics and only two parcels of right of way must be acquired. The

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Truth, Common Grace, And Convictions

One of our ongoing jobs is to identify and describe everything around us. This was the task of Adam in the Garden. "Out of the ground God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name" (Genesis 2:19). This was the beginning of the process of naming all the fauna and flora. The animals are all given distinctive names. The birds, snakes, mammals, insects, and reptiles are all specifically named. The different species of trees and tulips, dandelions and daisies, shrubs and grass each have names by which they are identified. I wonder how anyone could consider truth to be relative. Why if truth were relative, a puppy might be a snake, and two plus two might be five. Science would be impossible. You could never get a firm diagnosis from a doctor because he could never pinpoint and accurately name a disease. Mathematics would be impossible. A college professor might say that two plus two equals five, you could say, "Not for me. Two plus two equals six." Of course, all of this is foolishness. So why do we use the same arguments when it comes to morality? Are there no absolute moral standards? Of course there are. The proof is your own conscience. Listen carefully to the practicality of the Bible on this point. "For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them" (Romans 2:14-15).

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Pastor Roberto Frescas
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Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.
Meir Co Les Serv De Ador 5 p.m.

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



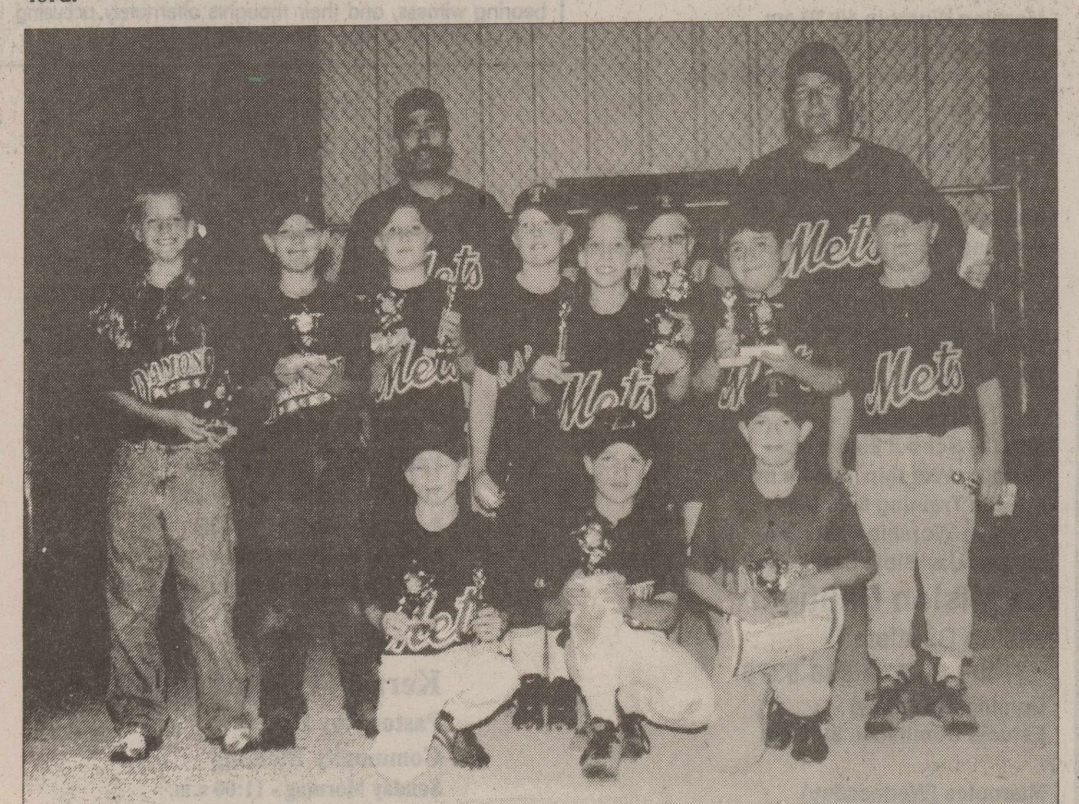
Stratford Ex-Students Class of 1943: L/R top-down: Mary Frances Taylor; Dickie Buckles; Lloyd McDaniel; Lee Ona Pigg; Supt. E.A. Wooten; Sponsor, Nelle Alexander; Sponsor Grady Pearson; (2) Willie D. Brannan; Mozelle Brannan; Doris Blevins; William Ben Woodard; (3) Orval Kirkwood; Janie Lasley; Conrad E. Riffe; Bill Ross; Pauline Keener; Robert L. Steel; (4) Howard Gore; Arthur Folsom, Jr.; Mary Lee Green; Virgil Chisum; Zola Faye Hodges; Tommy Grimes; Linus A. Gunzelman. Class will meet friends Friday, Aug. 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Barn for Hamburgers. Saturday will have a designated area at the Jamboree Barbecue at the Park.



Stratford Ex-Student Reunion Aug. 1-2. Honoring Class of 1933: 1932-33 Basketball Team L/R standing: Superintendent Huggins, C.C. La Quey; Norvell Green; Harold "Tiny" Wilson, Lorel Haile, Ralph Keener, Coach Johnny Gregg. L/R seated: Shuler Donelson, Clint Sidwell, Ray Taylor, Oscar Williams, Bob Pendleton, Ralph Dowd, Maurice Wigginton.



Little League All-Stars standing from left: Jorge Robles, John Seawright, Justin Lanning, Coach Jesse Resendes, Luis Ortega, Pepe Licon, Coach Jessie Valenzuela, Brent Reed, Byron DeAnda. Kneeling from left: Klinton Keener, Clayton Johnson, Angel Resendes, Derek Johnson, Kyle Horsford.








Machine Pitch All-Stars standing from left: Megan Crabtree, Chance Walker, Braiden Palmer, Hayden Long, Kelsie Keener, Tanner Wright, Brandon Moreno, Ransom Lermon. Kneeling from left: Reed Schoonover, Marcos Garza, Jordan Johnson. Coaches—Arnold Ruiz and Ray Lermon, Not pictured Zachary Farney.

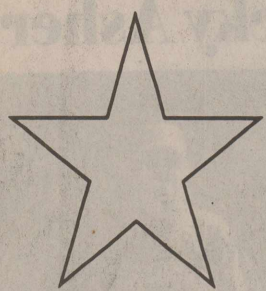
If I accept you as you are, I will make you worse; however, if I treat you as though you are what you are capable of becoming, I help you become that.
—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



Xcel Energy Foundation Awards Grant
Xcel Energy Foundation awarding a \$2,500.00 grant to the Imagination Station to assist with activities and programs in the upcoming year for hands-on educational experiences. Receiving the grant L/R Imagination Station President, LeRayne Donelson; Laurie Spurlock, Grant Chairman; Pat Rendon, Xcel Community Service Manager and Betty Mosburg with PREDCI (Panhandle Regional Economic Development Coalition). The Xcel Energy Foundation has awarded eleven grants totaling \$81,500 to school and educational groups across the Texas Panhandle and South Plains. The grants are being made to benefit math and science education in the area and to strengthen career-building programs that better prepare students to succeed once they enter the workforce.

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7-10-p

For Sale: 10,000 Gal Diesel Tank w/filter & pump. 1-1,000 gal & 1-500 gal. Trailer tanks. Wendell Stacy at 396-2238 or 753-7238
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For Sale: 1996-Fd Ranger low miles-5 speed, new CD stereo great gas mileage 727-4412.
7-17-p

Wanted

Wanted-Used Playpin Call 366-2586.
7-3-p

Garage Sale

Yard Sale: Sat. July 5th 8:00-3:00 419 N. Maple. Clothes of all sizes, T.V. Table, computer desk, 13" B/W T.V. 4-drawer dresser w/mirror, clarinet, trombone, small appliances, lots of odds & ends.
7-3-c

Carport Sale! 419 S. Wall, Saturday 9 a.m.-?, July 5th. Many great bargains. From baby clothes to furniture. Please stop by!
7-3-p

Garage Sale: Sat. July 5th 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 619 Purnell. Children's clothes, ceiling fans, lots of misc.
7-3-c

Garage Sale-Sat. July 5th, Furniture, misc. 1311 Division-8:00 to ?
7-3-c

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10-30-c

Transportation

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plan is ready for the funding.

U.S. 54 is Phase II on the Trunk System and will be considered for funding in 2005? This thirty miles in Sherman County will be expensive not only for right of way but the relocation of Utilities.

Relief Route studies continue. The next public meeting will be held in September. TxDOT Amarillo Office request comments on the proposed routes. Address: Department of Transportation, Mark Tomlinson, P.O. Box 2708 Amarillo, Texas 79105.

Mayor David Brown and City Manager Wayland Brown reported on the Main Street Project. The 1920's water main in the middle of Main Street must be relocated. The city does not want to borrow low interest money and have not been able to find grant money for the project. The project must be started by 2005. (My thought: Is it the citizens wish to issue bonds to complete this project or should we all buy a lottery ticket or should we turn down the State Million Dollar Gift?)

Other transportation news from Transportation Chairman Gaynelle Riffe: US 287 Ports To Plains Chairman. Randy Neugebauer has been elected to represent the 19th Congressional District, replacing Larry Combest, who retired on May 31 after serving 18 years in Congress. Two Ports-to-Plains board persons have been recognized with the Texas Department of Transportation "Road Hand Award". They are Bob Diebitsch, from San Angelo and Bill Crooker from Big Spring.

U.S. 54 Spirit will hold their annual meeting in Tucumcari, NM., October 1-2 October 1st will be the Air Show beginning at noon featuring the Blue Angels followed by a SPIRIT Reception. Thursday October 2 will be the Annual Meeting with early afternoon tours of Tucumcari points of interest.

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Lost: Friday night or Saturday morning from 302 S. Spruce. A small white kitten with large gray spots on his back and head. Answers to the name of Killer. Call 366-5566 or 366-2511.
7-3-p

For Rent

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

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Stratford Rodeo

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needed: Events-\$200.00; Buckles-\$175.00; Top Line-\$150.00; Line-\$50.00; and general-an amount accepted "added Money" sponsorships beginning at \$300.00. If a business would like to donate items (such as saddle blankets) instead of cash for prizes, please allow for 5 identical items.

The concessions will be provided through the *Angel Tree Project*. Mayrene Aduddell is the chairman.

The stock has been contracted with Robert Etbauer-Horses, Randy McCracken-steers, and Ricky Elliott-Cows/calves.

The rodeo will begin at 8:00 p.m. to allow for the ex-students reunion to have their programs/parties in the early evenings. Then, the students can attend the rodeo and have a great time home in Stratford! Hopefully, also by waiting till later in the evening, the heat will be dissipating thus making the performances more comfortable for the people and animals.

For more information, please contact Paula at the Chamber Office (806-366-2260).

Houses for Sale

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

For Sale: 2 Story House, 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths, easy clean storm windows, lots of closet space, lg. back yard with large fences, side corner lot. 615 N. Fulton, 806-396-2860.
6-19-8xc

House for Sale: Brick home, 1309 N. Division, excellent location. Large fenced yard, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, storage bldg. Shown by appt. only 1-928-213-9868 or call 396-2593.
6-19-4xp

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

House for Sale: 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 1 car garage, 1800 sq. ft. living area. 611 N. Chestnut. Call 366-2035.
6-19-3xc

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

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

Cards of Thanks

Thank you for your prayers, visits, calls, flowers and food before and after my surgery.

Linda Brotherton

Thank you Eddie Metcalf for sharing your skill to caulk the windows at the Imagination Station.

The Marella Church thanks everyone in Stratford and Kerrick and the surrounding areas for supporting the Marella Fundraiser Supper. Special thanks are extended to Bill Gillenwaters, C&M Cattle Co., and Jessie Hutcheson.

God Bless you!
Marella United Methodist Church
Griggs, Oklahoma

Stratford Youth Baseball would like to thank everyone who contributed to the organization this season. It was a huge success!!
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Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

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- June 6
Aug. 16 "Texas" Palo Duro State Park 806-655-2181
- June 10-
Aug. 26 Starlight Theater Tuesday Concert Series 7:00 p.m. Sam Houston Park on Western St. Amarillo
- June 11
Aug. 17 "Lone Star Rising" Lake Meredith Borger Chamber of Commerce 806-274-9050
- July 10-12
"Les Mis'erales" Panhandle Students Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-3096
- Aug 7,8,9 "Dreadful Doin's at Cider Mill" Melodrama Dalhart LaRita Community Theatre 244-6646
- Aug. 21-31 Buddy- The Buddy Holly Story Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 www.amarillolittletheatre.org
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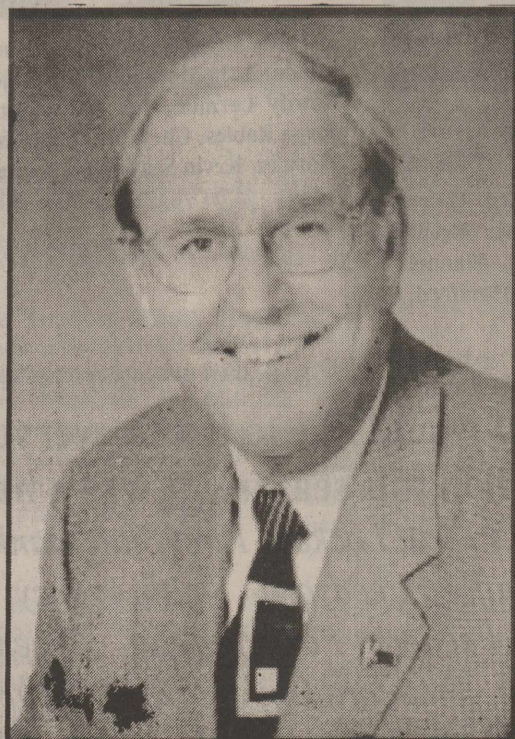
Bids will be accepted and considered for the lease of mineral interest of the tract of land described as beginning at a point 30 feet West of and 1120 feet South of the NE/corner, thence in a Southwesterly direction 380 feet, thence Southeast 340 feet, thence North 540 feet to the point of beginning in Section 213, Block 1-T, T&NO Survey containing 2.23 acres more or less. A public hearing will be held prior to Commissioners Court July 14, 2003 at 8:20 a.m. for consideration of bids. Bids may be mailed to Sherman County Judge, P.O. Box 165, Stratford, Texas 79084.

Kim Crippen
Sherman County Judge
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